The UBC Student Chapter of the Society of Economic Geologists regularly organizes short courses on topics relating to economic geology and geoscience. These short courses typically fall into one of two categories: geologic courses focusing on specific districts or mineral deposit types; and technical courses designed to educate chapter members on new software or analytical techniques.

On Thursday, February 2, 2012 the UBC SEG student chapter hosted Pim Van Geffen and Britt Bluemel of IoGlobal Solutions Inc. to provide an introduction to their IoGAS software program. IoGAS is a program designed for the interpretation of geochemical datasets in a mineral exploration context. Topics covered during the course included importing, leveling, and interpretation of geochemical datasets. Course participants had the opportunity to work with their own datasets and to receive feedback from Pim and Britt in a small group setting. This course was the third-such IoGAS workshop organized by the UBC Student Chapter in the last two years, and continues to be popular amongst students. Thanks to Pim and Britt for their participation and willingness to provide geochemical expertise.

In addition to this type of short course, the UBC SEG student chapter regularly organizes lectures by industry and academic speakers. The chapter also organizes economic geology field trips and hosts student-industry mixers and social events. For more information on our chapter activities, or to arrange a lecture or short course, please contact chapter president Ben Hames (bhames@eos.ubc.ca).