MINING ENGINEERING (MIN)

MIN F101  Minerals, Man and the Environment  
3 Credits  
A general survey of the impact of the mineral industries on man's economic, political and environmental systems.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

MIN F103  Introduction to Mining Engineering  
1 Credit  
Concepts and methods utilized in mining engineering and mining unit operations.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0

MIN F104  Mining Safety and Operations Laboratory  
1 Credit  
Practical training at the Silver Fox Mine in mining operations and safety.  
Course complies with Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) 40 hour new miner training.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 3 + 0

MIN F202  Mine Surveying  
3 Credits  
Offered Fall  
Surveying principles for surface and underground control of mining properties. Field and office procedures for preparation of maps and engineering data.  
Prerequisites: MATH F151X, MATH F152X or equivalent.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 3 + 0

MIN F225  Quantitative Methods in Mining Engineering  
2 Credits  
Offered Fall  
Introduction to ore reserve estimation, classical estimation methods and techniques, error in estimations and pitfalls, introduction to classical statistics, introduction to geostatistics, ordinary kriging, block kriging, modeling the sample variogram, co-kriging and global estimation.  
Prerequisites: MATH F251X or equivalent; or permission of instructor.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 0 + 0

MIN F226  Mine Development  
2 Credits  
Offered Spring  
Review of pre-mining activities. Access to mining property, haul road location and design. Access to ore body; shaft, slope and ramp locations; shape, sizing and development. Development of access in frozen ground environments. Layout of development mains, cross-cuts, raises and winzes for ventilation, transport and optimum extraction of ore body. Level intervals, size and location of ore passes, design and optimization.  
Prerequisites: MIN F103; MIN F225; or permission of instructor.  
Recommended: MATH F200X.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 0 + 0

MIN F301  Mine Plant Design  
3 Credits  
Quantitative study and design of various systems and equipment used in haulage, hoisting, drainage, pumping and power (compressed air and electricity). Importance of the natural conditions and production level in the equipment selection procedure emphasized.  
Prerequisites: ES F208 and ES F307.  
Recommended: ES F341.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

MIN F302  Underground Mine Environmental Engineering  
3 Credits  
Analysis of underground mine ventilation systems, ventilation planning, design and engineering control, mine ventilation network.  
Prerequisites: MIN F103; MIN F226; ES F341.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 3 + 0

MIN F313  Introduction to Mineral Preparation  
3 Credits  
Offered Fall Odd-numbered Years  
Elementary theory and principles of unit processes of liberation, concentration and solid-fluid separation as applied to mineral benefications.  
Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 3 + 0

MIN F370  Rock Mechanics  
3 Credits  
Physical and mechanical properties of rock; rock mass classification systems; stress distribution in the vicinity of mining openings, design criteria and support for structures in rock mass, instrumentation and monitoring of openings's stability as well as strata control and surface subsidence.  
Co-requisite: ES F331.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 3 + 0

MIN F380  Computer Aided Orebody Modeling  
1 Credit  
Offered Fall  
Develops an orebody model from drillhole data in a computer aided design environment. The data is converted into a drillhole database, following which, a 3D visual model is developed. Basic tools covered include concepts of computer aided design, database error checking and triangulation.  
Prerequisites: MATH F332; or permission of instructor.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 3 + 0

MIN F401  Mine Site Field Trips  
1 Credit  
Field trips to active surface and underground mines to gain perceptual knowledge of modern mining systems by observation. Includes a systematic summarization and analysis of the mine after each visit to gain an in-depth understanding of mining engineering principles.  
Prerequisites: MIN F202; MIN F301; MIN F302; MIN F370.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 0.5 + 3 + 0

MIN F407  Mine Reclamation and Environmental Management  
3 Credits  
Offered Fall Even-numbered Years  
Principles and practices of mine reclamation and waste disposal. Pre-mining assessments and plans. Design of settling and tailings ponds and waste impoundments. Stream bed restoration and revegetation.  
Prerequisites: CHEM F106X; WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X or WRTG F213X; or permission of instructor.  
Recommended: ES F341.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

MIN F408  Mineral Valuation and Economics  
3 Credits  
Introduction to engineering economics, ore sampling and reserve calculations, and mine feasibility studies.  
Prerequisites: MIN F103; MIN F225; CHEM F106X; WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X.  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

Offered Fall Odd-numbered Years

Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 3 + 0
MIN F409 Operations Research and Computer Applications in Mineral Industry
3 Credits
Fundamental concepts of probability and statistics and the use of operations research and computer techniques for understanding, analysis, forecasting and optimization of mining operations and systems.
Prerequisites: MIN F225; MIN F454 or equivalent; or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

MIN F415 Coal Preparation
3 Credits
Unit operations, flowsheets, washability characteristics and control by sink-float methods for coal preparation plants. Market requirements and economics of preparation.
Prerequisites: MIN F313 or graduate standing.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 3 + 0

MIN F443 Principles and Applications of Industrial Explosives
3 Credits
Types and properties of industrial explosives; systems of initiation; theories of blasting; designs of open pit bench blasting; designs of underground blasting/rounds; applications in mining, civil construction and other fields; blasting vibration, structural damage and their control; overbreak control; safe practices; safety regulations; blast hole drilling and drilling equipment.
Prerequisites: MIN F370 or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

MIN F444 Accidents, Emergency and Safety Management in Mines
3 Credits
Offered Alternate Fall
Accident statistics, accident investigation and prevention, major provisions of current laws, rule-making procedures, mine fires and explosions, causes and prevention, loss control principles and methods, emergency evacuation, emergency response and emergency preparedness, safety management systems and behavioral science applications.
Prerequisites: MIN F302; MIN F454, concurrently.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

