

UWM Department of Geosciences

Campus and Community Resource Map

Pursuing a degree can be challenging under the best of circumstances, and few of us exist in a world of “best circumstances”. UWM has a wide array of services and resources to provide help and support with various aspects of your education and your life. This list is not comprehensive, and if you are unsure what you need or where to start, we urge you to be in touch with the Geosciences Undergraduate Advisor or Graduate Advisor – or any other campus mentor.

This list of resources is modified from a draft developed by the UWM URGE pod (Unlearning Racism in the GEosciences). As such, there is some focus on resources that serve populations facing unique challenges. However, most of these resources are open to all students in need of support or assistance – or who are simply looking for ways to enhance their UWM experience.

Some non-UWM resources are listed for your convenience, but we do not endorse any outside organizations. If you know of resources or organizations you would like to add to this list (or you have concerns about any of the listed organizations), please let us know! (Contact bowlesj@uwm.edu)

Graduate students should also consult the [Geosciences Graduate Student Handbook](#).

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Geosciences Department Email List

MANY opportunities are announced via the Geosciences Department e-mail list: scholarships, internships, jobs, research opportunities, department events (including career events), and much, much more. Declared undergraduate majors and all graduate students should be automatically subscribed to the list, but if you are not receiving e-mails (regardless of your major status), e-mail geosciences-dept@uwm.edu to be added to the list.

Geosciences Events and Opportunities

- [Geosciences website](#)
- [Geosciences Undergraduate Advising](#)
- [Colloquium Series](#) – Weekly talks from outside geologists working in academia and research, industry, and for county/state/federal organizations. As of Spring 2021, all colloquia run from 4:00pm – 5:00pm on Thursdays and take place virtually. If you are subscribed to the Geosciences Department email list (above), you will receive notification of these events.
- [Geology Club](#) - student-run organization for those interested in learning more about the geosciences.
- [Hard Rock Lunch \(HRL\)](#) – weekly, informal event for students and faculty interested in the “hard rock” branches of geology (very loosely defined to include structural geology, volcanology, planetary geology, and geophysics). Participants take turns sharing current research or field experiences. Undergraduates may actively participate or just listen to others. E-mail geosciences-dept@uwm.edu to be put in touch with HRL organizers for more information.
- [LET'S GEO career preparation events](#) – Events and opportunities include guest speakers from a wide variety of industries; resume-building workshops; mentor-matching; short-courses on business communications, geosciences case studies, and geoscience-relevant laws and regulations; and other career-preparation events. Events will occur throughout the year, so be sure to subscribe to the Geosciences email list (see above) for more information!

Academic Support and Accessibility

- [Geosciences Undergraduate Advising](#)
- [Accessibility Resource Center](#) - dedicated to providing equal access for students with disabilities to the University's academic, social, cultural, and recreational programs.
- [Student Success Center](#) – academic and support services for all undergraduate students. Includes tutoring, mentoring, and supplemental instruction
- [UWM Writing Center](#) – for one-on-one confidential tutoring in writing

- [Fostering Success](#) – supports educational success for foster students and homeless youth by providing a variety of services.
- [Life Impact Program](#) – assists disadvantaged students with children by providing scholarships and other support services.

Careers/Internships/Research Opportunities

- **Research Opportunities**
 - Many Geosciences faculty will announce paid undergraduate research positions via e-mail, so be sure to sign up for the Geosciences e-mail list!
 - Talk to your professors! If you are interested in the type of research they do, ask if they have any opportunities for undergraduates in their lab group.
 - [Office of Undergraduate Research](#)
 - [Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program \(UROP\)](#) – for 1st and 2nd year undergraduate students who are interested in getting research experience
 - [Support for Undergraduate Research Fellows \(SURF\)](#) – program supports **paid or for-credit** research experiences for undergraduates. Geosciences has had MANY students get research experience through this program! Before applying, you will need to identify and talk to a Geosciences faculty mentor.
 - [Students Exploring Equity at UWM](#) – 1-credit seminar open to all undergraduates but designed to provide specific support for BIPOC students (Black, Indigenous and/or people of color) at UWM
 - [Conference Travel Awards](#) – \$500 awards to support undergraduate students presenting their work at conferences.
 - [WiscAMP STEM-Inspire](#) – This program is designed to enhance learning opportunities for underrepresented minorities in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) majors. Participants are paired with faculty research mentors and are provided with research, leadership, academic enrichment, and professional development experiences.
 - *[Summer Research – Early Identification Program](#) - Fully paid summer internship that provides undergraduates (Freshmen – Juniors) with training and mentoring in the principles underlying the conduct of research and prepares them to pursue competitive applications to PhD or MD-PhD programs.
 - *[STEMSEAS](#) - Provides ship-based, 6-10 day exploratory experiences for undergraduates from diverse backgrounds aboard NSF-funded research vessels. Students will sail with experienced faculty mentors and engage in geoscience and oceanography activities (while also having fun)! All expenses paid.

