

Ten Facts about the Department of Geosciences

1. We are ranked #7 nationally in *US News and World Report* survey of graduate programs in Geology.
2. We are 29 faculty, 20 research scientists, 80 graduate students, and 100 undergraduate majors.
3. We excel in tectonics, geophysics, climate & surface dynamics, earth materials & geochemistry, and field programs.
4. Six graduate students currently have nationally-competitive fellowship support.
5. We graduate approximately 10 MS and 8 PhD students per year.
6. We maintain active research programs with ExxonMobil, ConocoPhillips, ChevronTexaco, Freeport-McMoRan, and Newmont.
7. Approximately 40% of our graduates pursue careers in energy and mineral resource industries.
8. External funding from all sources exceeds \$6M per year.
9. The UA is ranked #2 in funding from NSF's Division of Earth Sciences; thanks in large-part to the Department.
10. Geoscience programs will benefit from the UA's increased focus on earth and environmental sciences.



Student photos from GeoDaze slideshows.

New Developments

1. **School of Earth and Environmental Sciences**, effective 7/1/09, a federation of the Departments of Geosciences, Hydrology & Water Resources, Atmospheric Sciences, Soil, Water & Environmental Science, the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research, and the Accelerator Mass Spectrometry Laboratory. Departments continue within this new framework, increasing efficiencies in teaching, and fostering interdisciplinary research and education.
2. **Institute for Mineral Resources** is funded by a partnership between Science Foundation Arizona and mineral resource industries.
3. **COSA (Convergent Orogenic Systems Analysis)** is funded by ExxonMobil.

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