Field-based study benefits undergraduates as it helps to relate theory to real world situations. Unfortunately, not many schools have all the materials or field sites close enough that students can visit during normal class time. At Indiana University - Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) campus, we have the opportunity to take entry-level students outdoors to relate what they learn to things around them. Within the campus are a creek, major river and several wetlands. Processes and features in and around the campus include: Erosion, Deposition, Ripple marks, Meanders, Sediment sizes and shapes... associated with fluvial processes. Creep as an example of Mass wasting process. Glacial till is exposed along the creek. Sand dunes, Terminal Moraine (Fort Wayne Moraine) Buildings with different rock types and the IPFW Geo-garden (also available online at http://www.geosci.ipfw.edu/geogarden.html).

Students see the above geologic materials and process during campus field trips. Also within a 15-minute drive from IPFW campus are sand beaches, beach ridges, and lake bed sediments. Feedbacks from students indicate that the majority of the students appreciate the exposure to the field geology on campus. Use what you have on campus to show geology to your students.