

Student Life at Mines

Please note, if you are an online student, please visit: Mines Online for additional information on services and support.

Housing

Graduate students are welcome to reside in the Mines Park apartments. The Mines Park community, overseen by the Office of Residence Life, and located just west of the main campus, houses Graduate and upper-class undergraduate students, including students with partners and families.

Mines Park has a mix of available units for Grad students, including one, two, and three bedroom apartments. All units include a full kitchen (refrigerator, stove, oven, dishwasher) and Internet is included in the rental rate at Mines Park as is a parking pass. Mines Park is currently undergoing an immense redevelopment project that includes brand new buildings that will include studio, two, and four bedroom units as well as renovated spaces. All renovated and new units include laundry in unit. There is a lot of community space at Mines Park to study with peers, play some soccer, work out or grab a bite to eat. This community is truly a welcoming place, close to campus, that can meet your needs as a graduate student at Mines.

For more information or to apply for housing at Mines Park, please visit our website: <https://www.mines.edu/residence-life/mines-park/>

For all housing and dining rates, please visit <https://www.mines.edu/residence-life/rates/>.

Facilities

Student Center

The Ben H. Parker Student Center contains the offices for the Vice President of Student Life, Dean of Students, Student Activities, Involvement and Leadership (SAIL), Student Government (USG), Financial Aid, Bursar and Cashier, New Student and Transition Services (NeST), Career Center, Registrar, Campus Events, Blaster Card Office and student organizations. The Student Center also contains The Periodic Table food court, bookstore, student lounges, meeting rooms, and banquet facilities.

Student Recreation Center

Completed in May 2007, the 108,000 square foot Student Recreation Center, located at the corner of 16th and Maple Streets in the heart of campus, provides a wide array of facilities and programs designed to meet student's recreational and leisure needs while providing for a healthy lifestyle. The Center contains a state-of-the-art climbing wall, an eight-lane, 25 meter swimming and diving pool, a cardiovascular and weight room, two multi-purpose rooms designed and equipped for aerobics, dance, martial arts programs and other similar activities, a competition gymnasium containing three full-size basketball courts as well as seating for 2500 people, a separate recreation gymnasium designed specifically for a wide variety of recreational programs, extensive locker room and shower facilities, and a large lounge intended for relaxing, playing games or watching television. In addition to housing the Outdoor Recreation Program as well as the Intramurals and Club Sports Programs, the Center serves as the competition venue for the Intercollegiate Men and Women's Basketball Programs,

the Intercollegiate Volleyball Program and the Men and Women's Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Program.

W. Lloyd Wright Student Wellness Center

The W. Lloyd Wright Student Wellness Center, 1770 Elm Street, houses several health and wellness programs for Mines students: the Coulter Student Health Center, the Counseling Center, the Dental Clinic, the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP), and Student Wellness Promotions. The Wellness Center is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday during the fall and spring semesters. Check the website for summer and holiday hours. The Wellness Center follows weather delays and closure schedules set for the campus.

Coulter Student Health Center: The Coulter Student Health Center (phone 303-273-3381, FAX 303-273-3623) is located on the first floor of the W. Lloyd Wright Student Wellness Center at the corner of 18th and Elm Streets (1770 Elm Street). Services are provided to all students who have paid the student health services fee*. Nurse practitioners and registered nurses provide services by appointment Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:45 pm. A physician has office hours on campus during the fall and spring semesters. The Health Center offers primary care health services. For X-rays, specialists or hospital care, students are referred to appropriate providers in the community. More information is available at <https://www.mines.edu/student-health/>.

Immunization Requirement: All incoming students are required to **submit documented proof of specific vaccinations** or laboratory evidence of immunity. These requirements are submitted through Trailhead, using the Health Portal icon on the main page. Detailed information on uploading this required information is available at <https://www.mines.edu/student-health/student-health-center/forms/>.

