Academic Regulations

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Graduate School Bulletin

It is the responsibility of the graduate student to become informed and to observe all regulations and procedures required by the program the student is pursuing. Ignorance of a rule does not constitute a basis for waiving that rule. The current Graduate Bulletin when a graduate student first enrolls, gives the academic requirements the student must meet to graduate. However, with department consent, a student can change to the requirements in a later catalog published while the student is enrolled in the graduate school. Changes to administrative policies and procedures become effective for all students as soon as the campus community is notified of the changes.

The Graduate Bulletin is available to students in both print and electronic forms. Print bulletins are updated annually. Electronic versions of the Graduate Bulletin may be updated more frequently to reflect changes approved by the campus community. As such, students are encouraged to refer to the most recently available electronic version of the Graduate Bulletin. This version is available at the CSM website. The electronic version of the Graduate Bulletin is considered the official version of this document. In case of disagreement between the electronic and print versions, the electronic version takes precedence.


If a conflict or inconsistency is found to exist between these policies and any other provision of the Mines Graduate Bulletin, the provisions of these policies shall govern the resolution of such conflict or inconsistency.

Curriculum Changes

The Mines Board of Trustees reserves the right to change any course of study or any part of the curriculum to respond to educational and scientific developments. No statement in this Bulletin or in the registration of any student shall be considered as a contract between Colorado School of Mines and the student.

Making up Undergraduate Deficiencies

If the department or division decides that new students do not have the necessary background to complete an advanced degree, they will be required to enroll in courses for which they will receive no credit toward their graduate degree, or complete supervised readings, or both. Students are notified of their apparent deficiency areas in their acceptance letter from the Graduate School or in their first interview with their department advisor.

Grades for these deficiency courses are recorded on the student’s transcript, become part of the student’s permanent record, and are calculated into the overall GPA. Students whose undergraduate records are deficient should remove all deficiencies as soon as possible after they enroll for graduate studies.

Graduate Students in Undergraduate Courses

Students may apply toward graduate degree requirements a maximum of nine (9.0) semester hours of department-approved 400-level course work not taken to remove deficiencies and not taken as a degree requirement for a bachelor’s degree upon the recommendation of the graduate committee and the approval of the Graduate Dean.

Students may apply toward graduate degree requirements 300-level courses only in those programs which have been recommended by the department and have been approved by the Graduate Council before the student enrolls in the course. In that case a maximum of nine (9.0) total hours of 300- and 400-level courses will be accepted for graduate credit.

Withdrawing from School

To officially withdraw from Mines, a graduate student must submit a withdrawal form through the Graduate Office. When the form is completed, the student will receive grades of W in courses in progress. If the student does not officially withdraw the course grades are recorded as F’s. Leaving school without having paid tuition and fees will result in the encumbrance of the transcript. Federal aid recipients should check with the financial aid office to determine what impact a withdrawal may have on current or future aid.

Students who leave school without submitting a withdrawal form, but decide to return at a later date, will need to apply for admission again and will be charged a $200 re-admittance fee.