Courses and research experiences on:

- Water availability & quality
- Food production
- Environmental health
- Energy development
- Mineral resource discovery
- Natural hazards (e.g., earthquakes and flooding)

Career opportunities growing in:

- Industry, especially environmental consulting
- Academia from high school teaching to community and 4-year colleges
- Government agencies especially in geospatial technologies

In addition to our wonderful climate, the El Paso region offers an excellent natural laboratory around our campus. The surrounding geological features, presence of the Rio Grande, and nearby agricultural, mining and energy projects provide excellent real-world opportunities for exploring critical challenges facing our world. We blend field-based studies with high-tech analytical and computational approaches to produce students who are sought after by industry, academia and government.

Our Department offers B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in:

- Geological Sciences
- Geophysics

And in conjunction with Faculty from Biology and Chemistry we also offer B.S. and M.S. degrees in:

- Environmental Sciences with concentrations in Geoscience, Hydroscience, Chemistry or Biology

Come join us!

This is not an environmental disaster! It is a "Travertine" deposit. Travertines are rocks deposited from spring waters, which provide important records of past climate, tectonic activity, and water movement in Earth's crust.

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Our faculty & students immerse themselves in research that includes many aspects of Earth materials, processes and human interactions.

Our research impacts society on the local, national and global scales in the areas of energy, water, food, minerals & health.

Our Geospatial Analytics and Technologies team is developing state-of-the-art GIS, remote sensing, data science, and intelligent unmanned aerial and ground systems to understand our region and other parts of the world. Topics such as water security & management allow students to interact with a broad array of disciplines across UTEP.

The Economic Geology team is addressing our nation’s need for critical minerals, dealing with fracking produced water, and training new entrepreneurial geoscientists.

DEERS seeks to support our students financially and in career development. This year’s students received approximately $45,000 in scholarships. Our faculty perform $2 million per year in externally-funded research involving students. We help our students find internships and start careers with companies and government agencies around the country.

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Geoscience careers give you the opportunity to visit incredible places!

Professor Aaron Velasco in the Kingdom of Bhutan

Professor Marianne Karplus & Colleagues in Antarctica

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Angela on board of the SSV Corwith Cramer Research Vessel