- **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) Vaccine:** Colorado law requires every student to submit proof of two (2) valid vaccinations for measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) given no earlier than 4 days before the student's first birthday. There must be at least twenty-eight (28) calendar days between the two vaccinations.
- **Meningococcal ACWY Vaccine:** Colorado law requires all students living on campus in student housing to either submit proof of a Meningitis ACWY vaccine given within the last five years, or to sign the Meningococcal waiver form. If the 5-year period will expire while the student is living on campus, we recommend receiving another Meningococcal ACWY vaccine. Students will have a hold placed on their account 5 years after the date of the most recent Meningitis ACWY vaccine if they are still living on campus. Currently, Meningitis ACWY is required, Meningitis B is recommended.
- **Tuberculosis:** Completion of the Tuberculosis questionnaire is required. This form is located in the Health Portal under the Forms tab. In some cases, TB testing may also be indicated.

Counseling Center: Located on the second floor of the W. Lloyd Wright Student Wellness Center (phone 303-273-3377). The Mines Counseling Center is staffed by licensed and experienced mental health professionals, skilled in handling a variety of presenting concerns. Services are designed to assist students in resolving issues that interfere with their ability to successfully navigate the Mines journey.

Services are confidential, voluntary, and covered by the student health services fee*. The Counseling Center utilizes a Stepped Care model, which allows students to create a wellness plan that connects them to services that best meet their unique needs. Available service options include initial counselor consultations, skills-based workshops, brief therapy interventions, support groups, drop-in office hours, and care coordination to connect students with community providers for more intensive treatment. Visit our website to learn more about updated virtual and in-person service offerings and resources: <https://www.mines.edu/counseling-center/>.

Dental Clinic: The Dental Clinic is located on the second floor of the W. Lloyd Wright Wellness Center. Services include comprehensive exams, cleanings, fillings, x-rays, as well as emergency services. Students who have paid the student health services fee* are eligible for these services. Dental care is on a fee-for-service basis at a fraction of the cost of other dental offices. For the fee schedule, please refer to our Dental Clinic website. The Dental Clinic accepts cash, checks, and credit/debit cards. Clinic hours are on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during the academic year with limited hours in the summer. Services are by appointment only and can be made via <https://www.mines.edu/student-health/student-health-center/dental-clinic/> using the *Appointment Request* tool or by calling the Dental Clinic at 303-273-3377.

Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP): *Having adequate health insurance is a condition of enrollment at Colorado School of Mines. All students are charged for the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) and those students with approved waivers will see the waiver credit.* The SHIP office is located on the second floor of the W. Lloyd Wright Student Wellness Center. Enrollment confirmation or waiver of the Mines Student Health Insurance Plan is done online. The deadline to submit a waiver is Census Day. More information can be found at the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) site or by calling the office at 303-273-3388.

Student Health Insurance Plan--Adequate Health Insurance Requirement: *All degree seeking U.S. citizen and permanent resident students, and all international students regardless of degree status, are required to have health insurance. Students are automatically enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan and may waive coverage if they have coverage under a personal or employer plan that meets minimum requirements. International students must purchase the SHIP, unless they meet specific requirements. Information about the Mines Student Health Insurance Plan, as well as the criteria for waiving, is available online at <https://www.mines.edu/student-health/student-insurance/> or by calling 303.273.3388.*

***Fees:** *Students are charged a mandatory health services fee each semester which allows them access to services at the Health Center and Dental Clinic.*

Services

Motor Vehicles Parking

All motor vehicles on campus must be registered with the campus Parking Services Division of Facilities Management, 1318 Maple Street, and must display a Mines parking permit. Vehicles must be registered at the beginning of each semester or upon bringing your vehicle on campus, and updated whenever you change your address.

Public Safety

The Colorado School of Mines Department of Public Safety is a full service, community oriented law enforcement agency, providing 24/7 service to the campus. It is the mission of the Colorado School of Mines Police Department to make the Mines campus the safest campus in Colorado.

The department is responsible for providing services such as:

- Proactive patrol of the campus and its facilities
- Investigation and reporting of crimes and incidents
- Motor vehicle traffic and parking enforcement
- Crime and security awareness programs
- Alcohol / Drug abuse awareness / education
- Self defense classes
- Consultation with campus departments for safety and security matters
- Additional services to the campus community such as: vehicle unlocks and jumpstarts, community safe walks (escorts), authorized after-hours building and office access, and assistance in any medical, fire, or other emergency situation.

The police officers employed by the Department of Public Safety are fully trained police officers in accordance with the Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Board and the Colorado Revised Statute.

