The Geology Department at Oregon State got its start in 1914 (then OAC), one year after the Oregon Legislature approved the establishment of the School of Mines, which became the School of Science and Mines in 1913. The first woman to graduate from (then) Corvallis College, did quite well according to her 1870 transcript. Alice E. Biddle, the first woman to have four departments, including geology. But geology courses were offered through various programs for scores of years before that. In Alice Biddle's day, the geology instruction was necessary for thorough rooms and all the appliances with commodious, well-ventilated with_O. A. C. preparations.

In 1870 Alice Biddle's report card. She married professor William Moreland. A statue of her likeness is east of the Memorial Union.

Geology
- Geology and Mineralogy.
- Geology and Physics.
- Geology and Agriculture.
- Geology and Engineering.
- Geology and Mining.

Earliest geology courses were offered through the School of Mines, which was established by the State Legislature in 1900 and geology courses existed as service instruction. The U.S. Bureau of Mines was created in 1910 and brought in geologists to teach classes at OSU while the Oregon Bureau of Mines was established under Dean Parks 1913. Professor Henry M. Parks was the first to teach courses.

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Students Enrolled: 3 Juniors, 2 Seniors, 6 Grads, 1 "special"

Completion of junior year course work is the prerequisite.

- Field work in Geology and Mining
- Mapping and Field Surveying
- Stratigraphy
- Sedimentary and Structural Geology
- Paleontology


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