










2024 - 2025 Major Map



Earth and Space Exploration, BS



School/College: [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
LASESBS



Term 1 0 - 14 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 Mathematics (MATH)	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASU 101 or college-specific equivalent First-Year Seminar required of all first-year students. Students who place into MAT 265 should take the course in term 1 to complete the MA requirement. SESE will accept Calculus with Analytic Geometry I, II and III (MAT 270/271/272) in place of MAT 265/266/267. SESE majors are strongly encouraged to meet with their faculty mentor at least once during their first and second year. Students can find their faculty mentor on the SESE advising website. Select your Career Interest Communities and play me3@ASU. Activate your Handshake account and build out your profile.
ENG 101 or ENG 102: First-Year Composition OR ENG 105: Advanced First-Year Composition OR ENG 107 or ENG 108: First-Year Composition	3	C	
LIA 101: Student Success in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences	1		
SES 121: Earth, Solar System and Universe (SCIT OR SQ) AND SES 123: Earth, Solar System and Universe Laboratory (SCIT OR SQ)	4	C	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (SOBE)	3		
Term hours subtotal:	14		

Term 2 14 - 28 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 MAT 265: Calculus for Engineers I (MATH OR MA)	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students in this major have a choice between taking SES 122/SES 124 or SES 126/SES 128. Students should take SES 122/SES 124 if they are interested in exploring the Earth and other objects in our solar system. Students should take SES 126/SES 128 if their interests are in exploration outside of the solar system. SESE will accept Calculus with Analytic Geometry I, II and III (MAT 270/271/272) in place of MAT 265/266/267. SESE will accept CHM 116 in place of CHM 114. SESE majors are strongly encouraged to meet with their faculty mentor at least once during their first and second year. Students can find their faculty mentor on the SESE advising website. Join a student club or professional organization. Create a first draft resume.
CHM 114: General Chemistry for Engineers (SCIT OR SQ)	4	C	
ENG 101 or ENG 102: First-Year Composition OR ENG 105: Advanced First-Year Composition OR ENG 107 or ENG 108: First-Year Composition	3	C	
SES 122: History of the Earth and Solar System AND SES 124: History of the Earth and Solar System Laboratory OR SES 126: Exploration of the Universe AND SES 128: Exploration of the Universe Lab	4	C	
 Complete ENG 101 OR ENG 105 OR ENG 107 course(s).			
Milestone: Complete SESE faculty mentoring.			
Term hours subtotal:	14		

Term 3 28 - 44 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 MAT 266: Calculus for Engineers II (MATH OR MA)	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SESE will accept Calculus with Analytic Geometry I, II and III (MAT 270/271/272) in place of MAT 265/266/267. • SESE majors are strongly encouraged to meet with their faculty mentor at least once during their first and second year. Students can find their faculty mentor on the SESE advising website. • Develop your skills.
 PHY 121: University Physics I: Mechanics (SCIT OR SQ) AND PHY 122: University Physics Laboratory I (SCIT OR SQ)	4	C	
SES 230: Coding for Exploration (QTRS OR CS)	3	C	
Humanities, Arts and Design (HUAD)	3		
Sustainability (SUST)	3		
 Complete First-Year Composition requirement.			
Complete Mathematics (MATH) requirement.			
Term hours subtotal:	16		

Term 4 44 - 60 Credit Hours Critical course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 MAT 267: Calculus for Engineers III (MATH OR MA)	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SESE will accept Calculus with Analytic Geometry I, II and III (MAT 270/271/272) in place of MAT 265/266/267. • SESE majors are strongly encouraged to meet with their faculty mentor at least once during their first and second year. Students can find their faculty mentor on the SESE advising website. • Explore an internship
PHY 131: University Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism (SCIT OR SQ) AND PHY 132: University Physics Laboratory II (SCIT OR SQ)	4	C	
Science and Society Elective	3	C	
Global Communities, Societies and Individuals (GCSI)	3		
Humanities, Arts and Design (HUAD)	3		
Milestone: Complete SESE faculty mentoring.			
Term hours subtotal:	16		

