

Graduate Education

Application Semester	Deadline
Fall (August)	February 15
Spring (January)	August 15
Summer (June)*	January 15

*Summer admittance is available for all online programs. Summer admittance is only available for campus programs at the discretion of the program.

Some programs may consider applications after the stated deadlines and some may have additional or different deadlines. Please refer to the specific program website for more information.

Applicant files will not be considered for acceptance until all of the required application materials are received. Applications completed by the deadlines listed will, in most cases, receive a decision within one month or less of the deadline.

Financial Assistance: Applicants applying to campus programs will automatically be considered for assistantship support based on the information provided in your application materials. No further information is required. Construction Engineering & Management and Engineering Management are primarily online programs and do not offer assistantship funding.

Required application materials for all degree seeking applicants:

- **Completed application form**, submitted online at sdsmt.edu/GraduateEducation. Paper applications are also accepted.
- **\$35.00 application fee**, payable online by credit card at the time of application or by check or money order via postal mail.
- **Official transcripts from all U.S. institutions attended**, if applicable. Transcripts must be sent directly to SDSM&T by the issuing institution. Transcripts sent directly by the applicant are not accepted. Scanned copies are not accepted. A GPA of 3.0 is typically required; students with exceptional ability may apply with less than 3.0 GPA. Evidence of degree completion (final transcript) must be submitted prior to enrollment. If you have attended a South Dakota Regental institution (BHSU, DSU, NSU, SDSM&T, SDSU, or USD), you do not need to request your transcript to be sent to us; this will be provided for you.

Additional required materials for all degree seeking international applicants:

- **Third party foreign transcript evaluation** for all foreign institutions attended, including evidence of your bachelor's degree. SDSM&T graduate programs require a course-by-course evaluation report sent directly to SDSM&T by the evaluating entity at the time of application. For more information, visit wes.org or ece.org. Transcripts sent directly to SDSM&T are not accepted in place of the required transcript evaluation. Scanned copies are not accepted. A GPA of 3.0 is typically required; students with exceptional ability may apply with less than 3.0 GPA. Applicants may apply prior to bachelor's degree completion; evidence of degree completion (along with a final transcript) must be submitted prior to enrollment.
- **Evidence of English proficiency**, with the exception of applicants from countries where English is the native language. Applicants holding a degree from a U.S. institution may be considered for exemption. The SDSM&T school code for TOEFL reports is 6652.

English Proficiency Test	Minimum score*	Upper level score**
TOEFL – IBT (internet based)	68	83
TOEFL – PBT (paper based)	520	560
IELTS	5.5	6.5

*Minimum scores require English proficiency testing upon arrival at the university. **Note that Engineering Management will consider only applications meeting the upper level score criteria.**

**Upper level scores indicate that no additional proficiency test is required by the university. However, additional testing may be required based on the student's performance on other placement exams, in the classroom or by the academic program.



Additional required materials for most programs*:

- **One page statement of purpose**/personal statement of goals and research interests.
- **GRE score report:** The SDSM&T school code is 6652. A department copy is not required. Scores of 50% or higher are recommended; strong quantitative scores are expected. For more information regarding the GRE test, visit ets.org/gre.
- **Three letters of recommendation:** Provide the email addresses of three references when you apply online. The recommender will receive an email to complete an online form. Recommendations can also be submitted via email or postal mail, but must be received directly from the recommender.

*refer to the program materials requirements chart for a list of requirements by program

SD Mines Accelerated Applicants: The Accelerated MS Interim Advising form must be approved by a program representative and submitted to the Graduate Office prior to being considered for admission. Download the form here: <http://www.sdsmt.edu/Academics/Graduate-Education/Grad-Ed-Forms/>.

Special instructions for non-degree seeking applicants:

- **Non-degree seeking U.S. applicants:** only the admissions application and official US transcripts (including evidence of your bachelor's degree) are required.
- **Non-degree seeking international applicants:** only the admissions application, English proficiency scores, and third party transcript evaluation are required. (Please note that if you plan to attend courses on campus, international students must be degree-seeking for student visa purposes.)