- [*Research Experience for Undergraduates \(REU\) Sites](#) – The National Science Foundation (NSF) provides funding for REU sites at many universities and institutions in the U.S. These are typically paid summer research experiences, and many are open to students from any university.
- **Internships**
 - [*U.S. Forest Service Resource Assistants Program](#) - The U.S. Forest Service Resource Assistants Program (RAP) is a rigorous and immersive, paid experience for individuals who are interested in conservation, natural and cultural resources, environmental management, research and development, or other career opportunities with land management agencies. The program emphasizes the engagement of current students, recent graduates, and underrepresented populations in natural and cultural resources work.
 - [*GeoCorps™ America](#) – paid short-term opportunities on U.S. public lands.
 - [*RESESS](#) - Undergraduate internship and support program in the Earth sciences, based at UNAVCO in Boulder, Colorado, dedicated to increasing diversity and inclusion in the geosciences.
 - [*Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology \(IRIS\) Internship Program](#)
 - [*State of Wisconsin Student Diversity Internship Program](#) – A program offering paid internships with the Department of Natural Resources in the State of Wisconsin. Deadlines to apply are typically in March. While the program offers internships in many areas, [browse their catalog](#) to view geoscience or environmental science positions.
- **Other Career Resources**
 - [UWM Geosciences LinkedIn Page](#)
 - [LET'S GEO career preparation events](#) – Events and opportunities include guest speakers from a wide variety of industries; resume-building workshops; mentor-matching; short-courses on business communications, geosciences case studies, and geoscience-relevant laws and regulations; and other career-preparation events. Events will occur throughout the year, so be sure to subscribe to the Geosciences email list (see above) for more information!
 - UWM [Career Planning and Resource Center](#)
 - [*American Geophysical Union \(AGU\) Career Resources](#)
 - [*Geological Society of America \(GSA\) Education and Career Resources](#)
 - [*American Geosciences Institute \(AGI\) Geosciences Online Learning Initiative](#) -- includes lots of great career-focused webinars
 - [*Mentoring365](#) – Matches you with mentors in the earth sciences. Available to student members of Geological Society of America (GSA), American Geophysical Union (AGU), and Association for Women Geoscientists (AWG).

- [*AGU Bridge Program](#) – For undergraduate students interested in pursuing graduate school. Increases opportunities for students from underrepresented populations to obtain graduate degrees and create a network of peers, mentors and advisers to support and serve them before, during and after grad school. The program is open to those who have not applied to graduate school or those who applied and were not accepted.
- [*GeoLatinas](#) - Mission is to embrace, empower, and inspire Latinas to pursue and thrive in careers in Earth and Planetary Sciences.
- [*SACNAS](#) - Advancing Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science.
- [*National Association of Black Geoscientists](#) - Committed to the continuous training of minority geoscientists.

Field Course Information and Resources

UWM Geoscience BS majors are required to complete at least 4 semester credits of Field Geology (GEO SCI 455) (BA students are required to complete 3 credits.) At UWM, students attend a field camp run by another institution and then receive transfer credit for Geo Sci 455 – Field Geology course. These experiences typically require 3-6 weeks away from Milwaukee. If this poses a challenge for you, we encourage you to discuss your situation with the Geosciences Undergraduate Advisor.

