

A 3-2 PROGRAM OF COLLEGIATE EDUCATION

in

GEOSCIENCES

at

FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERISTY
FORT VALLEY, GEORGIA

AND

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY PARK, PENNSYLVANIA

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A. INTRODUCTION

The faculties of the Cooperative Developmental Energy Program (CDEP) of Fort Valley State University (FVSU) and the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences of The Pennsylvania State University (PSU) agree to establish a collaborative educational program in Geosciences. Three years, or the equivalent, will be spent by a participating student at FVSU, where the student will study liberal arts, science, and mathematics. Upon satisfactory completion of the first three years at FVSU, the student will enter PSU and complete the Geosciences BS major degree requirements. A successful completion of these programs will lead to an appropriate baccalaureate degree from each institution. Such a cooperative program is being created in an effort to fulfill the following objectives:

- i. To cooperatively provide a general education in liberal arts and sciences, as well as geosciences education for each student enrolled, so that through approximately five years of study, a student may complete a program of study that otherwise could require six or more years.
- ii. To enable qualified students who otherwise would have limited access to receive superior training in the liberal arts, basic sciences, and advanced geosciences, and in so doing, provide the Nation with a group of exceptionally well-educated geoscientists, who will be prepared to meet new challenges in the realms of industry and research.

B. PROCEDURES

Counseling, admission and the transfer of students in this 3-2 cooperative program will be through the application of the following procedures and policies:

1. Application for admission to the program will be made to FVSU, where the candidate will be subject to the admission requirements of that institution. An individual who has been registered as a degree candidate and established a degree candidate record at PSU prior to entering the 3-2 program at FVSU will be considered a re-enrollment candidate and must meet the criteria for re-enrollment in the major at PSU.
2. A student will indicate the desire to follow the 3-2 program either at the time of the student's admission to FVSU, or early enough in the student's program to permit the student to complete as many of the suggested prerequisite courses, listed in the Appendix of this contract, as possible. Results from aptitude and achievement tests, records of scholastic achievement, and other pertinent information will be exchanged between institutions to aid both in guiding and in counseling students and prospective students.

FVSU is responsible for informing students in the 3-2 program of the requirements for admission to PSU, as described in this document and is encouraged to provide each student with a copy of this contract. Students should also be made aware of the courses that are available at FVSU that can be used to meet degree requirements for the Geosciences BS major. To that end, students should be provided with a copy of the Appendices to this contract.

3. Each Fall semester (or term), the 3-2 program coordinator at FVSU shall provide the Dean's Office of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences at PSU with a list of students at FVSU who have indicated their desire to participate in the 3-2 program.
4. At the end of the first (Fall) semester of the third year at FVSU, a student becomes a candidate for transfer if the student has completed the entrance-to-major course requirements and has attained a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) or greater. In all cases, the cumulative grade point average that will be used to determine eligibility will be calculated by the method used at PSU. Original grades for courses that were repeated along with grades for the same courses that were repeated will be used in the calculation. FVSU may require higher academic standards for transfer.
5. The student should submit an application (available on the Web) to the Admissions Office of PSU no later than February 1 of the applicant's third year at FVSU. FVSU students will apply for advanced standing rather than as first-year students. The application should clearly indicate that the student is applying as a 3-2 student. The completed application should be supported by the following documents:
 - a) Final high school record
 - b) Two copies of the official FVSU transcript, including grades earned through the Fall Semester of the third year
 - c) Schedule of courses for the Spring of the third year
 - d) Check list (see Appendices) of the courses taken and those planned for the Spring of the third year at FVSU.


The application and supporting documents will be evaluated by the appropriate officer in the Admissions Office and the Dean's Office of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences at PSU. If the applicant meets the entrance requirements, the applicant will be offered provisional admission to PSU in the 3-2 program, commencing with the following summer session or fall semester.

At the completion of the third year, two copies of the final official transcript of courses taken at FVSU should be forwarded to the PSU Admissions Office. The applicant's admission to PSU will be changed from a provisional basis to a permanent basis if the student has maintained the grade point average required for the major, and has fulfilled any conditions that may have been specified in the student's provisional admission. A minimum of 76 transferable and applicable credits must be completed at FVSU. Under normal circumstances, failure to meet the conditions of provisional admission will result in the voiding of the offer of admission for the student and in his or her ineligibility to participate in the 3-2 program.


