

**Changes to BS degrees in both Geology and Geophysics**  
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A programmatic change for the BS degrees in both Geology and Geophysics was made in PCAS to eliminate the two required workshop courses (one credit each) for a total of two credits. The workshop courses Geo 3870 (modeling workshop), 3880 (laboratory workshop) and 3890 (field workshop) will remain but no longer be required. Previously students could choose any two of these workshops to fulfill the requirement. With few exceptions, the Geo 3890 course was consistently chosen by the students in our Department.

The PCAS reduction from 120 credits for the degree to 118 credits is compensated by the ECAS changes which add two credits back into our curriculum. Credits for Geo 2201 (Geodynamics I) which is required of all majors will increase from 3 to 4. In addition, a new required course (Geo 3891) for one credit has been added. The new course has essentially the same content as the existing 3890 workshop that nearly all of our students end up taking anyway. The PCAS and ECAS changes together are credit neutral for our program.