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Research in volcanology and remote sensing is nationally and internationally recognized and supported by NASA, the NSF, and others. Michigan Tech volcanologists created the volcano website <www.geo.mtu.edu/volcanoes/>, which has been recognized by National Geographic.

Petroleum geology and geophysics research activities are widely recognized and supported by major grants from DOE.

Hydrogeology research is well established and has attracted support from the NSF, EDA, and DOE.

The department’s mining engineering program is nationally recognized. Research activities are supported by DOE and NSF. Michigan Tech’s five-person mining team won second place at the twenty-fourth annual International Collegiate Mining Contest in Kalgoorlie, Australia.

Michigan Tech is the home of the nationally recognized A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum, the official Mineralogical Museum of Michigan, which possesses more than 60,000 specimens.

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The program
The graduate faculty of the department are involved in a wide range of research topics that cross disciplinary boundaries. A major effort is made to create a unique program for each graduate student and encourage interactions with other departments.

Degrees
MS and PhD in Geology
MS and PhD in Geological Engineering
MS in Geophysics
MS and PhD in Mining Engineering

The Department of Geological & Mining Engineering & Sciences at Michigan Technological University (MTU) invites applications from high-quality, motivated students seeking MS and PhD degrees in Geological or Mining Engineering, Geology, and Geophysics. The department’s graduate programs are challenging yet flexible; they are designed to accommodate individual needs, background, and interests. Interdisciplinary study is also encouraged.

Recent and current research projects in Geological and Mining Engineering and Sciences
The Department of Geological and Mining Engineering and Sciences programs have a wide variety of research strengths. These include:

- Volcanology
- Petroleum Geology and Geophysics
- Subsurface Remediation and Contaminant Transport
- Seismic Petrophysics
- Subsurface Visualization
- Stratigraphy and Basin Analysis
- Geochemistry and Ore Deposits
- Near Surface Geophysics
- Environmental/Aqueous Geochemistry
- Basin/Regional Scale Hydrogeology/Hydrology
- Atmospheric Remote Sensing
- Paleomagnetism/Environmental Magnetism
- Structural Geology
- Mineralogy and Petrology
- Satellite Limnology

Laboratories
The department is housed in the Dow Environmental Sciences and Engineering and M&M buildings featuring world-class computer and analytical laboratory equipment; for example

- Laboratory for Remote Sensing and Volcanology
- Subsurface Remediation Lab
- Subsurface Visualization Lab
- Seismic Petrophysics Lab
- Environmental Magnetism Lab
- Rock Mechanics Lab
- Environmental Geochemistry Lab
- X-Ray Diffraction Lab

“Michigan Tech’s Department of Geological and Mining Engineering and Sciences allowed me to customize my doctoral program in geology to suit my needs as an off-campus student working in the petroleum industry. Later, the department willingly and creatively provided financial support and resources when it became clear that I would need to come on campus to complete my dissertation research. In May, 2002, I graduated with my PhD in Geology culminating in a great learning experience.”

Albert “Buddy” Wylie, PhD
Graduate 2002