Will a Graduate Degree Be Necessary in Your Future?

Enhance your career opportunities with a graduate degree from Colorado School of Mines

What is separating you from a Master’s degree? In many cases it might be two (2) semesters! Many degree programs at Mines offer you the opportunity to begin work on a Graduate Certificate, Professional Masters Degree, Masters of Science Degree, or a Masters of Engineering Degree while completing the requirements for your Bachelor’s Degree. These Combined Undergraduate / Graduate Programs have been created by Mines faculty with you in mind.

Benefits of the Combined Program:

- Early acceptance into a Combined Degree Program assures you of automatic acceptance to full graduate status, if you maintain good academic standing while in early acceptance status
- You can earn a graduate degree in your undergraduate major or in a field that complements your undergraduate major
- If you are interested in an industry position you will leave Mines with additional specialized knowledge and skills which may allow you to enter your career path at a higher level and advance more rapidly
- You can plan your undergraduate electives to satisfy prerequisites, thus ensuring adequate preparation for your graduate program
- Early assignment of a graduate advisor permits you to plan optimum course selection and scheduling in order to complete your graduate program quickly
- In many cases, you will be able to complete both your Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees in five years
- Some Combined degree programs may allow the ‘double-counting’ of 6 credit hours required as an undergrad towards a Master’s Degree

Most Graduate Departments and Programs Offer Combined Graduate Degrees Options.
Admissions into a graduate degree program as a Combined Degree Student can occur as early as the first semester, Junior year, and must be granted no later than the end of registration, last semester Senior year. Remember to visit the Graduate Office EARLY!

Graduate Application Requirements*:

- Submitted online Graduate Admissions Application
- Statement of Goals
- Three (3) Letters of Recommendation
- Undergraduate transcript (1 copy)
- GRE
- Resume

*Not all programs have the same application requirements. Please contact your Department or the Graduate Office for more information.

### Important Links:

More information about the Combined Program:

http://inside.mines.edu/Combined

Graduate Admissions Application Information:

http://www.mines.edu/graduate_admissions

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Courses must meet all requirements for inclusion in graduate degree program (i.e., 400-level or higher and final grade of C- or higher)

Courses must be approved by advisor/committee and be listed on the Degree Audit form.

* To ensure that the course is not used towards your BS degree, you need to contact the Registrar to inform them that you do not want the course used towards BS.

**Graduate students are limited to a maximum of 9 credit hours of 400-level courses including double counted, transfer & graduate only credit**