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We present the mixed variant of the Variational Multiscale Method and apply it to stochastically generated porous media. The method results in a course-scale problem on a mesh of large elements of diameter H. We compare the upscaled solution to the fine-scale, fully resolved solution, and show how the solution degrades as the correlation length of the geostatistics of the medium increases as compared to H. We also show how the upscaling procedure can be used to solve the fine-scale problem more efficiently in a type of multi-grid algorithm. (Received September 28, 2005)