Geosciences at Winona State

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Get Out and Learn Something!
Our classrooms aren’t just in the science building, they are all over the world. Over the past few years, Geoscience majors have accompanied faculty members on field trips to...
- Costa Rica, Iceland, Hawaii, Death Valley, St. Francois Mtns., and many other places closer to home!

Future field trips are being planned for...
- Mexico, the Bahamas, Alaska, Appalachian Mtns., Colorado Plateau

Get into Graduate or Professional School!
Our curriculum is flexible and can be customized to prepare you for...
- Graduate School
- Medical School
- Law School
- MBA Programs

Famous Geoscientists
Because of the diverse training they receive, geoscientists have excelled within the field and beyond...

Bruce Babbit
Secretary of the Interior, Governor of Arizona
- Notre Dame, B.A.
- Geology
- Univ. of Newcastle, England, M.S.
- Geophysics
- Harvard Law School, L.L.B.

Charles Darwin
Geologist, Naturalist, Father of Evolution Theory
- accomplished geologist before becoming renowned as a biologist
- Studied volcanic islands

Colin Powell
US Army General, Secretary of State
- City College of New York, B.S.
- Geology
- George Washington University, MBA