Think you know the mining industry? Prepare to be surprised.

Today’s miners use autonomous equipment, robotics, and artificial intelligence. They are environmentally conscious and are continually improving the impact of mining operations.

And, as the world transitions to a greener economy, the demand for materials that compose these energy sources increases. As such, the need for people to develop secure pipelines for supplying these materials has led to a shortage of mining engineers.

The South Dakota Mines Difference

Our Mining Engineering & Management program has a strong industry reputation and we are one of only five universities that offers degrees in all mineral industries programs – mining, metallurgy, geology, and geological engineering. Our students get a full-spectrum curriculum from exploring the Earth’s formation, to uncovering minerals and metals, to creating materials that revolutionize the world.

Located in the beautiful Black Hills of western South Dakota, Mines is centered in one of the most geographically diverse areas of the country. Hands-on experiences are just a stone’s throw from campus at the Coeur Wharf Mine, the Sanford Underground Research Facility, or with any of our industry partners in the U.S. and around the world.
State-of-the-Art Facilities
Opening date for the new Nucor Mineral Industries Building is slated for 2024. This facility will house smart technologies that will address the global need for minerals in a sustainable, responsible, and economical manner.

A Great Return on Investment
South Dakota Mines is a state institution with one of the lowest tuition rates in the market. In fact, students from nine regional states can earn their degree here at the in-state rate.

#1 Engineering School in the Country for Return on Investment

100% placement rate in industry or graduate school

$72,155 average starting salary

Learn more about the mining field