Department of Geology and Geophysics

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- Senior Academic Advisor for all Undergraduate Geology & Geophysics Students
  - Assist with degree plan, registration, high impact opportunities, and any other questions you may have regarding college life
- Advising Office: Halbouty 109D
- Email questions to urock@tamu.edu
- Appointments and walk-ins encouraged (7:30am-4:30pm except Friday 7:30-11:30am)
  - Schedule appointments: urock.tamu.edu ➔ “Meet With Your Advisor”
- Cellphone: (979) 219-3640 ➔ text after hours for important questions that cannot wait until the next work day
Welcome

• You are a Geology or Geophysics major if you are in this meeting

• If you intend to change your major, you can do so after your first semester

• You will be required to follow your degree plan for the first semester

• Avoid closet major block by following your degree plan

• Make an appointment to meet with me after you return to school for fall and we will discuss your options
Keys to Your Academic Success

• Go to class
• Prepare for class
• Ask questions and participate in class
• Get to know your professor—office hours or by appointment
• Meet with your advisor—all GEOL/GEOP students blocked each semester to ensure this step is met
• Get involved in student organizations within the department, college and on campus
• Go to class—in case you missed that the first time!
Time Management

“If you want to make good use of your time, you’ve got to know what’s most important and then give it all you’ve got.” - Lee Iacocca

How to Earn Probation or Dismissal in Your First Semester

- Social Media: 65%
- North Gate: 8%
- Listening to your advisors: 3%
- Crying because you're going to fail your class: 12%
- Preparing for class: 2%
- Crying because you're going to fail your class: 9%
- Crying because you're going to fail your class: 1%
Research

• We encourage participation in undergraduate research
• Research can be taken for class credit or on a volunteer basis
• Undergraduate Research Scholars (Undergraduate thesis)
First Year Seminar-
REQUIRED OF ALL GEOL/GEOP MAJORS

GEOL 180-500
CRN 31683
T 5:30-6:45PM

Benefits:
• Expose you to the field of study
• Navigate the university resources
• Learning Community
• Study skills
Registration Reminders

• **WHERE**: Student Computing Center 1st Floor of Blocker Building

• **WHEN**: No Later than 1:45 PM

• **WHAT**: Bring your Geology and Geophysics folder and selected courses with CRNs.

• **TO DO**: Accept Lab Safety Acknowledgement—this will be done EVERY semester you take a lab course.
Student Organizations

- Leadership opportunities
- Networking with other GEOL/GEOP students and companies that hire our students
- Professional education
- Funding for research opportunities
- Field trips
- Participate in social events
Get Involved - Sign up today!

Geology & Geophysics Society
tamuggsociety@gmail.com

Texas A&M Geophysical Society (SEG)
seg.tamu@gmail.com

American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG)
tamu.aapg@gmail.com

Student Geosciences’ Council (SGC)
president.tamusgc@gmail.com
Final Thoughts….

• Registration at the Student Computing Room in Blocker will be for students only beginning at 1:45PM

• Sign up for G&G, AAPG, and/or SEG

• Enjoy your summer and I’ll see you when school starts!