

What can I do with a major in... Geology?

A major in geology will prepare you for a variety of careers, whether you choose to become a geologist or apply your skills and knowledge in other work environments. The following list contains sample job titles of CMU graduates who majored in geology. This list represents some, but certainly not all, of the careers you may consider.

Career Titles for a Geology Major:

- Atmospheric Scientist
- Engineering Geologist
- Environmental Geologist
- Gemologist
- Geochemist
- Geologist
- Geophysical Prospector
- Geophysicist
- Glacial Geologist
- Hydrogeologist
- Marine Geologist
- Mineralogist
- Mining Geologist
- Petroleum Geologist
- Research Scientist
- Sedimentologist
- Seismologist
- Soil Scientist
- Structural Geologist
- University Professor
- Volcanologist

Students obtaining employment immediately upon graduation usually are those with the best college records and a willingness to relocate for a job. Some of these jobs also require education beyond a bachelor's degree.

Professional Skills Acquired Through a Major in Geology

Many occupations in today's working world require college-educated individuals who can write and speak well, solve problems, learn new information quickly, and work well with a team. In addition to opening the door to numerous career possibilities in this field, a major in geology will help you develop the fundamental skills that many employers in many other professions are seeking in their employees.

Skills and qualities acquired through a major in geology may include:

- Accuracy
- Analytical and quantitative thinking
- Computer skills
- Curiosity
- Gathering and analyzing data
- Global issue awareness
- Investigation
- Logical thinking
- Observation
- Oral and written communication
- Problem solving
- Three-dimensional visualization
- Understanding mathematics
- Working independently
- Working outside

For more information about geology and other majors, please contact Career Services.

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