Mining and Mineral Resources Engineering

(Major [Mining Engineering], Courses, Faculty)

Mining engineers engage in planning, design, development and management of surface and underground mining operations for extraction of the earth's mineral deposits. The Mining Engineering Program prepares graduates to meet the challenges of the mining industry with emphasis on the coal and aggregate industries.

The missions of the Department are: to provide quality engineers to meet current trained manpower needs for exploration and extraction of regional minerals resources in an environmentally acceptable manner; advance the mining engineering discipline by engaging in basic and applied research, with emphasis on solving regional problems; and to transfer and apply new technical knowledge to enhance the competitive position of the state and national minerals industry.

Program Educational Objectives

Our undergraduate degree in mining engineering prepares our students for careers in or related to the mining industry. Within three to five years of graduation, our students will:

1. Have the ability to practice mining engineering in global, sustainable and societal contexts.
2. Have skills needed for effective communication, teamwork and creative thinking.
3. Have the ability to pursue advanced education and/or lifelong learning to support career development in a broad range of mining related fields.
4. Have the education and background to always act in a safe, professional and ethical manner.

Student Outcomes

Student outcomes describe what students are expected to know and be able to do by the time of graduation. These relate to the skills, knowledge, and behaviors that students acquire as they progress through the program. In order to meet our program educational objectives, we will prepare our students to know the following:

1. The ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering.
2. The ability to design and conduct experiments, as well as to analyze and interpret data.
3. The ability to design a system, component, or process to meet desired needs within realistic constraints such as economic, environmental, social, political, ethical, health and safety, manufacturability, and sustainability.
4. The ability to function on multi-disciplinary teams.
5. The ability to identify, formulate and solve engineering problems.
6. An understanding of professional and ethical responsibility.
7. The ability to communicate effectively.
8. The broad education necessary to understand the impact of engineering solutions in a global, economic, environmental, and societal context.
9. A recognition of the need for and an ability to engage in lifelong learning.
10. Knowledge of contemporary issues.
11. The ability to use the techniques, skills and modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice.

Coursework in the program includes such areas as surface and underground mining systems, mine ventilation, ground control and rock mechanics, mineral and coal processing, material handling systems, engineering economics, mine environment, health and safety engineering, probability and statistics applications, and computer-aided mine design. Facilities include modern, well-equipped rock mechanics, mine ventilation, mineral processing, material handling, mine environment, and computer laboratories.

After completing the program, the graduate may work in an engineering or management position for mining industries, environmental companies, construction industries, oil companies, equipment manufacturers, research organizations, or government agencies. The coursework also provides strong preparation for further study at the graduate level. The undergraduate program in mining engineering is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, http://www.abet.org.

Bachelor of Science Degree in Mining Engineering, College of Engineering

MINING ENGINEERING MAJOR

University Core Curriculum Requirements ........................................ 39

Foundation Skills ................................................................. 13
    English 101, 102 ............................................................. 6
    Mathematics (substitute Mathematics in ................................ 3
    Communication Studies 101 ................................................ 3
    University College 101 ..................................................... 14

Disciplinary Studies ............................................................... 23
    Fine Arts ........................................................................... 3
    Human Health (BIOL 202 or approved substitute) .................... 2
    Humanities ....................................................................... 6
    Science (substitute Physics and Chemistry) ............................. 6
    Social Science .................................................................... 6
    Integrative Studies .............................................................. 3
    Multicultural ...................................................................... 3

Requirements for Major in Mining Engineering ............................. (9) + 87

Basic Science ................................................................. (6) + 9
PHYS 205A, 255A ................................................................. (3) + 1
CHEM 200, 201 ................................................................. (3) + 1
GEOL 220 or 222, 302 ..................................................... 7

Mathematics ................................................................. (3) + 14
MATH 150, 250, 251, 305 .................................................. (3) + 11
MNGE 417 ................................................................. 3

Science/Math Elective ............................................................. 3

Required Engineering Courses ............................................... 17
ENGR 250, 261, 335, 359A, 370A ....................................... 15
ME 102 ................................................................. 2

Required MNGE Courses ....................................................... 38
MNGE 270, 310, 315, 317, 320, 420, 425, 430, 431, 440, 455, 460, 475 .... 38

