



Faculty of Engineering

**School of Minerals and Energy Resources Engineering**

Undergraduate Course Outline

MINE3430

Mining Systems

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## 1. INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE

Course Code:	MINE3430	Term:	T1, 2021	Level:	UG	Units/Credits	6 UOC
Course Name:	<b>Mining Systems</b>						

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### 1.1. Course Description

This course presents a systems approach to the principles, design and application of the major surface and underground mining methods together with the associated equipment, services and infrastructure.

### 1.2. Course Completion

Course completion requires submission of all assessment items; failure to submit all assessment items will result in the award of an Unsatisfactory Failure (UF) grade for the Course.

### 1.3. Assumed Knowledge

This course assumes that students have a good understanding of mining terms and descriptions, have been exposed to surface and underground mining methods and are familiar with mining development, operations and production.

### 1.4. Attendance

To pass this course it is expected that you will attend at least 80% of tutorials and lectures. *If your attendance is below 80% you will not be admitted to the final exam.* Attendance will be recorded when applicable. Normally, there is no make-up work for poor attendance. If you have misadventure or ill-health, please contact your course coordinator soon as possible. The attendance requirement is not meant to be punitive. It is included because participation is an important part of achieving the course outcomes.

## 2. AIMS, LEARNING OUTCOMES AND GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

### 2.1. Course Aims

The aim of this course is to provide students with the capability to select the appropriate mining method, together with its associated equipment, services and infrastructure, for a given deposit.

### 2.2. Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Identify, assess and select mining methods appropriate to specific types of deposits;
2. Appraise mining methods with respect to productivity, safety, efficiency, risks, and sustainability;

3. Describe and illustrate major mining methods and their related equipment, supporting infrastructure, key performance drivers, and constraints;
4. Be conversant with the key principles of a systems approach to mining, and be able to describe a mining operation in terms of an array of interrelated processes and systems;
5. Demonstrate awareness of the major technological trends in mining methods and equipment.

### 2.3. Graduate Attributes

This course will contribute to the development of the following Graduate Attributes:

1. appropriate technical knowledge.
2. having advanced problem solving, analysis and synthesis skills with the ability to tolerate ambiguity
3. ability for engineering design and creativity.
4. awareness of opportunities to add value through engineering and the need for continuous improvement.
5. being able to work and communicate effectively across discipline boundaries.
6. having HSEC consciousness.
7. being active life-long learners.

## 3. REFERENCE RESOURCES

### 3.1. Reference Materials

Support material for this course including, whenever available, copies of lecture notes, recommended readings, etc. can be found on Moodle.

The lecture note may be viewed and downloaded from the UNSW-Moodle <http://moodle.telt.unsw.edu.au/>.

### 3.2. Additional Resources

- Darling, P (ed.), 2011. Mining Engineers Handbook, 3rd edition, SME, Littleton, USA.

### 3.3. Other Resources

- Kininmonth, RJ and Baafi, EY, 2009. Australasian Coal Mining Practice Monograph 12, 3rd edition, The AusIMM: Melbourne. ISBN. 0 978 1 921522 07 9.
- Hartman, HL, 2002. Introductory Mining Engineering, 2nd edition. Wiley, New York.
- Hustrulid, W and Kuchta, M, 2006. Open Pit Mine Planning & Design, Balkema, Rotterdam.
- Kennedy, BA (ed.), 1990. Surface Mining, 2nd edition, SME, Littleton, Colorado, USA. ISBN 0–87335–102–9.
- Noakes, M and Lanz, T. 1993. Cost Estimation Handbook for the Australian Mining Industry, Monograph No: 20/ Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.
- Hustrulid, WA, and Bullock, R. (eds.), 2001. Underground Mining Methods: Engineering Fundamentals and International Case Studies, SME, Littleton, USA.
- Gertsch, RE and Bullock, RL (eds.), 1998. Techniques in Underground Mining, SME, Littleton, USA.

Additionally, the University and the Faculty provide a wide range of support services for students, including:

- UNSW Learning Centre (<http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au>)
- Counselling support - <http://www.counselling.unsw.edu.au>
- Library training and support services - <http://www.library.unsw.edu.au/>

### 3.4. Online Resources

There are numerous articles / information sources on mining engineering on the web. Many of them are sound, but many are either very lightweight or contain errors. Be very careful in your choice of web sources. Remember, UNSW librarians are usually happy to help you locate articles or make suggestions regarding possible material to help you in your academic work. You can also access basic online help at <http://www.library.unsw.edu.au/>

### 3.5. Report Writing Guide

The School has a report writing guide (RWG) available. A copy of this is available on the course moodle site.