- [Information about UWM Field Geology Requirement for Undergraduates](#)
- [*USGS comprehensive list of field camps](#).
- UWM is part of a consortium with the [*South Dakota Schools of Mines & Technology](#) that allows our students to attend their field camp for a reduced rate. They have field camps in Wyoming, South Dakota, Turkey, the Himalayas, and Iceland.
- Field equipment
 - The Department of Geosciences has some equipment (like Brunton compasses) available to borrow at no cost. See Rob Graziano (graziano@uwm.edu).
 - [Outdoor Pursuits](#) has some [low-cost equipment rentals](#).

Funding Your Degree or Research (and Emergency Aid)

- [UWM Financial Aid Office](#)
- [Emergency Grants](#)
- [Scholarships](#) – Apply for UWM and Department of Geosciences scholarships through the [UWM Scholarship Portal](#). Scholarship deadlines for the department are typically in March.
- [Graduate Fellowships](#) (for graduate students only) – deadlines in December
- Conference Travel Grants – for presenting research at professional conferences
 - UWM [Undergraduate Travel Grants](#) – up to \$500 awards
 - UWM [Graduate Travel Grants](#) – up to \$500 (MS) or \$1000 (PhD) awards

- Watch for e-mails announcing Dept. of Geosciences travel awards
- See also your conference website. Many organizations sponsor travel scholarships for students.

Health and Wellbeing

- [Norris Health Center](#)
- [University Counseling Services](#)
- ***Columbia St. Mary's Emergency Room** - Provide 24 hr health services support for those that are ill. 2301 N Lake Dr, Milwaukee, WI 53211. Phone: 414-291-1200.
- ***Aurora Sinai Medical Center** - 945 N 12th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233. Phone: 414-219-2000.
- ***Aurora Urgent Care Center** - 945 N 12th St., Milwaukee, WI 53233 Phone: 414-219-2000.
- ***Milwaukee County Crisis Line** - Provides help for those that are going through tough times. Phone: 414-257-7222.
- ***National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** - Provides help for those that are having suicidal thoughts. Phone: 1-800-273-8255.
- ***Trevor Lifeline for LGBTQ Youth** - Provides help for those that are having suicidal thoughts for young people under 25. Phone: 1-800-488-7386.
- ***Veterans Crisis Line** - Provides help for veterans that are going through tough times. Phone: 1-800-273-8255 Press 1.
- [*Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center](#) - Provides comprehensive and culturally sensitive health care for the whole family.
- [*Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers](#) – Full-service bilingual (English/Spanish) clinics
- [UWM Recreation Center](#)
- [Outdoor Pursuits](#) - also have [low-cost equipment rentals](#) for using during Geosciences field work or field trips. (Also ask your professors if loaner equipment is available.)
- [Spiritual and Religious Life at UWM](#) – A student involvement resource that provides information about spiritual and religious groups on campus and in the Milwaukee area. The purpose of spiritual and religious life is to support and advance the exploration and expression of spirituality in higher education.
- [*Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee](#)

Safety

- [Office of Diversity and Equity Services](#) – For information on reporting discriminatory conduct, hate or bias incidents, and sexual misconduct.

- [Hate/Bias Reporting Form](#) – For reporting any experiences of hate or bias at the University.
- [Sexual Assault and Misconduct](#) – Information and resources for reporting sexual violence or misconduct provided by the UWM Title IX office. Options for anonymous and confidential reporting.
- [UWM Police](#) – General inquiry: (414) 229-4627, **Emergency Contact: (414) 229-9911.**
- [B.O.S.S. \(Be On the Safe Side\)](#) provides free, scheduled rides within a ~2 mile radius of campus. Operates between the hours of 6PM and 2AM during Fall and Spring semesters. Call 414-229-6503 or visit their website for more hours and details.
- [Virtual Safewalks](#) let friends or family watch over you virtually as you walk to or from campus. More information about the [RAVE Guardian safety app](#) that is used by UWM.
- *[Milwaukee Women’s Center](#) - services and treatment for women, men, and children whose lives have been affected by domestic violence, addiction, mental health issues, homelessness, and poverty
- *Domestic Violence Hotlines
 - [Sojourner Family Peace Center](#) – (414) 933-2722
 - [Community Advocates](#) – (414) 671-6140

