

# BEng Mining Engineering

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As a profession, mining engineering encompasses a broad spectrum of engineering work – from mine evaluation to industrial control. For instance, mining engineers may undertake the assessment of a new mining project as soon as the geological confirmation of a newly discovered mineral deposit has been completed. If such a mineral deposit is found to be viable, mining engineers will design the mine to exploit the mineral deposit. Where the mineral deposit is close to the surface, an opencast mine is preferred, but for deeper deposits, an underground mine will be planned. Mining engineers will coordinate the construction of such a mine and bring it to the stage where it starts producing.

A typical mine has a lifespan of 15 to perhaps 100 years. The design of the mining excavations, with their equipment and services, the planning of all the activities and the management of the operation at all levels is the responsibility of the mining engineer. This professional will also provide expert advice on rock breaking, blasting materials, transport systems, mine planning and scheduling, mechanical tunnel development, mine climate control, rock mechanics, support of excavations, devising mining methods, as well as the design and development of equipment.

In addition to operational management, mining engineers are often involved in the planning and execution of research and development work. To maintain the proud position of the South African mining industry as a world leader, it is necessary to accept the challenges of technological development through extensive research and development programmes. Mining engineers fulfil the role of expert consulting engineers in various mining groups, as well as in private practice. Universities, government departments and financial institutions also employ mining engineers.

The mining industry is one of the largest industries in the country and certainly one of the most important. It supplies raw materials and energy minerals to a large variety of domestic industries, while precious metals, non-precious minerals, energy minerals and diamonds are exported to earn foreign exchange. More than 70 different minerals are currently produced in South Africa and contribute directly to the gross domestic product. The mining industry provides job opportunities to more than 400 000 people. Among these, there are obviously many employment opportunities for professionals.

For more information, please consult the Faculty webpage.

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## Career Opportunities

Mining engineers have a wide range of opportunities, namely mining (mine management, technical management of ventilation, rock mechanics, rock breaking, mineral resources), financial evaluation and management (mine design, financial evaluation of mines, mine feasibility studies, mine environmental impact studies), mining and drilling contracting (mining, tunnelling, shaft sinking, mine development, ore evaluation), mining research, mining equipment design and manufacture, mining marketing and mining administration at national, provincial and international levels.

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## Programme Code

12130006

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## Closing Dates

- **SA** - 26/07/2022
  - **Non-SA** - 26/07/2022
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## Admission Requirements

### Important information for all prospective students for 2023

The admission requirements below apply to all who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualifications**. [Click here](#) for this Faculty Brochure.

#### Minimum requirements: 4-year programme

##### Achievement level

##### English Home

##### Language or

##### English First

##### Additional

##### Language

NSC/IEB

5

##### Mathematics

NSC/IEB

6

##### Physical Sciences

NSC/IEB

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##### APS

**35**

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The suggested second-choice programmes for BEng (Mining Engineering) are BSc (Chemistry), BSc (Mathematics) and BSc (Physics) if your APS and subject requirements of your first-choice programme are not obtained

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### Minimum requirements: ENGAGE 5-year programme

#### Achievement level

#### English Home

#### Language or

#### English First

#### Additional

#### Language

NSC/IEB

5

#### Mathematics

NSC/IEB

5

#### Physical Sciences

NSC/IEB

5

#### APS

**30**

Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

Conditional admission to the four-year programmes in the School of Engineering is guaranteed only if a prospective student complies with ALL the requirements as indicated in the table "Minimum requirements: 4-year programme".

Admission to the Engineering Augmented Degree Programme (ENGAGE) in the School of Engineering will be determined by the NSC results, achievement levels of 5 for Mathematics, Physical Sciences and English, and an APS of 30.

Students may apply directly to be considered for the ENGAGE programme.

You will be considered for final admission to degree studies if space allows, and if you have a National Senior Certificate (NSC) or equivalent qualification with admission to bachelor's degree studies, and comply with the minimum subject requirements as well as the APS requirements of your chosen programme.

**Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned** should refer to the Brochure: Undergraduate Programme Information 2023: Qualifications other than the NSC and IEB, available at [click here](#).

International students: [Click here](#).

### Transferring students

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of applying at the University of Pretoria (UP) is/was a registered student at another tertiary institution. A transferring student will be considered for

admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance. Students who have been dismissed from other institutions due to poor academic performance will not be considered for admission to UP.

**Closing dates:** Same as above.

### **Returning students**

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme is/was a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP. A returning student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance.

#### **Note:**

- Students who have been excluded/dismissed from a faculty due to poor academic performance may be considered for admission to another programme at UP, as per faculty-specific requirements.
- Only ONE transfer between UP faculties and TWO transfers within a faculty will be allowed.
- Admission of returning students will always depend on the faculty concerned and the availability of space in the programmes for which they apply.

### **Closing date for applications from returning students**

Unless capacity allows for an extension of the closing date, applications from returning students must be submitted before the end of August via your UP Student Centre.

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### **Minimum duration of study**

4 years, full-time

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### **Faculty Notes**

All modules will only be presented in English, as English is the language of tuition, communication and correspondence at the University of Pretoria.

Faculty Yearbooks: [click here](#).

The University of Pretoria has decided not to set a specific closing date for applications to non-selection programmes for 2023. Applications will close when the available study spaces are filled (**close on availability of space**). Once the available number of study places for a specific programme are filled,

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no further applications for that particular programme will be considered. All applicants are therefore strongly advised and encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible after 1 April 2022 and to check the application site (UP Student Portal) regularly.

The Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology at the University of Pretoria is a leading source of graduates in the engineering, built environment and information technology professions. We achieve this by a focus on research to drive innovative and enquiry-led teaching for educating and positioning our students to be leaders in their professions. The Faculty has extensive and cutting-edge teaching, learning and laboratory facilities integrated with the excellent suite of facilities and services offered by the University. We facilitate access to our qualifications through our extended programmes but expect our students to excel and develop as future professionals through our programme offering. We invite you to consider enrolling in one of our programmes if you share our vision of excellence and want to position yourself as a leader in the professions that we support.

The Faculty is organised in four schools: the School of Engineering, the School for the Built Environment, the School of Information Technology and the Graduate School of Technology Management. The School of Engineering is the largest of its kind in the country in terms of student numbers, graduates and research contributions and offers programmes in all the major engineering disciplines with many specialisations also offered at undergraduate and graduate level.

The University of Pretoria aims to be internationally competitive while also locally relevant. Advisory boards at both faculty and departmental level promote alignment and excellence in our teaching and research activities. Where applicable and available our programmes are accredited by statutory and professional bodies at both national and international level.

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## Enquiries about the programme

[Click Here](#)



## How to apply



# Online Application



Note: Also consult General Rules and Information on the Yearbook website for additional information.

Disclaimer: Due to the continuous restructuring of the Faculty and this website, some of the information displayed here may not fully reflect the most recent developments in the Faculty. Any discrepancies that are experienced may be taken up with Student Administration of the Faculty.