

# Earth Sciences

Earth science is an interdisciplinary science that involves the study of Earth and its history. Earth science majors may teach, conduct research, do environmental work, and search for precious resources. Earth scientists often divide their time between teaching, working in the field, the laboratory, and the office. A career as a professional geologist or geographer usually requires graduate training. Geologists and geographers can find employment with environmental consulting companies, federal and state geological surveys or other government agencies, petroleum or mining companies, highway departments, oceanographic institutes, or as secondary or college teachers.

Geologists gather and interpret data about the Earth for the purpose of increasing our knowledge about natural resources and Earth processes. Geologists provide basic information required for establishing policy for resource management and environmental protection.

### **Entry Level Positions**

- Hydrologist/hydro geologist
- Environmental scientist
- Staff geologist
- Seismologist
- Mining engineer

## **Employers of Earth Science Majors**

- Public/private schools
- Construction companies
- Engineering firms
- Consulting firms
- Marketing & research firms
- Mining companies

## Further Education/Experience Required

- Geologist
- Geological oceanographer
- · Petroleum geologist
- Geophysicists
- Paleontologist
- Research laboratories
- Railroads/airlines
- Oil/petroleum companies
- State/federal government
- Colleges/universities
- Urban planning/utility companies

#### **Professional Associations and Affiliations**

American Association of Petroleum Geologists www.aapg.org

American Geographical Society www.amergeog.org

American Geological Institute www.agiweb.org

American Institute of Professional Geologists www.aipg.org

Association of American Geographers www.aag.org

Association for Women Geoscientists www.awg.org

Geo Job Source www.geojobsource.com

Geography Network www.geographynetwork.com

Geological Society of America www.geosociety.org

Geology and Earth Science http://geology.com

Geosearch, Inc www.geosearch.com

Mining Jobs and Geology Jobs www.minejob.com

National Council for Geographic Education www.ncge.org

National Park Service www2.nature.nps.gov/grd/