GEOL 217. Vermont Field Geology. 4 Credits.
Field observations of rocks and surficial materials across northern Vermont are utilized to decipher the region’s geologic history. Readings complement field work. Prerequisite: Graduate student standing.

GEOL 219. Advanced Field Geology. 3 Credits.
Advanced field mapping techniques, analysis of field data, preparation of geological maps and reports. Prerequisite: GEOL 101.

GEOL 260. Structural Geology. 0 or 4 Credits.
Examines processes and problems concerning the mechanical behavior of the Earth’s crust and surface. Includes rock deformation stress, strain, and the interpretation of geological structures. Prerequisites: GEOL 101, GEOL 110.

GEOL 263. Geochronology. 3 Credits.
This course will survey the basic concepts of radioactive decay, mass spectrometry, and isotopic systems commonly used to quantify the timing of geologic events. Prerequisite: GEOL 110.

GEOL 266. Microstructures. 3 Credits.
This course will focus on deformation of rocks and minerals at the microscopic scale and the practical use of photographic analyses to unravel tectonic histories. Prerequisite: GEOL 260.

GEOL 272. Regional Geology. 0 or 4 Credits.
Discussion of the geology of a selected region of North America; a four-week summer field trip to the area in question. Prerequisites: GEOL 101, GEOL 110.
GEOL 273. Geology of the Appalachians. 3 Credits.
Origin of mountain belts; the Appalachian mountain system discussed in terms of tectonics and geologic processes active in modern continental margins. Prerequisites: GEOL 101, GEOL 110.

GEOL 295. Advanced Special Topics. 1-12 Credits.
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GEOL 301. Intro to Graduate Studies. 1 Credit.
For first year graduate students in Geology. Includes orientation to faculty, abstract and grant writing, comprehensive exams, talk preparation and scientific method in the Geosciences. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Geology.

GEOL 302. Intro Graduate Studies Geology. 1 Credit.
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GEOL 335. Aqueous Environmental Geochem. 3 Credits.
This course focuses on the chemical equilibrium and kinetics principles governing water chemistry, including water interaction with the atmosphere, microbes and minerals. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

GEOL 351. Surface Proc & Quaternary Geol. 1-3 Credits.
Discussion and critique of scientific literature pertaining to Earth surface history and processes. Critical examination of author’s methods, data, and assumptions. Student-led discussions. Specific focus changes yearly. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in science, natural resources or engineering.

GEOL 352. Environmental Geology Seminar. 1-3 Credits.
Geologic constraints on environmental problems including: groundwater flow, contaminant transport, slope stability, climate change, sedimentation, deforestation and earthquake hazards. Extensive readings and student-led discussions. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in science, natural resources or engineering.

GEOL 360. Structural Anyl Deformed Rocks. 4 Credits.
Mechanisms of rock deformation; fracture phenomena and analysis; fault zone characteristics; fold generation analysis. Stress and strain interpretation of deformational features in rocks and minerals. Field work. Prerequisite: GEOL 260.

GEOL 361. Advanced Structural Geology. 3 Credits.
Selected topics in analytical structural geology. Prerequisite: GEOL 260.

GEOL 371. Advanced Readings. 1-3 Credits.
Readings and research problems intended to contribute to the program of graduate students in areas of geology for which formal courses are not available. Prerequisite: Graduate standing in Geology.

GEOL 384. Teaching in the Geosciences. 1 Credit.
A review of the pedagogical underpinnings of introductory geology and its laboratory activities.

GEOL 385. Teaching in the Geosciences. 1 Credit.
A review of the pedagogical underpinnings of introductory geology and its laboratory activities.

GEOL 391. Master’s Thesis Research. 1-9 Credits.