More information on the Mines Police Department is available at: <https://www.mines.edu/campus-safety/>

Disability Support Services

Disability Support Services (DSS) is committed to providing equal access to university courses, programs and activities for students with a disability. In compliance with the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, staff work with students to manage the impact of their disability on learning and living at Mines by providing reasonable academic, housing and dining accommodations for qualifying students. DSS determines eligibility and appropriate accommodations based on an interactive process. For more information or to request disability accommodations, please visit <http://disabilities.mines.edu/>.

The Mines Testing Center (MTC) serves to support and proctor exams for students with approved testing accommodations. The Mines Testing Center also provides limited exam proctoring support for faculty and students when adjustments to the exam schedule are needed or requested (e.g. make-up exams, Ramadan). The MTC is located in the Green Center, Room 240. For more information, please visit: <https://www.mines.edu/disability-support-services/mtc/>.

Career Center

The Mines Career Center mission is to assist students in developing, evaluating, and/or implementing career, education, and employment decisions and plans. Career and professional development is integral to the success of Mines graduates and to the mission of Mines.

Students and recent graduates who develop, utilize and apply the services offered by the Mines Career Center will be educated, coached and empowered to conduct a strategic, personalized career exploration and ethical job search that highlights the passions, skills and strengths of each individual. In addition, students are offered opportunities to engage

with companies and organizations in a variety of forums to enhance their professional knowledge and diversity of career prospects.

Services are provided to all students and for all recent graduates, up to 24 months after graduation. Students must adhere to the ethical and professional business and job searching practices as stated in the Career Center Student Policy, which can be found in its entirety on the Student's homepage of DiggerNet. In order to accomplish our mission, we provide a comprehensive array of career services:

Career, Planning, Advice, and Counseling

- "The Mines Strategy" a practical, user-friendly career manual with interview strategies, resume and cover letter examples, career exploration ideas, and job search tips;
- Online resources for exploring careers and employers at <https://www.mines.edu/careers/>;
- Individual job search advice, resume and cover letter critiques;
- Practice interviews;
- Salary and contract negotiation and networking skills
- Career and Professional Development Workshops - successful company research, interviewing, resumes, professional branding, networking skills;
- Career resource library.

Job Resources and Events

- Career Day (Fall and Spring);
- Online job search system: DiggerNet;
- Online and in-person job search assistance for internships, CO-OPs, and full-time entry-level job postings;
- Virtual Career Fairs and special recruiting events;
- On-campus interviewing - industry and government representatives visit the campus to interview students;
- General employment board.

Identification Cards (Blaster Card Office)

All new students must have a Blaster Card made as soon as possible after they enroll. The Blaster Card office also issues RTD College Passes, which allow students to ride RTD buses and light rail free of charge. More information can be found at <https://www.mines.edu/student-life/blastercard/>.

The Blaster Card can be used for student meal plans, to check material out of the Arthur Lakes Library, to access certain electronic doors, and may be required to attend various campus activities.

Standards, Codes of Conduct

Students can access campus rules and regulations, including the student code of conduct, student honor code, alcohol policy, sexual misconduct policy, the unlawful discrimination policy and complaint procedure, public safety and parking policies, and the distribution of literature and free speech policy, by visiting the Mines Policy Library website at <https://www.mines.edu/policy-library/>. We encourage all students to review the electronic document and expect that students know and understand the campus policies, rules and regulations as well as their rights as a student. Questions and comments regarding the above mentioned policies can be directed to the Dean of Student's Office located in the Student Center Office, room 240.

Student Publications

Two student publications are published at Mines. Opportunities abound for students wishing to participate on the staffs. A Board of Student Media acts in an advisory capacity to the publications staffs and makes recommendations on matters of policy.

The *Oredigger* is the student newspaper, published weekly during the school year. It contains news, features, sports, letters and editorials of interest to students, faculty, and the Golden community.

The literary magazine, *High Grade*, is published each semester. Contributions of poetry, short stories, drawings, and photographs are encouraged from students, faculty and staff.

Veterans Services

The Registrar's Office provides veterans services for students attending the School and using educational benefits from the Veterans Administration.

Activities

Office of Student Activities, Involvement and Leadership

The Office of Student Activities, Involvement and Leadership (SAIL) coordinates the various activities and student organizations on the Mines campus. Student government, professional societies, living groups, honor societies, interest groups and special events add a balance to the academic side of the Mines community. Participants take part in management training, event planning, and leadership development. To obtain an up-to-date listing of the recognized campus organizations or more information about any of these organizations, contact the SAIL office.