7. The suggested FVSU courses in geology, physics, biology, mathematics, chemistry, computer science, liberal arts, and communications are shown in the Appendices. Appendix A is a checklist of FVSU classes (and their PSU equivalents) required for the Mathematics-Geosciences program; Appendix B is a checklist of classes for the Chemistry-Geosciences program. The FVSU courses that fulfill requirements for the PSU Geosciences BS degree are indicated by asterisks on the checklists. Course numbers and descriptions may change by the actions of the FVSU faculty or PSU faculty. In such cases, the Appendix only would need to be amended. FVSU will receive regular updates about changes at PSU and will be expected to regularly inform PSU of changes at FVSU, as they relate to the 3-2 program. Students must bring a completed checklist (Appendix A or B) with them for their first meeting with their PSU faculty advisor.
8. The Geosciences faculty of PSU are responsible for providing guidance and access to a sequence of geosciences classes, and supporting sciences if necessary, in order to complete the requirements for the Geosciences BS degree in a two year period. Appendix C shows a possible sequence of courses that would fulfill the PSU Geosciences BS degree program for students pursuing the Chemistry - Geosciences dual degree program; Appendix D shows the course sequence for students pursuing the Mathematics - Geosciences program. In both

cases, students are required to participate in a 6-week summer field course run by PSU Geosciences. All participating students will have access to merit-based scholarships awarded by PSU Geosciences. All participating students will continue to receive merit-based scholarships awarded by PSU Geosciences as long as they carry the required semester course load and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or greater. Transferring students whose GPA falls below 3.00, but not less than 2.50 at the end of their first semester of attendance will continue to receive his or her scholarship the following semester on a probationary status. If the student's cumulative GPA is below 3.00 by the end of the second semester, PSU Geosciences is no longer obligated to provide that student with a merit-based scholarship. Participating students will also have equal access to collaborative research projects with PSU Geosciences faculty and graduate students.

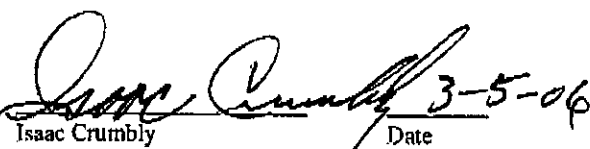
9. The Geosciences faculty of PSU are responsible for providing guidance regarding application to graduate programs in the geosciences, both at PSU and elsewhere, according to the students interests. Students pursuing either of the dual-degree programs may, at the end of their first year at PSU, apply for the PSU Geosciences BS-MS program, which would lead to a MS degree in Geosciences after completion of all requirements specified in the BS-MS program, which would normally take an additional year.
10. PSU Geosciences faculty will conduct yearly interviews with participating students in order to guide adjustments to the way the program is carried out.
11. This agreement shall be reviewed on a 5-year cycle. As part of the review process, attention will be paid to the total number of students that participate in the program from FVSU. A lack of response to requests for information and lack of adequate participation may result in termination of the agreement.


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Appendix A: Checklist for Chemistry-Geoscience Program