Approved Electives ............................................................. 6

Total ............................................................. 126

1Courses required for the major will apply towards University Core Cur-
Curriculum.
2. Engineering requirements for Core Curriculum are more restrictive than those of the University as a whole.
3. Students transferring are required to: (a) have an associate degree in a baccalaureate-oriented program or (b) meet the Core Curriculum requirements for engineering students. See departmental advisor for an approved course.
4. Students with catalog year prior to Summer 2012 are required to complete an interdisciplinary or equivalent course.
5. Three hours of a science/math elective and six hours of major electives are required. See departmental advisor for approved courses.

Mining Engineering Suggested Curricular Guide

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Courses (MNGE)

Safety glasses, an electronic calculator, and textbooks are required of all mining engineering students.

270-3 Introduction to Mining Engineering. Importance of mining to a country's economy; stages of mining; prospecting and exploration, development and extraction; unit operations of mining; surface mining systems; underground mining methods; novel mining methods; mineral processing; marketing of minerals. Co-requisite: Math 109 or 111.

292-1 to 3 Special Topics in Mining Engineering. Course topics will be identified by instructor. Restricted to mining engineering transfer students.

310-3 Underground Mining. Underground mining access openings; underground mining equipment types and functions; advancing, sinking, and production blast rounds; underground mining methods, planning, and layout considerations. Prerequisite: MNGE 270 or consent of instructor. Co-requisite: Math 150 or consent of the instructor.

315-3 Surface Mining. Surface mining methods, equipment, and sequences; surface mining tools; surface mine blast design basics; truck-shovel fleet design, sizing, and selection. Prerequisite: MNGE 270 or consent of instructor. Co-requisite: Math 150.

317-1 Ore Minerals. Introduction to the rocks and minerals that are commonly mined including such considerations as typical grade and tonnage relations, an overview of how the minerals and rocks are made into economic products, and the value and use of those products. Class includes basic mineral identification. Prerequisites: MNGE 270, GEOL 220 or GEOL 222 and knowledge of element symbols and formulas from chemistry or similar background with consent of instructor.

320-1 Mine Surveying Laboratory. Introduction to surveying; horizontal and vertical angles; using a level; land surveying; analysis of survey data for engineering design. Laboratory. Prerequisite: MATH 109 or MATH 111, or consent of instructor.

392-1 to 6 Mining Engineering Cooperative Education. Supervised work experience in industry, government or professional organizations. Students work with on-site supervisor and faculty adviser. Reports are required from the student and the employer. Hours do not count toward degree requirements. Mandatory Pass/Fail. Restricted to sophomore standing.

401-1 Mining Environmental Impacts and Permits. Socioeconomic impacts of mining industry. Analyzing the markets for coal and its products. Mining operations and related environmental impacts. Mining permits. Prerequisite: MNGE 270 or consent of instructor.

405-1 Field Trip. Visit several mining operations and prepare a report. Not for graduate credit. Prerequisite: MNGE 270.


420-4 Mineral and Coal Processing. Principles of processing minerals, aggregates and coal, including unit operations of comminution, classification, solid-solid separation, dewatering and tailings disposal. Laboratory investigations of fundamental principles governing unit operations including size reduction, mineral liberation, classification, mineral recovery, and dewatering. Laboratory. Prerequisite: MNGE 270, CHEM 200, PHYS 205A; Concurrent enrollment in or completion of ENGR 370A or 370B, or consent of instructor.

421-3 Mineral Processing Plant Design. Engineering design of unit operations used for minerals, aggregates and coal processing including crushing, grinding, industrial screening, classification, gravity separation, flotation and dewatering.
Overall plant performance optimization and flow sheet design. Prerequisite: MNGE 417 or concurrent enrollment and MNGE 420. Special approval needed from the instructor.


430-3 Economics of Mineral Resources. Investment decision making criteria; economic viability of mining projects; financing mining projects; sensitivity and risk analysis. Prerequisite: MNGE 270; or consent of instructor.

431-4 Rock Mechanics: Principles and Design. Analysis of stress and strain, elementary elasticity, stress distribution around openings, engineering properties of rocks, artificial support and reinforcement, slope stability. Laboratory. Prerequisite: ENGR 350A or 350B. Special approval needed from the instructor for graduate students and non-majors.

