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B.A. in Earth and Planetary Sciences (Geology)

I took a class in the Earth and Planetary Sciences department my freshman year of college and participated in several camping/field trips to study areas of the country with interesting geological features or formations; the combination of “field work” (being outdoors/hiking/camping) and interesting science lured me away from the Physics Department. My job at an oil and gas exploration company involves creating geologic maps, identifying locations to drill for oil and/or gas, and managing the drilling, completion, and production of oil and gas wells.

Favorite classes in high school – Chemistry, English, Physics

Favorite classes in college– Vulcanology, Planetary Geology, Humanities

Dream job? Astronaut, Infectious Diseases Specialist, Nature Photographer

Advice: Take a wide range of courses in your first year of college and don’t be afraid to change your major, AND take classes that challenge you – getting a “B” is not the end of the world. Be confident but never pretend to know something that you don’t. Go outside!