Applications tips and frequently asked questions:

- The online admissions application cannot be saved while in progress (you will need to complete the form in one session).
- The completed application cannot be edited once it is submitted.
- Be prepared to enter the following information when submitting the online admissions application:
 - * \$35 application processing fee (payable by credit card at the time of application)
 - * 1 page statement of purpose (to be uploaded with the admissions application)
 - * Names and email addresses of 3 references, if recommendations are required by the program
 - * Names and dates of all institutions attended after high school/secondary school
 - * Academic awards and achievements
 - * Employment history
- The application fee can be paid online only at the time of application. If you are paying with a credit card, be sure to have this information ready at the time you apply online.
- Your application package is not complete and the review process will not begin until all required documents are received by SDSM&T.
- Official copies of all documents are required to be sent to us directly by the issuing institution. We do not accept scanned or unofficial copies of any documents. Official PDF transcripts sent directly to us from the issuing institution are accepted. Recommendations are accepted via email if they are sent directly to us by the recommender. The statement of purpose can be emailed to us if it is not uploaded with the admissions application.
- Applicants who submit all documents before the deadlines stated on page 1 will generally receive a decision within 1 month or less of the stated deadline. Decisions will be communicated via email and postal mail.
- All funding decisions are made by the department or program based on your completed admissions application. Funding decisions are typically communicated separately from the admissions decisions.

Send all application materials to:

South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

Graduate Education

501 East Saint Joseph Street, C2201

Rapid City, SD 57701

Website: sdsmt.edu/GraduateEducation

Email: Graduate.Admissions@sdsmt.edu

Phone: (605) 355-3468

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SDSM&T Program Specific Required Documents

(in addition to documents required from all applicants for all programs)



Program/Department	GRE	3 letters of recommendation	GRE for SD Mines students/alumni	Other notes
Atmospheric & Environmental Sciences (MS & PhD)	yes	yes	no	
Biomedical Engineering (MS & PhD)	yes	yes	no	
Chemical Engineering (MS) Chemical & Biological Engineering (PhD)	yes	yes	no	
Civil & Environmental Engineering (MS & PhD)	yes	yes	no	GRE is waived for non-thesis Master's applicants. Non-thesis students are typically self-funded.
Computational Sciences & Robotics (MS)	no	yes	no	
Construction Engineering & Management (MS)	no	yes	no	CEM is a coursework only program primarily offered online, and does not offer assistantships.
Electrical Engineering (MS)	Yes	yes	no	GRE is waived for (1) Mines students and alumni, (2) graduates of ABET accredited institutions, and (3) non-thesis Master's applicants. Non-thesis students are typically self-funded. Third party transcript evaluation waived for international transcripts.
Engineering Management (MS)	no	no	no	Minimum TOEFL of 83 or IELTS 6.5 or higher is required for international applicants. ENMG is primarily an online program and does not offer assistantships. ENMG is typically a coursework only program; a thesis option is available on campus.
Geology and Geological Engineering (MS) Geology, Geological Engineering, & Mining Engineering (PhD) (Geology & Geological Engineering specializations)	yes	yes	yes	GRE is waived for accelerated MS applicants (applies only to Mines undergraduate students applying to the accelerated MS track).
Master of Engineering	no	no	no	Master of Engineering is a coursework only program. Students are typically self-funded.
Materials Engineering & Science (MS & PhD)	yes	yes	no	
Mechanical Engineering (MS & PhD)	yes	yes	no	
Mining Engineering & Management (MS) Geology, Geological Engineering, and Mining Engineering (PhD) (Mining Engineering specialization)	yes	yes	no	The MS program is available via distance delivery or on campus. GRE may be waived for distance students with significant work experience. A thesis option is available on campus. Campus students may be considered for assistantship funding.
Nanoscience & Nanoengineering (PhD)	yes	yes	no	
Paleontology (MS)	Yes	Yes	yes	GRE is waived for accelerated MS applicants (applies only to Mines undergraduate students applying to the accelerated MS track).
Physics (MS & PhD)	yes	yes	yes	GRE is waived for Mines students and alumni applying to the MS program. Assistantship funding is available in the PhD program only. Third party transcript evaluation waived for international transcripts.