Student Government

The Associated Students of Colorado School of Mines (ASCSCM) is sanctioned by the Board of Trustees of the School. The purpose of ASCSCM is, in part, to advance the interest and promote the welfare of Mines and all of the students and to foster and maintain harmony among those connected with or interested in the School, including students, alumni, faculty, trustees and friends. Undergraduate Student Government (USG) and Graduate Student Government (GSG) are the governing bodies recognized by Mines through ASCSCM as the representative voice of their respective student bodies. The goal of these groups is to improve the quality of education and offer social programming and academic support.

Through funds collected as student fees, ASCSCM strives to ensure a full social and academic life for all students with its organizations, publications, and special events. As the representative governing body of the students ASCSCM provides leadership and a strong voice for the student body, enforces policies enacted by the student body, works to integrate the various campus organizations, and promotes the ideals and traditions of the School.

The Graduate Student Government was formed in 1991 and is recognized by Mines as the representative voice of the graduate student body. GSG's primary goal is to improve the quality of graduate education and offer academic support for graduate students.

The Mines Activity Council (MAC) serves as the campus special events board. The majority of all-student campus events are planned by

MAC. Events planned by MAC include comedy shows to the campus on most Fridays throughout the academic year, events such as concerts, hypnotists, and one time specialty entertainment; discount tickets to local sporting events, theater performances, and concerts, movie nights bringing blockbuster movies to the Mines campus; and E-Days and Homecoming.

Special Events

Engineering Days festivities are held each spring. The three day affair is organized entirely by students. Contests are held in drilling, hand-spiking, mucking, and oil-field olympics to name a few. Additional events include a huge fireworks display, the Ore-Cart Pull to the Colorado State Capitol, the awarding of scholarships to outstanding Colorado high school seniors and an Engineering Days concert.

Homecoming weekend is one of the high points of the year. Events include a football rally and game, campus decorations, election of Homecoming Queen and Beast, parade, burro race, and other contests.

International Day is planned and conducted by the International Council. It includes exhibits and programs designed to further the cause of understanding among the countries of the world. The international dinner and entertainment have come to be one of the campus social events of the year.

Outdoor Recreation Program

The Outdoor Recreation Program is housed at the Mines Park Community Center. The Program teaches classes in outdoor activities; rents mountain bikes, climbing gear, backpacking and other equipment; and sponsors day and weekend activities such as camping, snowshoeing, rock climbing, and mountaineering.

Residence Hall Association (RHA)

Residence Hall Association (RHA) is a student-run organization developed to coordinate and plan activities for students living in the Residence Halls. Its membership is represented by students from each hall floor. Officers are elected each fall for that academic year. For more information, go to RHA.

Student Organizations

Social Fraternities and Sororities - There are seven national fraternities and three national sororities active on the Mines campus. Fraternities and Sororities offer the unique opportunity of leadership, service to one's community, and fellowship. Greeks are proud of the number of campus leaders, athletes and scholars that come from their ranks. Colorado School of Mines chapters are Alpha Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Sigma, Phi Gamma Delta, Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Kappa, Sigma Nu, and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Honor Societies - Honor societies recognize the outstanding achievements of their members in the areas of scholarship, leadership, and service. Each of the Mines honor societies recognizes different achievements in our students.

Special Interest Groups - Special interest organizations meet the special and unique needs of the Mines student body by providing co-curricular activities in specific areas.

International Student Organizations - The International Student Organizations provide the opportunity to experience a little piece of a

different culture while here at Mines, in addition to assisting the students from that culture adjust to the Mines campus.

Professional Societies - Professional Societies are generally student chapters of the national professional societies. As a student chapter, the professional societies offer a chance for additional professional development outside the classroom through guest speakers, trips, and interactive discussions about the current activities in the profession. Additionally, many of the organizations offer internship, fellowship and scholarship opportunities.

Recreational Organizations - The recreation organizations provide the opportunity for students with similar interests to participate as a group in these recreational activities. Most of the recreational organizations compete on both the local and regional levels at tournaments throughout the year.

For a complete list of all currently registered student organizations, please visit the SAIL office or website at <https://www.mines.edu/student-activities/>.