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The degree offers further specialisation in engineering geology and hydrogeology. Engineering geology is the study of the behaviour of ground (soil and rock) and how likely it is to affect engineering works. It comprises geotechnical studies and relates to construction (eg founding or excavation) on and with geological materials (eg construction materials), and to the influences of geological, geomorphological and hydrological processes on construction and development. Hydrogeology refers to the occurrence, distribution and movement of water below the Earth's surface. The study of groundwater is generally both quantitative (eg water supply, safe abstraction and the influences of pumping) and qualitative (eg contamination, remediation and drinking water).



Who is the ideal candidate?

The programme requires a strong understanding of mathematics and mechanics. Genuine concern for our planet, a desire to work outdoors and an interest in geology or geomorphology will be an advantage. Depending on your personality, you can choose how you would like to divide your time between doing fieldwork and working on a computer.



What makes this programme unique?

Very few universities offer professional qualifications in engineering geology and hydrogeology. UP offers both, which places it in a strong position on the interface between infrastructure development and subsurface water. The qualification complies with the requirements for professional registration.



Career opportunities

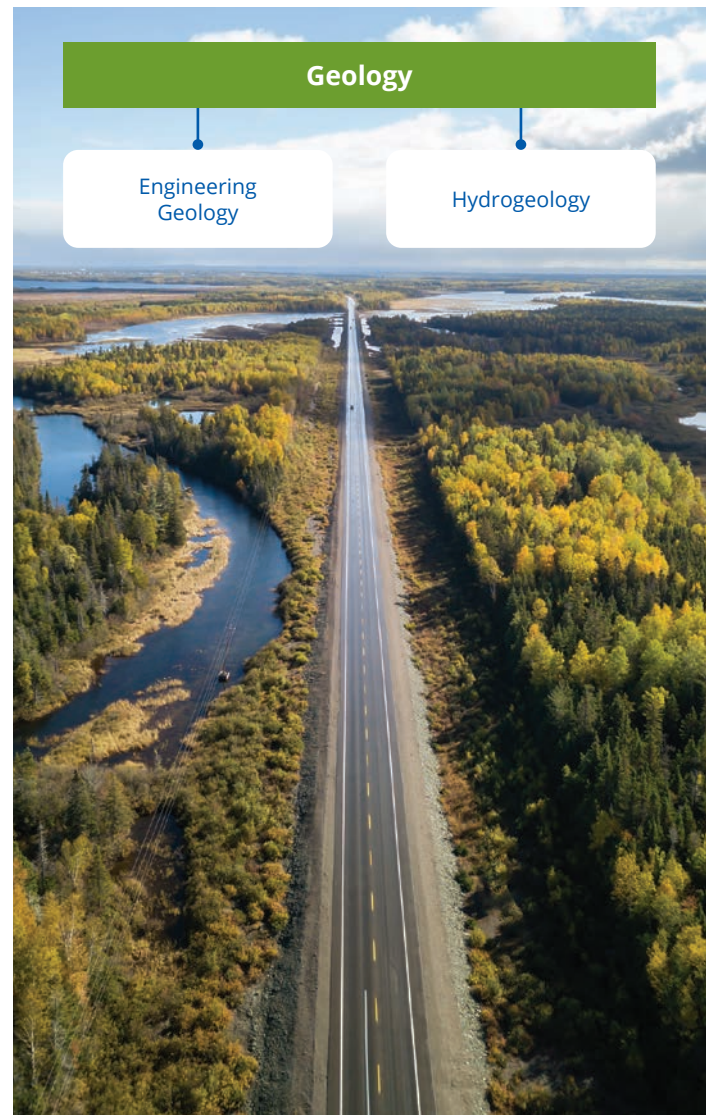
Engineering geologists work closely with civil engineers, mining engineers, town planners and environmental scientists. Your work will require you to identify geological hazards, source building materials and supply foundation solutions.

As a hydrogeologist you will be involved in the supply of water for urban, agricultural and industrial use. Nowadays many graduates work in contaminant transport and remediation, which involves identifying sources of pollution and finding suitable remediation solutions.



Which companies employ our graduates?

Our graduates are employed by civil and infrastructure industries, the mining industry and parastatals (eg the Council for Geoscience; CSIR), as well as by government (eg the Department of Water Affairs; the NHBRC; local governments).



Minimum admission requirements

Programme	Minimum requirements for NSC/IEB for 2026			
	Achievement level			APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	Physical Sciences	
Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Engineering Geology [3 years]	5	5	5	34



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Refer to the International undergraduate prospectus at www.up.ac.za/programmes > Undergraduate > Admission Information or [click here](#) for more information.

- The closing date for applications for programmes in this faculty is 30 June.
- Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission into a programme.

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	Achievement level									
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Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry	English Mathematics Physics Chemistry	C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology		C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Science in Ecology		C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Science in Zoology		C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Science in Entomology										
Bachelor of Science in Genetics										
Bachelor of Science in Human Genetics										
Bachelor of Science in Human Physiology										
Bachelor of Science in Human Physiology, Genetics and Psychology										
Bachelor of Science in Medical Sciences										
Bachelor of Science in Microbiology										
Bachelor of Science in Plant Science										
Bachelor of Science in Chemistry										
Bachelor of Science in Physics										
Bachelor of Science in Geography [Option: Geography and Environmental Science]										
Bachelor of Science in Geoinformatics										
Bachelor of Science in Geology										
Bachelor of Science in Meteorology										
Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Engineering Geology										

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Bachelor of Science in Food Science	English Mathematics Physics Chemistry									
Bachelor of Science in Food Management [Option: Culinary Science]										
Bachelor of Science in Food Management [Option: Nutritional Science]										
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in Agricultural Economics in Agribusiness Management		C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in Animal Science		C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in Plant Pathology		C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in Applied Plant and Soil Sciences		C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Science in Actuarial and Financial Mathematics	English Mathematics	C A	4 7	3 1	C A	E C	4 6	3 5	60-69% 80-100%	B A
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics	English Mathematics									
Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics		C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Science in Mathematical Statistics		B	5	2	B	D	5	4	70-79%	B+
Bachelor of Consumer Science specialising in Clothing and Retail Management	English Mathematics	C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Consumer Science specialising in Food Management		D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+

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Bachelor of Science in Mathematics [4-year programme]	English Mathematics	D C	3 4	3 3	D C	E E	2 4	2 3	58% 65%	B- B
Bachelor of Science in Chemistry [4-year programme]	English Mathematics Physics Chemistry	D D D D	3 3 3 3	3 3 3 3	D D D D	E E E E	2 2 2 2	2 2 2 2	58% 58% 58% 58%	B- B- B- B-
Bachelor of Science in Geoinformatics [4-year programme]										
Bachelor of Science in Geology [4-year programme]										
Bachelor of Science in Meteorology [4-year programme]										
Bachelor of Science in Physics [4-year programme]										
Bachelor of Science in Ecology [4-year programme]										
Bachelor of Science in Human Physiology [4-year programme]										
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in Applied Plant and Soil Sciences [5-year programme]										
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in Plant Pathology [5-year programme]										

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