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Geoscience Currents 60: Female U.S. geoscience enrollments and degrees remain steady in 2011

Alexandria, VA – The American Geosciences Institute has released Geoscience Currents 60, which examines female enrollments and degrees in the geosciences over time. In 2011, the Current concludes, female participation in U.S. geoscience degree programs remained generally steady. After decades of steady growth in the rate of female participation, there has been little change since 2005. Several interesting trends are also noted, including declines in doctorates awarded following economic downturns, and that women appear to have slightly higher degree completion rates than men at the Bachelor's and Master's levels.

Geoscience Currents 60 can be found online and downloaded from <http://www.agiweb.org/workforce/currents.html>.

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