



**Department of
Higher Education**

John R. Kasich, Governor
John Carey, Chancellor

REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

OHIO UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science in Geological Sciences, Honors Tutorial College (HTC)

Request:

Ohio University (OU) requests approval to offer the Bachelor of Science in Geological Sciences in the Honors Tutorial College.

Background:

Ohio University is a public institution located in Athens, Ohio with five regional campuses serving Southeastern Ohio. Ohio University has an enrollment of more than 32,000 undergraduate and 4,500 graduate students in programs at the associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral levels. The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accredits Ohio University until its next review in 2016.

Curriculum and Enrollment:

The Bachelor of Science in Geological Sciences is a unique opportunity for students in the Honors Tutorial College (HTC) to engage in intensive study and research with faculty as preparation for graduate study or work in industry. The program builds from geological science courses such as historical geology, mineralogy, petrology, geodynamics, and paleontology. Students engage in intensive study and research through faculty directed tutorials focusing on special topics in geology. The program is offered in collaboration with the Department of Geological Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The proposed geological sciences program is the 36th area of study in Ohio University's Honors Tutorial College, based on the Oxbridge model of tutorial education. Geological sciences is particularly timely and well suited to the HTC program, as graduates prepare for careers in aiding society in the responsible development of resources and in determining the contaminating effects in water. Students must meet the highly selective admissions requirements of the HTC. Ohio University anticipates a very small enrollment of two students per year.

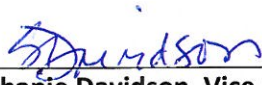
Faculty and Resources:

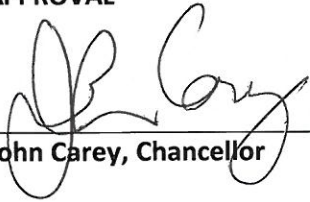
Ohio University has sufficient resources to support the program.

Recommendation:

This program meets the Chancellor's standards for baccalaureate degrees and approval is recommended.

End of Comment Period: December 8, 2015 at 2:00pm
No comments received, recommend approval

RECOMMENDATION	
The Vice Chancellor has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.	
	<i>12-11/15</i>
Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs	Date

APPROVAL	
	<i>12/14/15</i>
John Carey, Chancellor	Date

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