## 4. COURSE CONTENT AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

### 4.1. Course content

- Principles of systems engineering
- Mine services and infrastructure
- Surface mining methods
  - Method selection
  - Strip mining
  - Open pit mining
  - Highwall mining
  - Solution mining
  - Surface miners and other mining methods
- Underground mining methods
  - Mine access and development
  - Longwall coal mining
  - Thick seam coal mining
  - Bord and pillar coal mining
  - Underground metalliferous mining method selection
  - Room and pillar mining
  - Cut and fill mining
  - Sublevel stoping
  - Narrow vein mining
  - Caving methods

## 4.2. Learning Activities Summary

UNSW Wk	Activity	Content
1	Lecture + In class activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Course Introduction</li> <li>Introduction to Systems Engineering</li> <li>Mine Services &amp; Infrastructure</li> <li>Surface vs Underground Mining - Method Selection</li> </ul>
2	Lecture + Tutorials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strip Mining – Introduction and Principles</li> <li>Strip Mining – Draglines, Bucket Wheel Excavators &amp; Dozers</li> <li>Open Pit Mining – Introduction and Principles</li> <li>Tutorial 1 – Dragline Selection &amp; Productivity</li> <li>Tutorial 2 – Open Pit Mining – Bench and Pit Slope Geometry</li> </ul>
3	Lecture + Tutorials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Pit Mining – Loading Equipment</li> <li>Haul Road Design</li> <li>Open Pit Mining – Truck Haulage</li> <li>Tutorial 3 – Truck &amp; Shovel Selection</li> <li>Tutorial 4 – Truck Fleet Dispatch and TALPAC</li> </ul>
4	Lecture + Tutorials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highwall Mining</li> <li>Surface Miners</li> <li>Solution Mining &amp; Other Mining Methods</li> <li>Tutorial 5 – Systems Engineering</li> </ul>
5	In class assessments + Lecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quiz 1</li> <li>Underground Mine Access &amp; Development</li> <li>Tutorial 6 – Shaft vs Decline</li> </ul>
6	Review	Review of week 1 to week 5
7	Lecture + Tutorials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UG Coal – Introduction &amp; Longwall Mining</li> <li>Bord &amp; Pillar Coal Mining and Room &amp; Pillar Metal Mining</li> <li>UG Coal – Thick Seam Mining</li> <li>Tutorial 7 – Longwall Mining</li> </ul>
8	Lecture + Tutorials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UG Metal – Introduction</li> <li>UG Metal – Method Selection</li> <li>UG Metal – Cut &amp; Fill</li> <li>Tutorial 8 – UG Metal Mining Method Selection &amp; Stoping</li> </ul>
9	Lecture + Tutorials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UG Metal – Sublevel Stoping</li> <li>UG Metal – Narrow Vein Mining</li> <li>UG Metal – Caving Methods</li> <li>Tutorial 9 – Room &amp; Pillar Tutorial 10 – Caving Methods</li> </ul>
10	Review + In class assessments	Quiz 2

Notes: The learning activity summary (Section 4.2) is a guide only and the indicated week and course content is subject to change without notice.

Other UNSW Key dates: <https://student.unsw.edu.au/new-calendar-dates>

## 5. COURSE ASSESSMENT

### 5.1. Assessment Summary

Assessment task	Due date / week	Weight	Assessment	Learning outcomes assessed
A01. Quiz 1	Week 5	20%	Quiz on Surface Mining Systems	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
A02. Quiz 2	Week 10	20%	Quiz on Underground Mining Systems	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
A03. Tutorials*	Week 2,3,4,7,8 &9	20%	10 tutorials for the complete portfolio	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
A04. Final Exam**	TBA	40%	End of semester exam covering the whole course	1, 2, 3, 4, 5

**\*Tutorial Portfolio:** Students need to submit their worked tutorials at the end of each session. Each submission will be added to their individual portfolio. Marking of the tutorials will be based on the completeness of the portfolio. The first 15 minutes of each tutorial will be used to discuss the previous tutorial's solution. Solutions of each tutorial will be given to students a week later and not on the same day. The portfolio will be worth 20% of the total course marks.

