



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Geosciences

UA Geosciences policy regarding admission of graduate students from the undergraduate program in the same department

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In general, both student and departmental/programmatic interests are best served by encouraging students who have received their BS degrees in UA Geosciences to pursue graduate education at other institutions or departments. Therefore, we reaffirm our general policy not to accept students with an undergraduate degree in Geosciences from the UA directly into the graduate program. Exceptions will be considered for compelling personal reasons or for extraordinary opportunities in the best interest of both the student and the Geosciences graduate program.

Following general policy, a faculty advocate should also concur with and support consideration of these exceptions. To evaluate such cases, we require that any graduate program application from a UA Geosciences undergraduate should be accompanied by a one-page request and explanation for the exception by the applicant. This request and explanation will be reviewed by the Graduate Admission Committee who will make a recommendation as to further consider the candidate for admission. The Graduate Admissions Committee will then make the final decision on admission in consultation with the appropriate faculty members.