

**Geosciences Mentor Program**  
**GEO 110C-27802/27803**  
**Spring 2014**

**Tuesday, 12:30-1:30PM - EPS 1.126**  
**Wednesday, 3:00-4:00PM - TBA**

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**Course Description:** GEO 110C is an introduction to the various geosciences disciplines and corresponding JSG degree programs and research areas and provides basic career building skills for the early student. Emphasis is placed building familiarity with Jackson School resources and support, as well as the skills needed for success in the undergraduate process, graduate school admission, and personal career strategies.

**Course Goals/Objectives:** The overarching goal of this course is to assist Jackson School students in taking control of their academic journey within the Jackson School and their career management beyond it. After completing this course, students will be:

- Confidently select their major during their sophomore year, based on an increased familiarity with Jackson School of Geosciences degree options and upper division course work.
- Conduct their academic affairs, including registration and academic planning, with an increased sense of confidence and personal responsibility.
- Demonstrate improved career planning skills, including job searching, interview, networking communication skills, and career-focused writing and research.

**Grading:** Progress towards these goals will be assessed through a series of in-class workshop activities, as well as a limited number of take-home assignments. No final grade for the course is assigned to student.

**Course Prerequisites:** There are no prerequisites for this course. This course is restricted to geosciences majors, but may not be counted toward a degree in geological or environmental sciences.

**Course Communication:** Blackboard (a web-based course management system with password protected accessible at <http://courses.utexas.edu>) will be used to post grades, distribute course materials, to communicate and collaborate online, to submit assignments and surveys. Support for Blackboard is available through the ITS Help Desk at 512-475-9400, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Additionally, as email is recognized as an official mode of university correspondence; therefore, students are responsible for reading email for university and course-related information and announcement and for keeping the university informed about changes to their e-mail address. The university's policies concerning email correspondence and instructions for updating an e-mail address is available at <http://www.utexas.edu/its/policies/emailnotify.php>.

**Attendance and Lecture Policies:** Attendance is required at all class meetings. Laptops and other portable electronic devices are not permitted in class.

**The University Honor Code:** "The core values of The University of Texas at Austin are learning, discovery, freedom, leadership, individual opportunity, and responsibility. Each member of the University is expected to uphold these values through integrity, honesty, trust, fairness, and respect toward peers and community."

**Academic Dishonesty:** Falsification of attendance records, cheating, and plagiarism are three forms of academic dishonesty. All forms of academic dishonesty will be treated seriously. You are responsible for understanding what constitutes academic dishonesty. All forms of academic dishonesty will be dealt with seriously. See the Dean of Students website for policies on academic dishonesty and students with disabilities.

**Services for Students with Disabilities:** The University of Texas at Austin provides upon request appropriate academic accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. For more information, contact Services for Students with Disabilities at 471-6259 (voice) or 232-2937 (video phone).

**Religious Holidays:** A student who misses classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day should inform the instructor as far in advance of the absence as possible, so that arrangements can be made to complete an assignment within a reasonable time after the absence.

### Spring 2014 Schedule

Course Topic	Class Date	Semester Week
No Class	Jan 14/15	1
Introduction: About the Course & Self-Awareness	Jan 21/22	2
Advising: Deciphering the Catalog, Knowing Your Deadlines, and Scholarships	Jan 28/29	3
Faculty Presentation	Feb 4/5	4
Career Services: Resumes & Career Fair Preparation	Feb 11/12	5
Advising: JSG Student Programs and Organizations	Feb 18/19	6
Career Services: Job Search & Application Workshop	Feb 25/26	7
Faculty Presentation	Mar 4/5	8
Career Services: Interview Skills	Mar 18/19	10
Advising: Registering for Fall 2015 and Strategic Planning	Mar 25/26	11
Faculty Presentation	Apr 1 /2	12
Advising: Handling the UT Machine	Apr 8/9	13
Career Services: Informational Interview/Career Panel	Apr 15/16	14
Faculty Presentation	Apr 22/23	15
Career Services: Personal Career Planning	Apr 29/30	16
No Class	May 6/7	17