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READING LIST

Course Title: Geology: An Introduction to the Science of Planet Earth
Location: Department of Earth Sciences, Oxford
Term Dates: 07 Oct 2026 to 02 Dec 2026
Tutor: Carol Lister

The reading list below was supplied by the course tutor.

If you have enrolled on a course starting in the autumn, you can become a borrowing member of the Rewley House library from 1st September. If you are enrolled on a course starting in other terms, you can become a borrowing member once the previous term has ended. For example, students starting in January can join the Library in early December and those starting in April can join in early March.

If you are planning to purchase any books, please keep in mind that courses with insufficient students enrolled will be cancelled. The Department accepts no responsibility for books bought in anticipation of a course running.

Preparatory Reading List

The items on this list are to give you some background to the materials and ideas that we will be covering on the course.

Author	Title
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Rothery, D	<i>Geology: a complete introduction, 2015 Teach Yourself Books.</i>
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Zalasiewicz, Jan	<i>How to read a rock</i>
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Course Reading List

The items on this list are to support your learning while you are taking the course.

Author	Title
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Fortey, Richard A	<i>Fossils: the key to the past, 5th edition, 2023 Cornell University Press (Previous editions also good)</i>
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Grotzinger J, Jordan TH	<i>Understanding earth, 8th edition, 2020. MacMillan Education.</i>
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- Park, G *Introducing geology, 3rd edition, 2019, Dunedin Academic Press*
 (Also any other books in this series published by Dunedin
 Academic Press)
- Pellant C, Pellant H *The Natural History Museum Book of Rocks and Minerals, 2020*
 (A reference book to be used while on the course)