SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Classification of Undergraduate Students

NUMBER: Policy II-8-2 (Formerly Policy II-C-5)

The classification of undergraduate students is established in South Dakota Board of Regents policy.

1. An undergraduate student is assigned an admissions category as either a degree-seeking or a non-degree seeking student.
   A. Different applications are required for each admissions category. Once admitted as a non-degree seeking student, a student must apply for admission and be admitted as a degree seeking student in order to move to degree-seeking status.
   B. Non-degree seeking students are not eligible for student financial aid.

2. Freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior classification of undergraduate students is based on accumulated credits for courses passed.
   - 0 - 3129 credits - Freshman
   - 3230 - 6359 credits - Sophomore
   - 6460 - 9589 credits - Junior
   - 9690 or more credits - Senior

3. A full-time undergraduate student is defined as a student who is enrolled in at least 12 credit hours during a regular semester or at least 6 credit hours total during the summer term. A three-quarter time student is one who is enrolled in 6 to 8 credit hours during a regular semester or at least 3 credit hours total during the summer term. Students who are enrolled for credit in the SDSM&T Cooperative Education Program are considered to be full-time students.


BOR reference: Policy 2:3.4; Policy 2:10.3, Policy 2:29