

Bowdoin College: Alumni/ae Survey of Geology Majors & Minors

Are you a (circle one): *Geology Major* *Geology Minor*

What is your current occupation? _____

Who is your current employer? _____

Have you completed or are you currently enrolled in any graduate degree(s) or program(s) since you graduated from Bowdoin? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, what graduate degree(s) or program(s) have you completed or are you currently enrolled in? Please indicate whether you have completed or are currently enrolled in the degree(s) or program(s).

Degree(s) or Program(s): _____

Institution(s): _____

Think back to when you were a student at Bowdoin and circle the number along the continuum that best reflects your opinion. If an item does not apply to you, simply skip the item.

How do you rate ...	Excellent	-----	Poor		
1. the quality of your interactions with Bowdoin geology faculty	5	4	3	2	1
2. the quality of the Bowdoin geology courses that you took	5	4	3	2	1
3. the degree of intellectual challenge in the Bowdoin geology courses that you took	5	4	3	2	1
4. the variety of course offerings in geology at Bowdoin	5	4	3	2	1
5. the availability of the Bowdoin geology courses that you wanted to take	5	4	3	2	1
6. the quality of the geology independent study courses that you took at Bowdoin	5	4	3	2	1
7. the sense of community within the Bowdoin geology department	5	4	3	2	1
8. the quality of the advising that you received in regards to your geology major or minor	5	4	3	2	1
9. the quality of the information that you received about summer opportunities in geology	5	4	3	2	1
10. the quality of your summer experiences in geology at Bowdoin	5	4	3	2	1
11. the opportunities to integrate your off-campus study experience with your study of geology at Bowdoin	5	4	3	2	1
12. the quality of the information that you received about graduate school opportunities in geology	5	4	3	2	1
13. the quality of the information that you received about career opportunities in geology	5	4	3	2	1

To what extent did your Bowdoin geology courses and interactions with Bowdoin geology faculty help you to develop or improve the following?

Your courses and interactions with faculty helped you to develop or improve ...	A Great Deal	4	3	2	Not At All
14. your ability to pose a research question	5	4	3	2	1
15. your ability to collect data	5	4	3	2	1
16. your ability to analyze and interpret data	5	4	3	2	1
17. your ability to use geologic instruments and equipment	5	4	3	2	1
18. your ability to bring a project to completion	5	4	3	2	1
19. your ability to read and understand geologic articles	5	4	3	2	1
20. your ability to apply information in geologic articles to research projects	5	4	3	2	1
21. your ability to find and use online references and resources	5	4	3	2	1
22. your ability to find and use library references and resources	5	4	3	2	1
23. your ability to write effectively	5	4	3	2	1
24. your ability to communicate well orally	5	4	3	2	1
25. your understanding of the applications of geology to "real-world" problems	5	4	3	2	1
26. your knowledge of geology	5	4	3	2	1

27. Overall, how satisfied were you with your geology major or minor?

- extremely satisfied
- somewhat satisfied
- not sure
- somewhat dissatisfied
- extremely dissatisfied

28. How well do you feel your geology major or minor prepared you for your current occupation?

- very well prepared
- well prepared
- not sure
- not well prepared
- not at all prepared

Open-Ended Questions

29. What led you to major or minor in *geology*? Did you intend to major or minor in *geology* when you entered Bowdoin? What influenced your decision to become a *geology* major or minor?

30. How did your perception of *geology* change while you were at Bowdoin?

31. How has your perception of *geology* changed since you left Bowdoin?

32. How were you impacted or changed by being a *geology* major or minor at Bowdoin?

33. Are there any geology courses offered that you think should be dropped or significantly changed? If so, which courses and why?

34. Are there any geology courses not offered that you think should be added to the geology curriculum? If so, what types of courses (or course material) and why?

35. What are your future plans?

36. Please share any other thoughts you have about the Bowdoin geology department, faculty or courses or your experience being a geology major or minor at Bowdoin.

Once you have completed the survey, please return it in the enclosed pre-stamped envelope.

Thank you!