



SOUTH DAKOTA MINES

Fall Commencement 2021

PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT

Commencement Regalia:

If you have not already done so, you must place your required regalia rental order with the Rocker Shop immediately! You may stop by the store to do so, or you can use this link: <https://sdmines.sdsmt.edu/order-regalia>

Rental price for AA and BS graduates for Fall 2021 is \$34.99 + tax. Rental regalia must be picked up no later than Friday, December 17 at 4:30 p.m. You may also order announcements and diploma frames from the Rocker Shop at sdsmtbookstore.com.

Disability Accommodations:

If you require disability accommodations for yourself, it is imperative that you let [Amanda Lopez](#), ADA Coordinator know by November 26, 2021. Handicap accessible seating is available for guests in the Fine Arts Theater.

Alumni Open House:

The Alumni Relations Office would like to invite you to the Fall 2021 Alumni Welcome Reception. The reception will be held, Friday, December 3 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Robbinsdale Lounge (805 E. Saint Patrick Street). Local alumni will join in congratulating and welcoming you as Mines Alumni family. Appetizers will be provided, and you'll have a chance at raffle prizes. You must be present to win. Please [RSVP here](#) to let us know you plan on attending.

Commencement Etiquette:

Out of courtesy to others, please ask guests to refrain from bringing noise making instruments to commencement.

COMMENCEMENT

- SATURDAY, December 18, 2021, The Monument Fine Arts Theater, 444 Mount Rushmore Rd.
- ALL GRADUATING SENIORS SHOULD **ARRIVE BY 8:00 AM AND BE IN LINE BY 8:30 AM**
- At **9:00 am** we will proceed to the Fine Arts Theater in a single file line according to the order in which you will receive your diploma as listed in the program. Please note, if you are receiving two degrees you should line up in the major that appears first in the program alphabetically. Graduating students (A.A., B.S., M.S., and Ph.D.) will be seated as indicated in a future e-mail. You will be directed to the stage at the appropriate time by an usher, one row at a time.
- Your mortar board should be worn flat on your head, with the tassel on the right-hand side for associate's and bachelor's degree candidates. It will not be necessary to change your tassel as you go across the stage to receive your diploma cover; the President will instruct you to do so once you have received your diploma cover and all graduates have returned to their seats. Masters and Ph.D. students' tassels are always on the left-hand side. Men should remove their caps for the presentation and removal of the flags.
- Please do not leave your rental regalia in the back-stage area. The Rocker Shop will have a booth set up to check-in your regalia rental, so you can return it immediately after the ceremony. Bachelor's and master's degree candidates will need to return the gown only. Ph.D. candidates will need to return the gown as well as the Ph.D. hood.
- Your official commencement photos will be taken by The Grad Team. You will see your proofs via email a few days after the ceremony. You can also view and order your portraits at TheGradTeam.com/events.

FINAL CHECK-OUT RESPONSIBILITIES

- All graduating students are responsible for completing the following steps prior to leaving the campus. Individual final transcripts and diplomas are held until all obligations are met.
- All keys that you have checked out for access to any building or room must be returned to Facilities Services. If you live in the residence halls, you must return residence hall keys to the Office of Residence Life.
- All library books and rental books must be returned.
- Any equipment, books, or other materials which you may have borrowed from a department must be returned.
- Return tablet computer and accessories to Tablet Central no later than December 17, 2021 unless other arrangements have been made with Bradley O'Brien (bradley.obrien@sdsmt.edu or call 394-2215).
- Any unpaid bills due to the business office, or any other department, must be paid in full.
- The South Dakota Mines email account set up for your use while you are a student will be discontinued several months after your departure. E-mail contact information that may extend into your post-graduation activities outside of this institution will be affected. Therefore, we advise you to establish a non-Mines account as soon as possible.
- Students who may fail a course, fall short on credit hours, or receive an "I" or "IP" grade will not receive their diplomas until such time as the academic problems or deficiencies have been fulfilled.

OTHER INFORMATION

M-Hill is accessible (conditions permitting) by foot for you to take your family members to see your name on the commencement plaque. Please note that only the names of the graduating bachelor's degree students are printed on the plaque.

CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Please complete the post-graduation survey found [here](#). All career related information collected is used for statistical purposes only. If you are still seeking employment, the Career and Professional Development Center is here to help you in your search.