435-3 Application of Operations Research to Mining. Mine systems analysis, operations research and statistics in decision making, production engineering, optimization, linear programming, simulation. Prerequisite: MNGE 270, knowledge of linear algebra, or consent of instructor.

440-3 Material Handling Systems. Analysis and design of material handling systems such as belt conveying, hoisting and pumping. Mine power systems design. AC and DC motor applications. Material handling systems economics. Prerequisite: MNGE 310 and 315, or consent of instructor.

450-3 Industrial Minerals. Mining, Processing and Utilization aspects of key industrial minerals with special emphasis on the aggregates industry. Prerequisite: MNGE 270, 420 or consent of instructor.

455-3 Mine Environment, Health and Safety Engineering. Analysis of mine environmental impacts and their mitigation, safety problems and rules and regulations, hazards and accidents. Sealing and recovery of mines. Design of mine emergency plans, safety methods, and health hazard control plans. Acid mine drainage, minerals waste disposal environmental remediation. Prerequisite: MNGE 310, 315, consent of instructor. Mining industrial experience will be accepted in lieu of prerequisites.

460-3 Senior Design. Projects in planning and design of surface and underground mining systems. Evaluate and design mining subsystems; integrate subsystems and procedures into a preliminary mine design; and optimize operations from exploration to closure. Two lectures and two two-hour laboratories per week. Prerequisite: MNGE 420, 425, 431, 440, or consent of instructor.

475-3 Analysis and Design of Mine Excavations. Rock classification; design of shafts, slopes, tunnels, and underground chambers; support requirements; design of slopes; design of mining systems from ground control point of view; design of impoundments. Prerequisite: MNGE 310, 315, and 431. Special approval needed from the instructor for graduate students and non-majors.

492-1 to 5 Special Problems in Mining Engineering. Topics and problems selected either by the instructor or the student with the approval of the instructor. Five hours maximum course credit. Not for graduate credit. Restricted to senior standing. Special approval needed from the instructor.

Mining Engineering Faculty

Chugh, Yoginder P., Professor, Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University, 1971.
Harpalani, Satya, Professor, Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, 1986.
Mohanty, Manoj, Professor, Ph.D., Southern Illinois University, 1997.
Paul, Bradley C., Associate Professor, Ph.D., University of Utah-Salt Lake, 1989.
Sinha, Atmesh K., Professor, Emeritus, Ph.D., University of Sheffield, 1968.
Spearing, Anthony, Associate Professor, Emeritus, Ph.D., University of Silesia, Poland, 1983.

Mortuary Science and Funeral Service (Major, Courses)

The mission of the Mortuary Science and Funeral Service program is to challenge students to achieve academic and professional excellence; prepare students to acquire entry level positions in the funeral service profession; provide quality instruction and stay current with trends of the profession; cultivate and maintain excellent relations with local, state, and national organizations; enhance University and community relations; and work toward the continued improvement of the Mortuary Science and Funeral Service program as an ongoing process.

This program is the only mortuary science and funeral service program offered in a public university in the state of Illinois. The initial program was developed in response to a request from the Illinois Funeral Directors Association. The Mortuary Science and Funeral Service program at SIU Carbondale is accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE), 3414 Ashland Ave., Suite G, St Joseph, MO 64506, (816) 233-3747. Web:<www.abfse.org> Graduates meet licensing requirements established by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. This program in mortuary science and funeral service is recognized by other state licensing boards.

The program is designed to accept students directly from high school or to accommodate students transferring from other accredited post-secondary institutions. Enrollment in the program is limited due to variety of circumstances, including rules of accreditation, limitations of facilities/internship sites, and faculty-student ratio.

Prospective students attending another college or university prior to transferring to SIU should concentrate on completing courses articulated or approved as substitutes for SIU’s University Core Curriculum requirements. Prior to taking courses that appear to equate to the professional sequence, the applicant should consult with an advisor within the Mortuary Science and Funeral Service program.

The Mortuary Science and Funeral Service program has a Linkage Agreement with Southeastern Illinois College, Rend