



SOUTH DAKOTA MINES Office of Graduate Education

Application instructions

Application Semester	Deadline for external applicants for campus programs
Fall (August)	February 15
Spring (January)	August 15

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.

(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



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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.

English Proficiency Test	Minimum score*
Duolingo	105
IELTS	6.5
TOEFL – IBT (internet based)	79

- 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.

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.
- **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/>.

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.)

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

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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	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Biomedical Engineering	No	Yes	Yes	
Chemical & Biological Engineering	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Civil & Environmental Engineering	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	No	No	Yes	
Construction Engineering & Management	Yes	No	Yes	CEM is an online coursework only program and does not offer assistantships.
Data Science & Engineering	Yes	No	Yes	
Electrical Engineering	Yes	Yes	Yes	GRE and transcript evaluation are waived for the MS program. 2 recommendations are required for external applicants only.
Engineering Management	Yes	No	No	ENMG is primarily an online coursework only program and does not offer assistantships.
Geology and Geological Engineering	Yes	No	Yes	
Green & Sustainable Chemistry	Yes	No	Yes	
Industrial Engineering	Yes	No	Yes	GRE is required for students with less than 3.0 GPA. 1 reference is required.
Materials Engineering & Science	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Mechanical Engineering	Yes	No	Yes	
Mining Engineering & Management	Yes	Yes	Yes	The MS program is available via distance delivery or on campus. The GRE is waived for distance students. Campus students may be considered for assistantship funding.
Nanoscience & Nanoengineering	No	Yes	Yes	
Paleontology	Yes	No	Yes	
Physics	No	Yes	Yes	Assistantship funding is available in the PhD program only.

*The GRE exam is waived for Mines students and alum in all programs.