

**Gustavus Adolphus College Archives  
St. Peter, Minnesota**

**Geology Department. Records of the Geology Department, 1890-  
Ongoing.**

**GACA Collection 412**

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**ABSTRACT:**

The Geology Department collection contains correspondence, department chair files, lecture notes, syllabi, exams, a geology graduate directory, and clippings. Geology classes have been taught at Gustavus Adolphus College since 1889. A large collection of geological specimens can be found on campus in the Chester Johnson Geology Museum in Nobel Hall.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:**

Geology classes were first taught at Gustavus Adolphus College during the 1890 academic year as part of the physical sciences course offerings. It had moved under the natural history/sciences course offerings by 1894, and the 1913 course catalog showed Geology courses in their own section. When Chester Johnson joined the faculty in 1940, the Geology program began to develop into a more formal department.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

This collection is divided into three series: Administrative; Class Materials; and Miscellaneous.

**Administrative** consists of correspondence, department chair files, an inventory, purchase information, and a self-study.

**Class Materials** includes lecture notes, syllabi, and exams from various classes.

**Miscellaneous** contains an alumni directory, newsletters and clippings, and a summary of activities.

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**COLLECTION CITATION:**

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**ACQUISITION:**

Chester Johnson donated this collection at various times.

**PROCESSED BY:**

Adrianna Darden processed this collection and developed the finding aid during May 2017.

**SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

Gustavus Adolphus College. Geology Department.

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<b>Administrative, 1890, 1940-1984, and 2007</b>		
Correspondence, 1981 and 1984	1	1
Inventory of the Department of Geology and Geography, May 1967	2	17
Papers and Reports of Department Chair, 1941-72	1	2
Purchases, 1890 and 1940-67	2	18
Self-Study, 2007	2	22
<b>Class Materials, 1946-1978</b>		
Area Studies 331 - Oceanography, Fall 1972 and Fall 1973	1	3
Education 357/457 - General Science Methods for Teaching Elementary/Secondary Education, 1965-66, Summer 1968, and Summer 1972	1	4
Geology 100 - Geology in the National Parks, January 1977	1	5
Geology 101 - Physical Geology, 1946-69	1	6
Geology 101 - Principles of Geology, 1975-77	1	7
Geology 102 - Historical Geology/Earth History, 1947-78	1	8
Geology 103 - Earth, Air, and Sea, Fall 1964 and Fall 1965	1	9
Geology 104 - Solid Earth, Spring 1965 and Spring 1966	1	10
Geology 105 and 106 - Earth Science, 1970-74	1	11
Geology 107 - The Ice Age, January 1971	1	12
Geology 108 - Geology of Minnesota, January 1972 and January 1974	1	13
Geology 301 - Mineralogy, Fall 1963, Fall 1965, and 1970-76	2	1
Geology 301/302 - Minerals and Rocks, 1947-56	2	2
Geology 302 - Petrology, Spring 1964, Spring 1966, and 1971-77	2	3
Geology 305 - Paleontology, Fall 1954, Fall 1960, Fall 1962, and Fall 1964	2	4
Geology 401 - Geology of the United States, Fall 1964	2	5
Geology 401/402 - Structural Geology, Spring 1963, Spring 1965, and undated	2	6
Geology 491 - Earth Science Institute, Summer 1965	2	7
Science 100 - Great Concepts in Science: Evolution, January 1966, January 1967, January 1978, and undated	2	8
Science 100 - Radiation Studies, January 1964 and January 1965	2	9
Optical Mineralogy, January 1967/Optical Crystallography, Spring 1968	2	10
Geology Trips and Student Reflection Papers, 1964 and 1968-69	2	11
Science Workshops, June 1973 and June 1974	2	12
Sampling of Geology Exams, 1949, 1962-74, and undated	2	13
<b>Miscellaneous, 1940s-2018</b>		
Geology Alumni Directory, Spring 1987	2	14
Geology Museum, 2015	2	19
Geology of the Nicollet County Area, A Sesquicentennial Grant Project by Tara Selly, Jake Bruihler, and Todd Kremmin, 2011	2	21
Newsletter, 2014 and 2018	2	20

Newspaper Clippings, 1940s-70s	2	15
Summary of Activities in the Science Department prepared for the Caravan Seminars, April 1958	2	16