



Department of Geological Sciences
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A Message from the Undergraduate Chair

Keep Up the Momentum – You've Got This!

As we reach the middle of the semester, I want to remind you that you have all the tools and support you need to keep going strong. Feeling the workload building up is normal, but stay focused and keep pushing forward, even if only a little at a time. Remember to take advantage of the faculty office and open hours, tutoring services, study groups, and study breaks. Each week, the newsletter has introduced some department members who are here to help, and there are more to come, so please do not hesitate to reach out. The academic advising and undergraduate faculty mentor team is here if you need help with planning or managing your time; note-taking suggestions or recommendations on the various mental health resources available on campus if you need a break or someone to talk to.

Stay organized, keep your goals in mind, and don't hesitate to reach out for support. You've got this!

For more info on the Geosciences Academic Advisors and Undergraduate Faculty Mentors Log into the CU Buff Advising Portal: [Buff Portal Advising](#)

For more tips and suggestions on midterm exam prep and studying, check out: [Study Hacks to Help You Ace Midterms](#)

Reminders

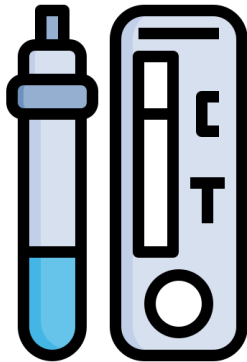
Spring Course Schedule

The Spring 2025 course schedule will be published on Monday, October 14th. Take a look and plan out your schedule before registration begins on November 4th.



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For anyone interested in getting free Covid tests



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Sounds of Yellowstone

Need background noise to help you concentrate or relax? Then listen to the gurgling and bubbly sounds of Steamboat Geyser in Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming on the USGS: Sounds of Yellowstone playlist on YouTube.

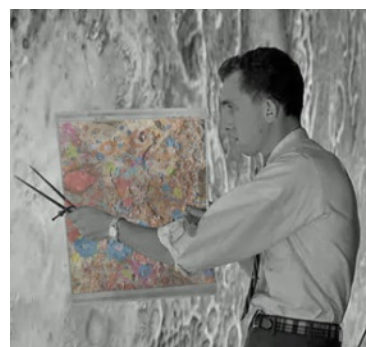
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Department Social Events

Astrotopophilia

Join the department at Fiske Planetarium tonight, October 10th at 7:00 pm for a special Science Under the Dome talk! Listen to Sam Cartwright trace the history of planetary cartography from the earliest telescope sketches to today’s high-resolution imagery and explore the indelible link between maps and humanity’s fascination with space. The event is free for students with a valid Buff One card. Dessert reception to follow at the Map Library from 7:45 to 8:45pm.



[Learn More](#)



Geology Club

Today, **October 10th**, take a break after midterms and join the Geology Club for a trivia night! Have a slice of pizza and meet the club. The event will start at 5:30 in Benson 265.

Next week on Tuesday, **October 15th** at 5:30, stop by Benson 265 again for the Department Course Highlight meeting given by your Undergraduate Faculty Mentors. Ask questions and learn about Spring courses.

[View Meeting
Schedule](#)

Topophilia Ongoing Exhibit

Topophilia, which means “love of place”, is a term that explores the bond between people and place. It's also the topic and title of a new exhibition at the Earth Sciences & Map Library, Topophilia, which is open now until August 2025. The exhibition invites viewers to consider their own relationships to place through the prints of Johanna Mueller, ceramic installations by Rita Vali, and a collection of gorgeous maps from the University Libraries co-curated by Geological Sciences/Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics PhD candidate Sam Cartwright and Map Curator Naomi Heiser.



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Talks and Colloquium



Geological Sciences Colloquium Speaker

Dr. Arya Udry will be visiting for a colloquium on Wednesday, October 16th. Her topic will be: How do we study the martian interior and surficial magmatic processes? As always, refreshments will be provided starting at 12:00 and the colloquium will begin at 12:30.

[View Colloquium
Schedule](#)

Department News

KUNC - Scientists Seeking Answers

Our department's own Dr. Lon Abbott was recently featured as an expert on Denver's KUNC radio! Check out the link below to hear his insight on the potential comparison between the formation of Martian Landscape and Southwest Colorado Landscapes.



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Volunteer Opportunities



New Frontiers Conference

The GEOL Department needs volunteers to help with its inaugural geoscience research conference, New Frontiers in Translational Geoscience, on Saturday, November 9, 2024! Volunteers can help with moving materials to/from Benson, setting up signs and food before/during the conference, staffing the registration desk, and cleaning up after the conference. Please sign up to be a volunteer by October 22nd.

[Sign Up Here](#)

Scholarships and Stipends

Rich Herbert Memorial Scholarship

Offered through the Colorado Section of the American Water Resources Association, this scholarship is open to undergraduate students. It is geared towards students with involvement in research or independent study pertaining to hydrology, engineering, hydrogeology, geomorphology, aquatic biology, water law, water-resources policy or planning, environmental science or other topics concerning water resources in Colorado. The application deadline is **January 10th, 2025**.



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Student Jobs and Internships

To see current jobs and internship opportunities, use the button below to navigate to our Google Drive. Select the current month to see all opportunities available.

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Just So You Know...

The undergrad newsletter will be sent out each Thursday at noon, so check back weekly for news, job and funding opportunities, and messages from your faculty. If you have something you would like to share in a future edition of the newsletter, please email geoloffice@colorado.edu.



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