Mining Engineering, M.S.Min.E.

Curriculum in Masters of Science in Mining Engineering

A candidate for the M.S. degree in mining engineering must comply with the rules and regulations as outlined in the WVU Graduate Catalog and the specific requirements of the Statler College and the Mining Engineering Department.

Program Requirements

All M.S. degree candidates are required to perform research and follow a planned program of study. The student’s research advisor, in conjunction with the student’s Advising and Examining Committee (AEC) will be responsible for determining the plan of study appropriate to the student’s needs. The underlying principle of the planned program is to provide the students with the necessary support to complete their degree and prepare them for their career.

Curriculum Requirements

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<td>Any BIOM, BMEG, CE, CHE, CHEM, CPE, CS, EE, IENG, IH&amp;S, MAE, MATH, MINE, PNGE, PHYS, SAFM, SENG, or STAT courses 400-795, as approved by the student’s AEC</td>
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* Students who do not hold a baccalaureate degree in mining engineering are required to take a set of undergraduate mining engineering courses above and beyond the minimum coursework requirements.

Final Examination

M.S. students following the thesis or problem report option must prepare a written research proposal. The proposal must be approved by the student’s AEC at least one semester prior to the final oral examination.

All students, regardless of option, are required to pass a final oral or written examination, administered by their AEC, covering the thesis or problem report and/or related course material.

Major Learning Outcomes

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MINING ENGINEERING (MSMINE)

Upon graduation, with a Masters of Science degree in Mining Engineering, students will have:

- Ability to investigate and develop solutions to advanced mining engineering problems
- Advanced technical knowledge and research experience needed to address the most challenging contemporary issues within a specialized area of study