3-2 Dual Degree Program: Chemistry BS from FVSU, Geoscience BS from PSU

Asterisk indicates course required for PSU Geoscience BS

Penn State Course	Credits	PSU Course Title	FVSU Course	Credits	Grade
CHEM 12*	3	Chemical Principles I	CHEM 1211K	4	
CHEM 14*	1	Experimental Chemistry	CHEM 1211K	L	
CHEM 13*	3	Chemical Principles II	CHEM 1212K	4	
CHEM 15*	1	Experimental Chemistry	CHEM 1212K	L	
CHEM 34	3	Organic Chemistry I	CHEM 2221K	4	
CHEM 35	3	Organic Chemistry II	CHEM 2222	4	
CHEM 36	2	Org. Chem. Lab	CHEM 2221K	L	
CHEM 410	3	Adv. Inorganic Chemistry	CHEM 3310	3	
CHEM 425	3	Chromat. & Electrochem	CHEM 3341K	4	
CHEM 426	3	Chem. Spectroscopy	CHEM 3342K	4	
CHEM 400	1	Chem. Literature (1)	CHEM 4210	1	
CHEM 451	3	Phys. Chem. I (3)	CHEM 4331K	3	
CHEM 452	3	Phys. Chem II(3)	CHEM 4332K	3	
CHEM 489	1 to 10	Intro. Chem Research	CHEM 4450	2	
MATH 140*	4	Calculus & Analytic Geometry I	MATH 1154	4	
MATH 141*	4	Calculus & Analytic Geometry II	MATH 2164	4	
MATH 230	4	Calculus & Vector Analysis	MATH 2174	4	
STAT 200	4	Elementary Statistics	MATH 2113	3	
MATH 250	3	Differential Equations	MATH 3223	4	
PHYS 211*	4	General Physics (Mechanics)	PHYS 2211K	4	
PHYS 213*	2	Gen. Physics (Fluids & Thermal)	PHYS 2212K	4	
BIOL 110	4	Intro Biology	*BIOL 1107K	4	
ENGL 015*	3	Rhetoric & Composition	ENGL 1102	3	
CAS 100*	3	Effective Speech	COMM 1110	3	
ENGL 202C*	3	Effective Writing: Technical Writing	ENGL 2053	2	
Arts Elective*	3	Arts			
	3	Theatre Arts			
History Elective*	3	American Studies, Classics, History, Humanities,	HIST 1111(world hist)	3	
	3	Multi-Ethnic Studies, Philosophy, Religious Studies	HIST 2111(US hist)	3	
Social & Behavioral Science Elective*	3	Anthropology, Human Development,	POLS 1101(US govt)	3	
	3	Political Science, Psychology, Sociology	PYSC 1101 (gen psyc)	3	
			SOC 2008(cult divers)	2	
US Cultures & International Cultures*	3		ENGL 2111(world lit.)	3	
GEO SC 001*	3	Intro Physical Geol.	GEOL 1121	4	
GEO SC 021	3	Intro Earth History	GEOL 1122	4	
GEO SC 201*	4	Mineralogy and Petrology	GEOL 2204	4	

NOTES:

1. Students are encouraged to take BIOL 1107K at FVSU to fulfill the PSU Geoscience BS requirement of an Intro Biology class

Appendix B: Checklist for Math-Geoscience Program

3-2 Dual Degree Program: Mathematics BS from FVSU, Geoscience BS from PSU

Asterisk indicates course required for PSU Geoscience BS

Penn State Course	Credits	PSU Course Title	FVSU Course	Credits	Grade
MATH 140*	4	Calculus & Analytic Geometry I	MATH 1154	4	
STAT 200	4	Elementary Statistics Problem Solving	MATH 2113	3	
MATH 141*	4	Calculus & Analytic Geometry II	MATH 1201	1	
MATH 311W	3	Discrete Math	MATH 2164	4	
MATH 230	4	Calculus & Vector Analysis	MATH 2253	3	
MATH 220	2	Matrices	MATH 2174	4	
MATH 465	3	Number Theory	MATH 2203	3	
MATH 436	3	Linear Algebra II	MATH 3273	3	
MATH 426	3	Adv. Geometry	MATH 4243	3	
MATH 435	3	Abstract Algebra	MATH 3323	3	
MATH 41	3	Complex Analysis	MATH 4193	3	
MATH 250	3	Differential Equations	MATH 4143	3	
		Math Review	MATH 3223	3	
MATH 318	3	Probability	MATH 4390	2	
MATH 405	3	Advanced Calculus	MATH 3373	3	
		Math Seminar	MATH 4343	3	
MATH 035	3	General View of Math	MATH 4391	1	
CMPS 201F	3	Fortran	MATH 3393	3	
CMPS 201C	3	Unix/C	CSCI 3332	3	
			CSCI 3331	3	
PHYS 211*	4	General Physics (Mechanics)	PHYS 2211K	4	
PHYS 213*	2	Gen. Physics (Fluids & Thermal)	PHYS 2212K	4	
CHEM 12	3	Chemical Principles I	*CHEM 1211K	4	
CHEM 14	1	Experimental Chemistry	*CHEM 1211K	L	
CHEM 13	3	Chemical Principles II	*CHEM 1212K	4	
CHEM 15	1	Experimental Chemistry	*CHEM 1212K	L	
BIOL 110	4	Intro Biology	*BIOL 1107K	4	
ENGL 015*	3	Rhetoric & Composition	ENGL 1102	3	
CAS 100*	3	Effective Speech	COMM 1110	3	
ENGL 202C*	3	Effective Writing: Technical Writing	ENGL 2055	2	
Arts Elective*	3	Arts, Theatre Arts			
History Elective*	3	American Studies, Classics, History, Humanities, Multi-Ethnic Studies, Philosophy, Religious Studies	HIST 1111 (world hist)	3	
	3		HIST 2111 (US hist)	3	
Social & Behavioral Science Elective*	3	Anthropology, Human Development, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology	POLS 1101 (US govt)	3	
	3		PYSC 1101 (gen psyc diversity)	3	
US Cultures & International Cultures*	3	Variable	ENGL 2111 (world lit.)	2	
GEOSC 001*	3	Intro Physical Geol.	GEOL 1121	3	
GEOSC 021	3	Intro Earth History	GEOL 1122	4	
GEOSC 201*	4	Mineralogy and Petrology	GEOL 2204	4	

