

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
**GEOSCIENCES MINOR**  
FOR NON-GEOSCIENCES MAJORS

The following guidelines apply only to PhD students minoring in Geosciences whose home department is outside the Department of Geosciences.

**Minor Committee Members**

The Minor Committee is composed of one tenure-track faculty member from the Department of Geosciences at the rank of Assistant Professor or higher. You are responsible for contacting faculty and requesting that they serve on your Minor Committee. The Minor Committee will advise you as to the coursework required for the Minor in Geosciences, will administer the Written Exam portion of the Doctoral Comprehensive Exam, and will participate in the Oral Exam portion of the Doctoral Comprehensive Exam. Subject to the guidelines below, you and your Minor Committee are free to choose coursework for the Minor suitable for support of your Major program.

**Units Required**

Nine (9) graduate units are required for the Minor in Geosciences. Six (6) of the nine (9) units must be graded coursework.

**Transfer Credits**

At least six (6) credits for the Minor in Geosciences must be taken at the University of Arizona. Up to three (3) credits may be transferred from another institution, providing they are graduate credits with a letter grade of A or B.

**Credits Listed or Cross-Listed as Geosciences**

At least six (6) of the credits for the Minor in Geosciences must be either listed or cross-listed with the Department of Geosciences.

**Comprehensive Written Exam**

The Written Exam portion of the Doctoral Comprehensive Exam is required by the Department of Geosciences.

**Split Minor**

A split Minor requires a Minor advisor within the Department of Geosciences. The details of the split program can be negotiated between yourself and the two departments concerned.

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**Gould-Simpson room 210**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Major Department \_\_\_\_\_

Geosciences Minor Committee:

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