**\*\*In addition to achieving an overall pass in the course, a student is required to achieve a minimum mark of 40% in the final exam.**

Assignments related details/submission-box will be available online through Moodle. Access to the Moodle site is via the Moodle icon on the MyUNSW homepage.

## 6. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The assessment criteria provide a framework for you to assess your own work before formally submitting major assignments to your course convenor. Your course convenor will be using this framework to assess your work and as a way to assess whether you have met the listed learning outcomes and the graduate attributes for your program. We ask that you don't use the assessment criteria guidelines as a checklist, but as a tool to assess the quality of your work. Your course convenor will also be looking at the quality, creativity and the presentation of your written assignment as they review the framework. Rubrics, wherever applicable, will be provided at the time of the assignment release.

## 7. STUDYING AN UG COURSE IN UNSW MINERALS AND ENERGY RESOURCES ENGINEERING

### 7.1. How We Contact You

At times, the School or your course convenors may need to contact you about your course or your enrolment. Your course convenors will use the email function within Moodle or we will contact you on your @student.unsw.edu.au email address.

We understand that you may have an existing email account and would prefer for your UNSW emails to be redirected to your preferred account. Please see these instructions on how to redirect your UNSW emails: <https://www.it.unsw.edu.au/students/email/index.html>

## 7.2. How You Can Contact Us

We are always ready to assist you with your inquiries. To ensure your question is directed to the correct person, please use the email address below for:

Enrolment or other admin questions regarding your program:  
<https://unswinsight.microsoftcrmportals.com/web-forms/>

Course inquiries: these should be directed to the Course Convenor.

## 7.3. Computing Resources and Internet Access Requirements

UNSW Minerals and Energy Resources Engineering provides blended learning using the on-line Moodle LMS (Learning Management System).

It is essential that you have access to a PC or notebook computer. Mobile devices such as smart phones and tablets may compliment learning, but access to a PC or notebook computer is also required. Note that some specialist engineering software is not available for Mac computers.

Mining Engineering Students: OMB G48/49

Petroleum Engineering Students: TETB

It is recommended that you have regular internet access to participate in forum discussion and group work. To run Moodle most effectively, you should have:

- broadband connection (256 kbit/sec or faster)
- ability to view streaming video (high or low definition UNSW TV options)

More information about system requirements is available at [www.student.unsw.edu.au/moodle-system-requirements](http://www.student.unsw.edu.au/moodle-system-requirements)

## 7.4. Accessing Course Materials Through Moodle

Course outlines, support materials are uploaded to Moodle, the university standard Learning Management System (LMS). In addition, on-line assignment submissions are made using the assignment dropbox facility provided in Moodle. All enrolled students are automatically included in Moodle for each course. To access these documents and other course resources, please visit: [www.moodle.telt.unsw.edu.au](http://www.moodle.telt.unsw.edu.au)

## 7.5. Assignment Submissions

The School has developed a guideline to help you when submitting a course assignment.

We encourage you to retain a copy of every assignment submitted for assessment for your own record either in hardcopy or electronic form.

All assessments must have a assessment cover sheet attached.

## 7.6. Late Submission of an Assignment

Full marks for an assignment are only possible when an assignment is received by the due date.

We understand that at times you may not be able to submit an assignment on time, and the School will accommodate any fair and reasonable extension. We would recommend you review the UNSW Special Consideration guidelines – see following section.

## 7.7. Special Consideration

You can apply for special consideration through [UNSW Student Central](#) when illness or other circumstances interfere with your assessment performance. Sickness, misadventure or other circumstances beyond your control may:

- Prevent you from completing a course requirement,
- Keep you from attending an assessable activity,
- Stop you submitting assessable work for a course,
- Significantly affect your performance in assessable work, be it a formal end-of-semester examination, a class test, a laboratory test, a seminar presentation or any other form of assessment.

We ask that you please contact the Course Convenor immediately once you have completed the special consideration application, no later than one week from submission.