NOTES:

1. Students are encouraged to take CHEM 1211K and 1212K at FVSU to fulfill the PSU Geoscience BS chemistry requirement
2. Students are encouraged to take BIOL 1107K at FVSU to fulfill the PSU Geoscience BS requirement of an Intro Biology class

Appendix C Suggested Sequence of Courses

assumes students have taken BIOL 1107K at FVSU

FVSU-PSU Dual Degree Program

Chemistry and Geosciences

Junior Fall

Geosc 203 Geophysics (4 cr)
 Geosc 202 Geochemistry (4 cr)
 *Geosc 300-400 Elective (3 cr)
 General Elective

Junior Spring

Geosc 310 Earth History (4 cr)
 Geosc 465 Structural (4 cr)
 Geosc 204 Geobiology (4 cr)
 ‡General Elective (3 cr)

Summer

Geosc 472 Field Camp (6 cr)

Senior Fall

Geosc 496 Senior Thesis Research (1 cr)
 *Geosc 300-400 Elective (3 cr)
 *Geosc 300-400 Elective (3 cr)
 ‡General Elective (3 cr)
 ‡General Elective (3 cr)

Senior Spring

Geosc 494 Senior Thesis Writing (3 cr)
 *Geosc 300-400 Elective (3 cr)
 *Geosc 300-400 Elective (3 cr)
 ‡General Elective (3 cr)
 ‡General Elective (3 cr)

* Students need 14 credits of 300-400 Geoscience courses

‡ Students need 9 credits of additional supporting courses (need not be within geosciences)
 but this requirement could be fulfilled by Chemistry or Math courses taken at FVSU
 Students also need 3 to 6 credits of Gen Ed Arts credits

Note: the above scenario is based on a student who takes GEOL 2204 at FVSU;
 those who have not had GEOL 2204 should take Geosc 201
 Immediately upon entrance to PSU

Appendix D Suggested Sequence of Courses

assumes students have taken BIOL 1107K, CHEM 1211K, and CHEM 1212K at FVSU

FVSU-PSU Dual Degree Program

Mathematics and Geosciences

Junior Fall

Geosc 203 Geophysics (4 cr)
 Geosc 202 Geochemistry (4 cr)
 *Geosc 300-400 Elective (3 cr)
 General Elective

Junior Spring

Geosc 310 Earth History (4 cr)
 Geosc 465 Structural (4 cr)
 Geosc 204 Geobiology (4 cr)
 General Elective

Summer

Geosc 472 Field Camp (6 cr)

Senior Fall

Geosc 496 Senior Thesis Research (1 cr)
 *Geosc 300-400 Elective (3 cr)
 *Geosc 300-400 Elective (3 cr)
 ‡General Elective (3 cr)
 ‡General Elective (3 cr)

Senior Spring

Geosc 494 Senior Thesis Writing (3 cr)
 *Geosc 300-400 Elective (3 cr)
 *Geosc 300-400 Elective (3 cr)
 ‡General Elective (3 cr)
 ‡General Elective (3 cr)

* Students need 14 credits of 300-400 Geoscience courses

‡ Students need 9 credits of additional supporting courses (need not be within geosciences)
 but this requirement could be fulfilled by Chemistry or Math courses taken at FVSU
 Students also need 3 to 6 credits of Gen Ed Arts credits

Note: the above scenario is based on a student who takes GEOL 2204 at FVSU;
 those who have not had GEOL 2204 should take Geosc 201
 Immediately upon entrance to PSU