Term 5 60 - 75 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 SES 421: Foundations of Planetary Science	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students need two upper-division electives for the major (six credits total). Branch courses not already taken for the branch course requirement can be taken as electives or students may take any other upper-division GLG or SES or AST courses offered by the School of Earth and Space Exploration. Other courses may be approved by your SESE academic advisor. • Students should meet with faculty advisor to discuss research opportunities.
MAT 275: Modern Differential Equations (MATH OR MA)	3	C	
Upper Division SES Branch Course	3	C	
SES OR GLG OR AST Upper Division Elective	3	C	
Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	15		

Term 6 75 - 90 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by 	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
 Upper Division SES Branch Course	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore a research or internship opportunity. In order to earn credits for research or an internship, students should work with their SESE advisor for approval. Students who hope to go to graduate school should consider getting involved in research. Students should talk to faculty mentors about how to find research opportunities. • Students interested in graduate school should be researching programs and preparing application materials. Continue to meet with faculty advisor for input along the way. • Students should meet with an advisor to do a graduation check.
SES OR GLG OR AST Upper Division Elective	3	C	
Upper Division Science and Society Elective	3	C	
Governance and Civic Engagement (CIVI)	3		
Upper Division Elective OR SES 484: Internship OR SES 499: Individualized Instruction	3		
Term hours subtotal:	15		

- Use Handshake to research **employment opportunities**.

Term 7 90 - 106 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ SES 410: Senior Exploration Project I	3	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students interested in graduate school should be researching programs and preparing application materials. Continue to meet with faculty advisor for input along the way. • If not already completed, students should meet with an advisor to do a graduation check. • Apply for full-time career opportunities.
SES 401: Earth and Space Exploration Colloquium	1	C	
Upper Division SES Branch Course	3	C	
American Institutions (AMIT)	3		
Upper Division Elective	3		
Elective	3		
Term hours subtotal:	16		

Term 8 106 - 120 Credit Hours Necessary course signified by ★	Hours	Minimum Grade	Notes
★ SES 411: Senior Exploration Project II	3	C	
Upper Division SES Branch Course	3	C	
Complete 2 courses:			
Upper Division Elective	8		
Term hours subtotal:	14		

- All students pursuing a BS or BSP degree in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences must complete two courses from the Science and Society list found at <https://thecollege.asu.edu/student-resources/science-society>. At least one of the two courses must be upper division and students must earn a C or better in the courses. Both Science and Society courses (i.e., all six credits) may count towards any major, minor, related fields, and ASU General Studies requirements.

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Upper Division SES Branch Courses
AST 321: Stellar and Planetary Astrophysics
AST 322: Introduction to Galactic and Extragalactic Astrophysics
GLG 310: Structural Geology
GLG 321: Mineralogy
GLG 418: Geophysics
GLG 424: Petrology
GLG 471: Hydrology
GLG 481: Geochemistry
GLG 490: Remote Sensing
SES 311: Essentials of Astrobiology: Exploration for Life in the Universe
SES 330: Practical Electronics and Instrumentation
SES 350: Engineering Systems and Experimental Problem Solving (QTRS OR CS)

- **Total Hours:** 120
- **Upper Division Hours:** 45 minimum
- **University Undergraduate Graduation Requirements**

Notes:

Mathematics Placement Assessment score determines placement in first mathematics course.

Please keep in mind that the applicability of a specific transfer course toward an ASU degree program depends on the requirements of the department, division, college or school in which you are enrolled at ASU. Transfer agreements that guarantee the completion of university level requirements do not necessarily meet college and major requirements. Please consult with an advisor for more information.

General Studies designations listed next to courses on the major map were valid for the 2024 - 2025 academic year. Please refer to the course catalog for current General Studies designations at time of class registration. General Studies credit is applied according to the designation the course carries at the time the class is taken.