

**PROGRESSIVE DEGREE PROGRAM
COURSE PLAN TEMPLATE**

USC SCHOOL	Viterbi School of Engineering
ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT	Mork Family Department
GRADUATE PROGRAM	Petroleum Engineering Geoscience Technologies
POST CODE	1477
TERM EFFECTIVE DATE	Spring 2021

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A brief description of the graduate program.

Petroleum Engineering involves the technology of economically developing and producing subterranean reservoirs of oil, gas, steam, and hot water and designing underground waste disposal facilities. This technology relies on basic concepts of physics, chemistry, mathematics, geology, fluid mechanics, thermodynamics, and economics. Because more than 300 products are derived from petroleum, it has become a vital part of our everyday life. The petroleum industry is one of the largest and most prominent in the United States today, and the companies involved are dependent on the services of petroleum engineers to explore, discover, and produce oil and gas to meet energy needs.

COMMON BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAM PATHWAYS

A list of common bachelor's degrees that undergraduate students pursue in advance of pursuing a progressive degree option with this graduate program. Some programs are restricted to certain majors while others are open to all students.

Petroleum Engineering	Chemical Engineering
Chemical Engineering (Petroleum Emphasis)	

PREPARATORY UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

A list of courses at the undergraduate level that prepare students for the graduate program. Required coursework is listed first, followed by recommended courses. If not applicable, this section will be blank.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Required or Recommended	Units
PTE 411	Introduction to Transprt Processes in Porous Media	Recommended	3
PTE 412	Petroleum Reservoir Engineering	Recommended	3
PTE 461	Formation Data Sensing with Well Logs	Recommended	3
PTE 466	Petroleum Geology	Recommended	3
PTE 500	Computational Reservoir Modeling	Recommended	3

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UNDERGRADUATE COURSES USED TO REDUCE GRADUATE LEVEL UNITS

A list of undergraduate level courses that may be used to reduce the number of graduate level units required for the graduate program. If there are none, that is specified instead.

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
	NONE	

CORE GRADUATE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (30 units required)

A list of all required graduate courses for the graduate program. None of these courses may be used toward satisfying undergraduate degree requirements.

If special exceptions for any of these courses are made by the academic department, the course # is marked with an asterisk () and the exception is explained in the "Department Notes" section at the end of this course plan template.*

Dept. Prefix - Course #	Course Title	Units
PTE 507	Engineering and Economic Evaluation of Subsurface Reservoirs	3
PTE 508	Numerical Simulation of Subsurface Flow and Transport Processes	3
PTE 517	Testing of Wells and Aquifers	3
PTE 531	Enhanced Oil and Gas Recovery	4
PTE 555	Well Competition, Stimulation, and Damage Control	3
PTE 582	Fluid Flow and Transport Processes in Porous Media	3
PTE 502	Advanced Reservoir Characterization	3
PTE 503	Technology of Unconventional Oil and Gas Resources Development	3
PTE 504	Geophysics for Petroleum Engineers	3
PTE 505	Inverse Modeling for Dynamics Data Integration	3
PTE 572L	Applied Geostatistical Modeling for Subsurface Characterization	4
PTE 592	Geomechanics for Energy and Environment	4

PRE-APPROVED ELECTIVE COURSEWORK

Elective coursework is approved at the discretion of the academic department. Note the following details about the total number and units required of elective coursework.

4

TOTAL ELECTIVE UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE

4

TOTAL ELECTIVE UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE PROGRESSIVE GRADUATE DEGREE

TOTAL UNIT COUNTS AND REQUIRED GRADUATE UNITS

34

TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED FOR THE TRADITIONAL GRADUATE DEGREE

0

TOTAL GRADUATE UNITS THAT MAY BE WAIVED (IF ANY)

34

MINIMUM NUMBER OF GRADUATE UNITS THAT MUST BE AT THE 500 LEVEL OR ABOVE

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NOTES FROM THE DEPARTMENT

This section highlights any unique considerations, exceptions, or requirements for the graduate program. If a program has specific restrictions (courses, majors, etc.), they are detailed below.

- The number of units required for both the graduate and PDP degrees are the same. Students are not eligible for course waivers for graduate requirements toward PDP unit total.
- Required core classes include: PTE 502, 503, 507, 508, 517, 531, 555, 582. However students have to pick two core classes from the following list: 504, 505, 572L 592
- Students are also asked to complete 3-4 units of an elective course in Petroleum Engineering

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Authorizing Dean's Name

April 7, 2021

Date Approved

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