

DEPARTMENT OF

# GEOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

To help you get off to a great start, we recommend that you do the following before coming to campus:

## Evaluate your math background and prepare to enroll in the appropriate math course for your degree

- If you are ready for calculus, you should enroll in MATH 112X
- If you are ready for pre-calculus (but not calculus or don't need calculus) you should enroll in MATH 109
- If you are unsure of your math readiness, the Department of Mathematics offers a math placement test. Your score on the test will let you know which math course you should enroll in. For more information visit:

<https://www.byui.edu/mathematics/placement-system-aleks>

## Create a Graduation Plan

The Graduation Plan is a plan showing the courses you will take each semester until you finish your degree.

- Use the Grad Planner tool within the I-Plan software (see <https://iplan.byui.edu>).
- For details on the courses required for your major, you can pull up the university catalog at [www.byui.edu/catalog](http://www.byui.edu/catalog).
- If you have any trouble with I-Plan or the Grad Planner tool, contact the Advising Office at (208) 496-9880.



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Welcome to Geology! My name is Megan Sjoblom. I currently serve as the Geology and Environmental Science Department Chair. We look forward to getting to know you as you begin your studies in one of our three degree programs: Geology, Environmental Geoscience, or Earth Science Education. These are all great fields of study, and we are eager to help you as you work towards completing your degree.

## Find your faculty mentor

Sign in to <https://my.byui.edu/ics> and look for your mentor's information under the "Student" tab in the Academic Summary section. Feel free to contact your faculty mentor with any questions that you may have (although you should be aware that responses may be delayed between semesters when faculty are on break).

## We recommend that you take the following courses during your first semester:

- GEOL 111 and 111L – Introduction to Geology and Physical Geology Lab
- MATH 112X - Calculus I (or the appropriate math class if you are not ready for calculus)
- GE 101 - Growth and Grit
- REL 121 - Book of Mormon (or another cornerstone religion course)

COMPLETING THESE STEPS WILL HELP YOU BE PREPARED FOR YOUR EXPERIENCE AT BYU-IDAHO. IN ADDITION, PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING GENERAL ADVICE:

## Don't plan on just taking General Education (GE) courses during your first semester or two on campus

This approach prevents you from completing the math, chemistry and physics courses that are pre-requisites to other courses and may result in a delayed graduation.

## You should plan on doing more than just completing your coursework while you are at BYU-Idaho

Participating in student societies and student projects (such as those sponsored by the Geology Society and Student Chapter of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists) will enrich your experience at BYU-Idaho and will set you apart from other graduates.

## You should plan to complete at least one internship while you are off track

Completing an internship gives you valuable experience and can often lead you a full-time job offer. Earth Science Education majors will complete student teaching instead of an internship.



## Don't be afraid to ask questions

You have many resources available to you and many people who are eager to help you, including:

- The Advising Office (Chapman 103. Phone: 208-469-9880; [cpseadvising@byui.edu](mailto:cpseadvising@byui.edu))
- The department secretary (Romney 150. Phone: 208-496-7670)
- Your faculty mentor (see details above on faculty mentors)
- The department chair (see contact information above)

For additional information  
about the geology programs,  
visit the department web  
page  
<http://www.byui.edu/geology>

We look forward to seeing you on campus! Good luck as you prepare for a wonderful experience at BYU-Idaho!

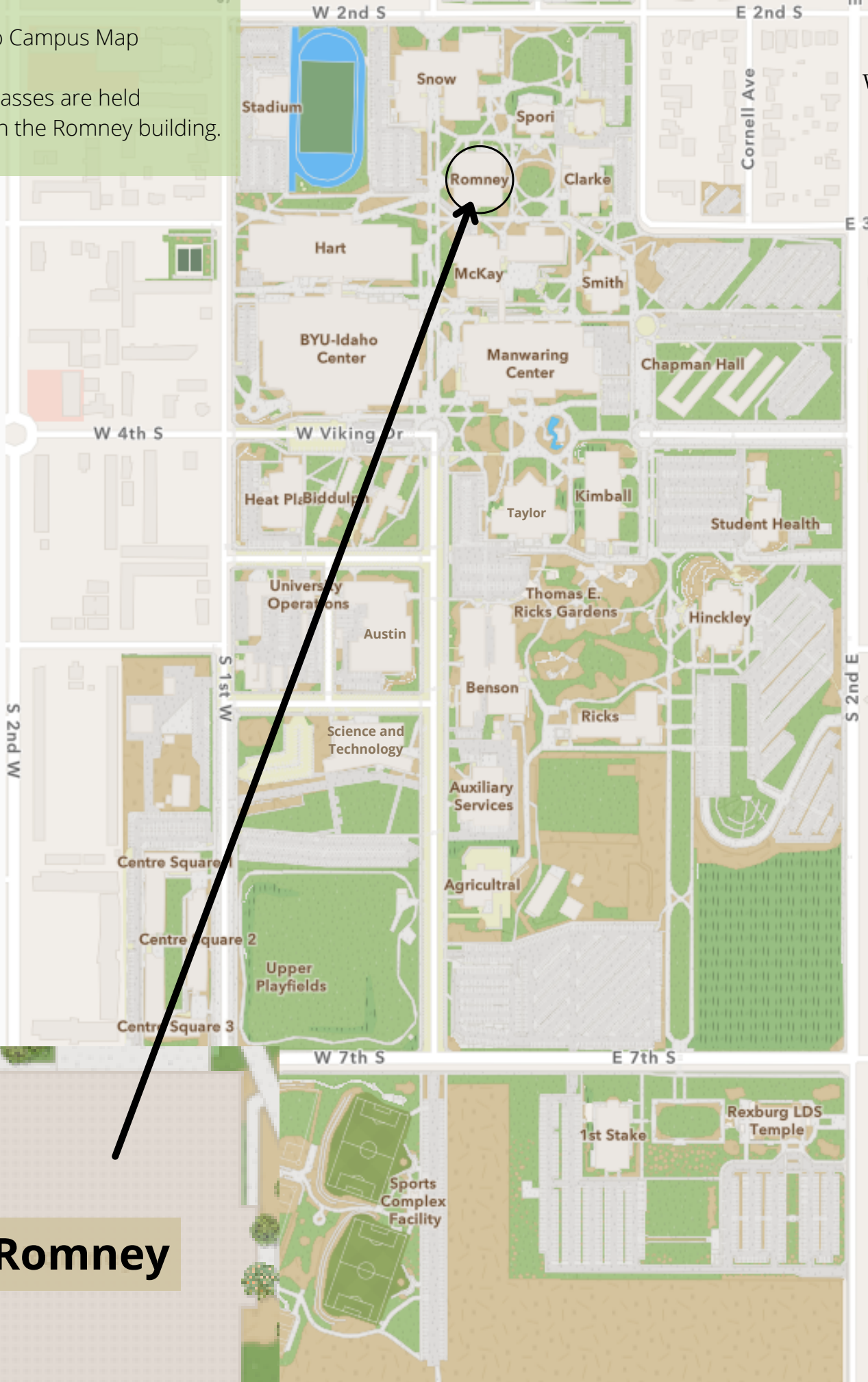
Sincerely,

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BYU-Idaho Campus Map

Geology classes are held primarily in the Romney building.



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