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Accelerated master’s programs: The deadline for South Dakota Mines students applying to an accelerated master’s program is the start of the final semester of the bachelor’s degree.

Distance students planning to attend online may apply up to 30 days prior to the start of the term. Start terms are available in Fall, Spring, and Summer.

Applicant files will not be considered for acceptance until all 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 be considered for assistantship support by the academic program based on the complete application package. No further information is required. Funding decisions are typically communicated separately from admissions decisions. (Construction Engineering & Management and Engineering Management do not offer assistantship funding.)

Required application materials for all degree seeking applicants:

- Completed application form, submitted online at sdsmt.edu/GraduateEducation.
- $35.00 application fee, payable online by credit card at the time of application.
- One page statement of purpose, or personal statement of goals and research interests, to be uploaded with the application.
- Official transcripts from all U.S. institutions attended. Transcripts must be sent directly by the issuing institution. Documents can be sent electronically or by postal mail. Transcripts sent directly by the student are not accepted. A GPA of 3.0 is typically required; students with significant professional work experience 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 these transcripts to be sent to us.

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Additional required materials for degree seeking international applicants:

- **Evidence of English proficiency.** Applicants who completed a degree from a country where English is the official native language are exempt from this requirement. The SDSM&T school code for TOEFL reports is 6652.

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- Third party foreign transcript evaluation for all foreign institutions attended. A course-by-course evaluation report sent directly to us by the evaluating entity is required for most programs prior to being considered for enrollment. 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. A GPA of 3.0 is typically required; students with significant professional work experience 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.

A few programs do not require the transcript evaluation*. Applicants to these programs may proceed with sending official transcripts in place of the evaluation when they apply. The transcripts should be sent to us directly by the issuing institution, or the transcripts must be mailed in an envelope stamped and sealed by the institution. The transcript evaluation is required for ALL programs unless otherwise noted.

*refer to the [program admission requirements](#) page for a list of requirements by program.

Additional required materials for most programs*:

- **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](http://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.

**SD Mines Accelerated Applicants:** The Accelerated MS Advising form must be completed prior to being considered for admission. Download the form here: [http://www.sdsmt.edu/Academics/Graduate-Education/Grad-Ed-Forms/](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 a copy of your US transcripts (including evidence of your bachelor’s degree) are required.

- **Non-degree seeking international applicants:** only the admissions application, evidence of English proficiency, and a copy of your transcripts are required. (Please note that if you plan to attend courses on campus, international students must be degree-seeking for student visa purposes.)

An official transcript is required before earning a certificate of enrolling in a degree program.

Send all application materials to:

**South Dakota Mines**  
**Graduate Education**  
501 East Saint Joseph Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701

Website: [sdsmt.edu/GraduateEducation](http://sdsmt.edu/GraduateEducation)  
Email: [Graduate.Admissions@sdsmt.edu](mailto:Graduate.Admissions@sdsmt.edu)  
Phone: (605) 355-3468

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