MIN F454 Underground Mining Methods
3 Credits
Underground mining methods for coal and non-coal deposits. Includes design parameters, selection of mining methods, mine planning process, auxiliary operations and various underground mining methods.
Prerequisites: MIN F301; MIN F302; MIN F370.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

MIN F482 Computer-Aided Mine Design--VULCAN
3 Credits
Offered Fall
Familiarization with VULCAN mine design software to store, manage, model and display exploration data. Estimate volume, tonnage and quality of reserve, design declines and development drives in underground and surface coal and hardrock mines, design underground and surface coal mine plans and design of underground stopes, perform underground and surface grade control.
Prerequisites: Junior, senior or graduate standing in Mining Engineering, Geological Engineering, or permission of instructor.
Stacked with MIN F682.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 3 + 0

MIN F484 Surface Mining Methods
2 Credits
Offered Spring Even-numbered Years
Modern methods of surface mine design. Strip and open pit optimization techniques. Production planning and scheduling. Use of mine design software.
Prerequisites: MIN F225; MIN F226; Junior or senior standing in mining engineering or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 0 + 0

MIN F485 Mining Engineering Exit Interview
0 Credit
An Exit interview will be conducted to obtain feedback on the program.
Co-requisites: MIN F490.
Prerequisites: Senior standing in mining engineering.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 0 + 0

MIN F489 Mining Design Project I
1 Credit
Offered Fall
This course is a pre-cursor to MIN F490. The student is expected to meet with the instructor to finalize the senior design project topic, lay out a project plan, gather data and prepare as necessary for the successful execution of the project in MIN F490. Note: Both MIN F489 and MIN F490 must be completed to fulfill the writing intensive requirement.
Prerequisites: WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X or WRTG F213X; MIN F301; MIN F302; MIN F370; or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0

MIN F490 Mining Design Project II (W)
2 Credits
Offered Spring
Design of mine layout including extraction and beneficiation, and economic evaluation of a mining project. A comprehensive written report of the design and analysis is required. Note: Both MIN F489 and MIN F490 must be completed to fulfill the writing intensive requirement.
Prerequisites: WRTG F111X; WRTG F211X or WRTG F213X; MIN F301; MIN F302; MIN F370; MIN F454; MIN F489; or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 4 + 0

MIN F601 Application of Artificial Neural Networks
3 Credits
Basic neural network architectures, including rules, training methods and practical applications. Training and application issues typical of earth sciences problems. Some topics require mathematical analysis. Genetic algorithms and use of network ensembles will be briefly presented.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing in engineering; programming ability; knowledge of MATLAB, a plus.
Recommended: MATH F253X, MATH F314; MIN F408; MIN F635.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

MIN F621 Advanced Mineral Economics
3 Credits
Introduction to options valuation of mineral projects; uncertainty and risk in mineral valuations; stochastic price models; dynamic programming and investment analysis; real options techniques.
Prerequisites: Admission by arrangement.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
MIN F631 Research Methods in Mineral Engineering
4 Credits
Research methods including problem definition and statement, designing experiments, collecting and interpreting data. Methods of theoretical and experimental analysis will be reviewed and examples given.
Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 3 + 0

MIN F635 Geostatistical Ore Reserve Estimation
3 Credits
Offered Spring
Introduction to the theory and application of geostatistics. Review of classical statistics, continuous and discrete distributions, hypothesis testing and global estimation. Presentation of fundamental geostatistical concepts including: variogram, estimation variance, block variance, kriging, geostatistical simulation. Emphasis on the practical application of geostatistical techniques.
Prerequisites: MIN F408 or equivalent; graduate standing; or permission of instructor.
Cross-listed with GE F635.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 3 + 0

MIN F637 Mine Systems Simulation
3 Credits
Application of computer simulation to the analysis of static and dynamic mine systems and the development of useful programs for mine operators. Design of simulation experiments in mining engineering.
Prerequisites: MIN F409 or equivalent; graduate standing.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 3 + 0

MIN F652 Numerical Methods in Mine Ventilation
3 Credits
Differencing schemes for the partial differential equations of flow in mine networks, typical boundary conditions for mine ventilation systems, computer-aided solution techniques. Application to flow of fluids through porous media is covered.
Prerequisites: MIN F302 or equivalent; graduate standing.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 3 + 0

MIN F673 Advanced Rock Mechanics
3 Credits
The study of theoretical and experimental methods in rock mechanics. State of stress and potential failure zone around two- and three-dimensional structures in rock based on theoretical, numerical and experimental techniques and failure criteria are presented.
Prerequisites: MIN F370 or equivalent or graduate standing.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 3 + 0

MIN F674 Advanced Ground Control
3 Credits
A study of current rock mechanic problems related to advances in mining and construction technologies. Particular emphasis on the importance of rock and frozen ground properties and stress evaluation in designing and monitoring stability of structures for gas, oil and radioactive materials storage, geothermal energy recovery, solution mining, and those exposed to rock outbursts and earthquakes. Rock and frozen ground properties related to other dynamic loading conditions, such as in blasting, are also discussed.
Prerequisites: MIN F370 or equivalent or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 0 + 0

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Prerequisites: Graduate standing in Mining Engineering or Geological Engineering; or permission of instructor.
Stacked with MIN F482.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 2 + 3 + 0

MIN F688 Graduate Seminar I
1 Credit
Preparation and presentation of research outlines by graduate students and participation in regularly organized mineral engineering department seminars.
Prerequisites: Admission to graduate program.
Cross-listed with MPR F688.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 0 + 0

MIN F698 Non-Thesis Research/Project
1-9 Credits
Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 0 + 0

MIN F699 Thesis
1-9 Credits
Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 0 + 0