Housing/Food/Transportation/Child Care

- **Housing**
 - UWM [University Housing Office](#)
 - UWM [Neighborhood Housing Office](#)
 - [Low-income housing resources](#)
- **Food**
 - [UWM Food Pantry](#)
 - *[Milwaukee area food banks](#)
 - *[Meal Programs/Sites in Milwaukee area](#)
- **Transportation and Parking**
 - [UWM Transportation Services](#)
 - [B.O.S.S.](#) – Transportation for students travelling home alone to or from campus. Call (414) 229-6503 for service, must present UWM ID to the driver. The service operates 6am to 2am during the traditional academic calendar.
 - *[Milwaukee County Transit System \(MCTS\)](#) - Provides transportation in Milwaukee County. [Students can get a U-PASS](#) for use on any MCTS bus. There is no charge for the U-PASS (it is part of your segregated fees).
 - *[City of Milwaukee Night and Street Parking](#) – Night and street parking permits can be purchased on the city of Milwaukee parking website.
 - *[Shorewood Overnight Parking](#) - 3930 N Murray, 1st Floor. Phone: 414-847-2700
 - *[Shorewood Street Parking Permits](#)
- **Child Care**

- [Children’s Learning Center](#) – On campus child care and development programs for UWM students, faculty, and staff.
- *[Wisconsin Child Care Information](#) (State of Wisconsin)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- UWM [Office of Equity and Diversity Services](#)
- Geosciences Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee – Concerns or inquiries regarding inclusivity, equity, and diversity in the department can be addressed by contacting members of this committee:
 - Victoria McCoy: mccoyv@uwm.edu
 - Dyanna Czek: dyanna@uwm.edu
 - Charles Paradis: paradisc@uwm.edu
- [Students Exploring Equity at UWM](#) – 1-credit seminar open to all undergraduates but designed to provide specific support for BIPOC students (Black, Indigenous and/or people of color) at UWM
- [Inclusive Excellence Center](#) - Student center for promoting diversity, equality, and social justice.

Identity Support Groups and Organizations

- [African Diaspora Council](#)
- [American Indian Student Center](#)
- [Asian Faculty and Staff Association](#)
- [Black Student Cultural Center](#)
- [LGBTQ+ Resource Center](#)
- [Military and Veterans Resource Center](#)
- [Robert Hernández Center](#)
- [Southeast Asian American Student Center](#)
- [Women’s Resources Center](#)
- *[500 Queer Scientists](#)
- *[500 Women Scientists](#)
- *[Association for Women Geoscientists](#)
- *[Black in Geoscience](#)
- *[Earth Science Women’s Network](#)
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Conflict Resolution and Reporting Hate/Bias/Harassment

UWM and the Department of Geosciences do not tolerate harassment, bullying or discrimination of any kind. If you experience or witness any of these behaviors, there are a variety of avenues you may pursue to report it and/or get help.

If you have an academic dispute (about a grade, for example); a dispute about tuition, parking, housing, or on-campus job; or a concern or dispute with another student, this section also provides information on where to start. You may also consult with the Geosciences Undergraduate or Graduate Advisor to help solve the problem or assist you in navigating the UWM reporting or appeal systems.

- [Dean of Students Complaints and Grievances](#) – This is a good place to start, and provides information regarding the various formal processes of addressing concerns, appeals, grievances, and complaints.
- [Report It](#) – A comprehensive reporting system developed to help individuals promptly share concerns, incidents of misconduct, inappropriate behaviors, or activities that may pose a risk to the health or safety of our community. You may also contact the Dean of Students Office (DOS) at 229-4632 or dos@uwm.edu.
- [Sexual Assault and Misconduct](#) – Information and resources for reporting sexual violence or misconduct provided by the UWM Title IX office. Options for anonymous and confidential reporting are available.
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 - [Hate/Bias Reporting Form](#) – For reporting any experiences of hate or bias at the University.

Miscellaneous Other UWM Resources

- [University Legal Clinic](#) – free or low-cost legal advice
 - University [Code of Conduct](#)
 - [Dean of Students Office](#) – Union 345, email: dos@uwm.edu, (414) 229-4632
- If you have problems, concerns, or complaints and you don't know where to start, the Dean of Students Office can be a good first point of contact.