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What Can I Do With a Major In Geosciences?

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Where Do Geosciences Majors Work & Study?

Now – Within 6 Months of Graduation

FarWide
GIS Analyst

Foundation Design, P.C.
Geologist

Friends of Wissanhickon
Development and Outreach
Assistant

Good Shepherd Services
STEM Instructor

IAESTE
Junior Research Fellow

Lane Montessori School
Teacher

Lehigh University
MS Environmental and Earth
Science

Mount Rainier National Park
Education Intern

National Park Service
Park Ranger

Northeastern University
MS School Psychology

Patagonia
Sales Associate

Recreational Equipment, Inc.
Sales Specialist

Student Conservation Association
Field Leader

The Cadmus Group, Inc.
Field Technician

University of Kansas
MS Geology

If You Like These Outcomes, Consider These Career Communities:

Social Impact & Education

Later – Up to 25 Years After Graduation

Adventure + Well
President and Founder

Albany Medical College
MD Medicine

Apex Environmental
Program Manager

Ardley Union Free School District
Elementary Science Teacher

Balance Hydrologics Inc.
Fluvial Geomorphologist

Beaufort County Economic Development Corporation
Executive Director

Boston College
MS Geochemistry

BSC Group
VP Ecological Sciences

CGI
Partner, Director of Consulting Services

City of Amarillo Department of Public Health
Epidemiologist

CLEO Institute
Board Member

Columbia University
Ph.D. Earth and Environmental Sciences

Cornell University
MA Environmental Management

DePaul University
MBA Marketing

FarWide Technologies
GIS Analyst

FTI Consulting
Senior Director

Grand Canyon
Park Ranger

Groundwater Sciences Corp
Principal

Hilcorp Energy Company
Geologist

Housatonic Valley Waldorf School
4th Grade Teacher

Levitan Investment Properties & Services
Exploration Geologist

Los Alamos National Laboratory
Scientist 2

Mactech Engineering & Consulting Inc.
Senior Principle Geologist

Microsoft Corporation
International Marketing Manager

Montana State University
MA Geology

Oregon Dept. Environ Quality
Air Quality Monitoring Meteorologist

Parsons, Paris - The New School
Director of Faculty Affairs and Academic Planning

Pennsylvania State University
Ph.D. Geosciences

San Francisco State University
MS Geological and Earth Sciences

Self Employed
Freelance Writer, Science

Southern Nevada Water Authority
Climate Change Policy Analyst

St. Peter's Health Partners Medical Association
Medical Director/Physician

The Clarion Group, Ltd.
President

The University of Tulsa
MBA Business Administration

UNC Chapel Hill
MA Political Science

University of Rochester
MA Music

University of Vermont
MS Organizational Behavior

US Geological Survey USGS
Physical Scientist

Utah Geological Survey
Outreach Program Manager

VocalHealthWorks
Founder and Director

In Their Own Words:

For those who are seeking a career in the geosciences, I would highly encourage you to maximize the geology courses at Skidmore and continue onto graduate school and earn a master of science degree. Whether you want to go into environmental consulting, academia, oil and gas exploration, or mining, a master's degree is the key to unlocking a plethora of doors.

More than honing your research skills, graduate school pushes you from being primarily a "consumer of knowledge" to a "producer of knowledge." In addition, during the course of your graduate career, you will meet an array of scientists and working professionals, and through those connections you will gain a better sense of what you want to do for the next stage of your life, and at the very least, it will broaden your knowledge of what you could do in the future. Take every opportunity to meet people, to present, to learn, and to travel, because each person/experience has the potential to open new doors and possibilities.

Katherine Kuklewicz, 2015

My advice to current Skidmore students is to plan a career path that works with your lifestyle. Do something you love but make sure it challenges you. I started TIDE Academy (Total Immersion through a Dynamic Education) because I wanted to create an alternative school that provided a well-rounded education to families with nontraditional lives.

Skidmore really taught me to enjoy learning and to always challenge myself in both academics and athletics. Take full advantage of everything that the college has to offer. Go to free lectures, forums, and events. Sign up for clubs, intramural teams, and sports teams. Experience as much as you can because you might not get to do it again.

Chelsea Lisaius, 2008

Go to graduate school. Skidmore will teach you to learn and think; graduate school will give you chance to really hone your skills in your chosen specialty. Scientists need to be excellent in their fields, and only advanced degrees will help you do this. You can do this straight out of school, or get your degree while you are working. There are benefits to both.

Be sure to stay on top of scientific literature in your field. You should be reading and learning all of your life.

Seek out professional certifications. I am a professional geologist in two states. There are many state and national certification programs that will help support your career and provide you with many learning opportunities.

Make sure your first employer gives you a good set of winter gear. It gets cold doing field work in January!

Neal Grasso, 1996