

Mineral Exploration and Resource Management (MERM)

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MERM 5001 [0.5 credit]

Magmatic Mineral Systems

Systematic review of source, generation, concentration, migration, separation, enrichment and preservation of major magmatic and derived orthomagmatic hydrothermal ore deposit types including base metal sulfide, precious metal sulfide, porphyry Cu, vein-hosted Sn, Ag, W, etc., chromitite, Fe-Ti oxide, kimberlite-hosted diamond, rare metals, carbonatites.

Prerequisite(s): reserved for students of the Master of Mineral Exploration and Resource Management program.

MERM 5002 [0.5 credit]

Fluid-Dominated Mineral Systems

Systematic review of source, generation, concentration, migration, separation, enrichment and preservation of major fluid-generated ore deposit types including Carlin-type and orogenic gold, IOCG, VMS, MVT-Irish Type, SEDEX, IOCG, unconformity and roll-front U, sediment-hosted Cu-Co, residual soil deposits (e.g., laterite), chemical sediments (e.g., iron formation).

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MERM 5003 [0.5 credit]

Exploration Methods

Methods overview including application of mineral systems framework, data synthesis, GIS, methods and synthesis of geophysical, remote sensing, mapping, geochemical, drilling, assay and geometallurgy. Target selection at all scales from regional to deposit. Cost-benefit analysis for data collection (e.g., mapping vs drilling, operations efficiencies).

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MERM 5004 [0.5 credit]

Mining, Beneficiation, and Waste Management

Methods and environmental burdens of open cast and underground mining, geometallurgy, comminution, mineral separation, concentration, refining and smelting of major and minor commodities; waste rock and tailings management, impoundment stability and environmental geochemistry.

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MERM 5005 [0.5 credit]

Mineral Resource Estimation

Data types and QAQC, geological modeling and domaining, implicit modeling for wireframing (theory and practice), statistics, compositing, capping and declustering, variograms, block modeling, estimation theory and examples, validation and classification, mineral reserves and reporting.

Prerequisite(s): reserved for students of the Master of Mineral Exploration and Resource Management program.

MERM 5006 [0.5 credit]

Mineral Exploration Finance and Economics

Sources of funding for mineral exploration and development, corporate structure and financing, balance sheets, commodity markets, net present value, and reconciliation of projected and realized profits.

Prerequisite(s): reserved for students of the Master of Mineral Exploration and Resource Management program.

MERM 5007 [0.5 credit]

Best Practice in Mineral Exploration

Professionalism, ethics, professional practice, law for professional practice, corporate governance, social license, Indigenous relations, labor relations, corporate and operational risk management, environmental stewardship, responsibility to shareholders.

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MERM 5008 [0.5 credit]

Program Management and Logistics

Capstone course where groups of students use a real case study to plan a fully costed exploration program, including a detailed mineral systems analysis, which fully considers operational and corporate risk management, economic and financial constraints, environmental stewardship, and stakeholder engagement.

Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
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