



SOUTH DAKOTA MINES Office of Graduate Education

Application instructions

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 by exception for campus programs.

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

Financial Assistance: Applicants applying to campus programs will be considered for assistantship support by the respective program based on the complete application package. No further information is required. Funding decisions are typically communicated separately from the admissions decisions. Construction Engineering & Management, Engineering Management, and Master of Engineering are primarily non-thesis programs and 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.
- **Official transcripts from all U.S. institutions attended.** Transcripts must be sent directly by the issuing institution. Scanned copies or transcripts sent by the applicant 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 these transcripts to be sent to us.

(See reverse side for additional instructions)

Send all application materials to:

**South Dakota Mines
Graduate Education**

501 East Saint Joseph Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Website: sdsmt.edu/GraduateEducation

Email: Graduate.Admissions@sdsmt.edu

Phone: (605) 355-3468



Additional required materials for degree seeking international applicants:

- **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 more 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. 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.** 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.

English Proficiency Test	Minimum score*	Upper level score**
TOEFL – IBT (internet based)	68	83
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

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 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/>.

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.)

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Program Specific Required Documents
(in addition to documents required from all applicants for all programs)

Program/Department	International transcript evaluation	GRE exam*	3 letters of recommendation	Additional notes
Atmospheric & Environmental Sciences (MS & PhD)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Biomedical Engineering (MS & PhD)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Chemical Engineering (MS)				GRE is waived for the 2021/2022 application year.
Chemical & Biological Engineering (PhD)	Yes	No	Yes	
Civil & Environmental Engineering (MS & PhD)	Yes	Yes	Yes	GRE is waived for non-thesis Master's applicants. Non-thesis students are typically self-funded. Recommendations required for external applicants only.
Computer Science & Engineering (MS)	No	No	Yes	
Construction Engineering & Management (MS)	Yes	No	Yes	CEM is an online coursework only program and does not offer assistantships.
Electrical Engineering (MS & PhD)	No	No	Yes	The GRE is recommended but not required. 2 letters of recommendation are required for external applicants only.
Engineering Management (MS)	Yes	No	No	Minimum TOEFL of 83 or IELTS 6.5 required for international students. ENMG is primarily an online coursework only program and does not offer assistantships.
Geology and Geological Engineering (MS)				
Geology, Geological Engineering, & Mining Engineering (PhD) (Geology & Geological Engineering specializations)	Yes	No	Yes	
Industrial Engineering	Yes	No	Yes	GRE is required for students with less than 3.0 GPA. 1 reference is required.
Master of Engineering	Yes	No	No	MEng is an online coursework only program and does not offer assistantships.
Materials Engineering & Science (MS & PhD)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Mechanical Engineering (MS & PhD)	Yes	No	Yes	
Mining Engineering & Management (MS)				The MS program is available via distance delivery or on campus. The GRE is waived for distance students. A thesis option is available on campus. Campus students may be considered for assistantship funding.
Geology, Geological Engineering, and Mining Engineering (PhD) (Mining Engineering specialization)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Nanoscience & Nanoengineering (MS & PhD)	No	Yes	Yes	Assistantship funding is available in the PhD program only.
Paleontology (MS)	Yes	No	Yes	
Physics (MS & PhD)	No	Yes	Yes	Assistantship funding is available in the PhD program only.

*GRE exam is waived for Mines students and alum except for Physics.