More details on special consideration can be found at: [www.student.unsw.edu.au/special-consideration](http://www.student.unsw.edu.au/special-consideration)

## 7.8. Course Results

For details on UNSW assessment policy, please visit: [www.student.unsw.edu.au/assessment](http://www.student.unsw.edu.au/assessment)

In some instances your final course result may be withheld and not released on the UNSW planned date. This is indicated by a course grade result of either:

- WD – which usually indicates you have not completed one or more items of assessment or there is an issue with one or more assignment; or
- WC – which indicates you have applied for Special Consideration due to illness or misadventure and the course results have not been finalised.

In either event it would be your responsibility to contact the Course Convener as soon as practicable but no later than five (5) days after release of the course result. If you don't contact the convener on time, you may be required to re-submit an assignment or re-sit the final exam and may result in you failing the course. You would also have a NC (course not completed) mark on your transcript and would need to re-enroll in the course.

## 7.9. Students Needing Additional Support

The Student Equity and Disabilities Unit (SEADU) aims to provide all students with support and professional advice when circumstances may prevent students from achieving a successful university education. Take a look at their webpage: [www.studentequity.unsw.edu.au/](http://www.studentequity.unsw.edu.au/)

## 7.10. Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Your lecturer and the University will expect your submitted assignments are truly your own work. UNSW has very clear guidelines on what plagiarism is and how to avoid it. Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others and presenting them as your own. Plagiarism is a type of intellectual theft. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement. The University has adopted an educative approach to plagiarism and has developed a range of resources to support students. All the details on plagiarism, including some useful resources, can be found at [www.student.unsw.edu.au/plagiarism](http://www.student.unsw.edu.au/plagiarism).

All Mining Engineering students are required to complete a student declaration for academic integrity which is outlined in the assignment cover sheets. By signing this declaration, you agree that your work is your own original work.

If you need some additional support with your writing skills, please contact the Learning Centre or view some of the resources on their website: [www.lc.unsw.edu.au/](http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au/). The Learning Centre is designed to help you improve your academic writing and communication skills. Some students use the Centre services because they are finding their assignments a challenge, others because they want to improve an already successful academic performance.

## 7.11. Continual Course Improvement

At the end of each course, all students will have the opportunity to complete a course evaluation form. These anonymous surveys help us understand your views of the course, your lecturers and the course materials. We are continuously improving our courses based on student feedback, and your perspective is valuable.

Feedback is given via <https://student.unsw.edu.au/myexperience> and you will be notified when this is available for you to complete.

We also encourage all students to share any feedback they have any time during the course – if you have a concern, please contact us immediately.



## School of Minerals and Energy Resources Engineering

# Assessment Cover Sheet

Course Convenor: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Course Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Course Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

### ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Before submitting this assignment, the student is advised to review:

- the assessment requirements contained in the briefing document for the assignment;
- the various matters related to assessment in the relevant Course Outline; and
- the *Plagiarism and Academic Integrity* website at < <http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au/plagiarism/pintro.html> > to ensure they are familiar with the requirements to provide appropriate acknowledgement of source materials.

If after reviewing this material there is any doubt about assessment requirements, then in the first instance the student should consult with the Course Convenor and then if necessary with the Director – Undergraduate Studies.

While students are generally encouraged to work with other students to enhance learning, all assignments submitted for assessment must be their entire own work and duly acknowledge the use of other person's work or material. The student may be required to explain any or all parts of the assignment to the Course Convenor or other authorised persons. *Plagiarism* is using the work of others in whole or part without appropriate acknowledgement within the assignment in the required form. *Collusion* is where another person(s) assists in the preparation of a student's assignment without the consent or knowledge of the Course Convenor.

*Plagiarism* and *Collusion* are considered as Academic Misconduct and will be dealt with according to University Policy.

### STUDENT DECLARATION OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

I declare that:

- This assessment item is entirely my own original work, except where I have acknowledged use of source material [such as books, journal articles, other published material, the Internet, and the work of other student/s or any other person/s].
- This assessment item has not been submitted for assessment for academic credit in this, or any other course, at UNSW or elsewhere.

I understand that:

- The assessor of this assessment item may, for the purpose of assessing this item, reproduce this assessment item and provide a copy to another member of the University.
- The assessor may communicate a copy of this assessment item to a plagiarism checking service (which may then retain a copy of the assessment item on its database for the purpose of future plagiarism checking).

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Students are advised to retain a copy of this assessment for their records and submission should be made in accordance to the assessment details available on the course Moodle site.**