

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

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CAMPUS LIFE

Quality of Life Rating	71
Fire Safety Rating	70
Green Rating	60*
Type of school	public
Environment	metropolis

STUDENTS

Total undergrad enrollment	18,330
% male/female	42/58
% from out of state	21
% live on campus	8
% in (# of) fraternities	3 (9)
% in (# of) sororities	3 (10)
% African American	3
% Asian	4
% Caucasian	46
% Hispanic	35
% Native American	6
% international	1
# of countries represented	102

SURVEY SAYS . . .

Great computer facilities
Great library
Diverse student types on campus
Great off-campus food
Everyone loves the Lobos
Student publications are popular
Lots of beer drinking
(Almost) everyone smokes

ACADEMICS

Academic Rating	70
Calendar	semester
Student/faculty ratio	20:1
Profs interesting rating	62
Profs accessible rating	61
Most common	
reg class size	20–29 students
Most common	
lab size	10–19 students

MOST POPULAR MAJORS

biology/biological sciences
 psychology
 business administration and management

STUDENTS SAY “. . .”

Academics

The University of New Mexico “offers a strong academic community with all of its many research opportunities [for] a bargain price,” students at this large state university tell us. Excellent graduate programs in law, business, and medicine exert a trickle-down effect on the undergraduate divisions. Explains one undergrad, “We have one of the top 10 law schools and medical schools in the nation right now, and the undergraduate programs that lead into those schools want to make sure that at least some of their students get accepted and decide to attend one of these graduate programs.” Students also praise UNM’s offerings in pharmacy, psychology, architecture, anthropology, engineering, and sociology. With this many options, “Even if you don’t know what you want, you are bound to find something that you love.” Students may find that something through UNM’s interesting freshman-year options, which include courses designed to get students up to speed in writing, math, and research skills; freshman learning communities, a pair of team-taught interdisciplinary classes; and freshman interest groups, theme-based seminars that allow students to delve a little deeper into one of their core curriculum requirements. For top-ranked students, UNM’s University Honors Program places students in small, seminar-style classes with an intensive focus on writing and reading.

Life

“Campus life can be as full of activities as one wants it to be” at UNM. A large student population means there are always plenty of extracurricular options. Sizeable commuter and nontraditional populations, on the other hand, ensure that many students aren’t interested in them, as they visit campus only to attend classes. Commuters do appreciate the university’s addition of a new Student Union building, “with three floors that include a movie theater, pool tables, computer labs, art studios, tons of food options, and many ballrooms and conference rooms. Lots of students hang out in the SUB in between classes.” For residents and those who live close by, “There is always something going on, whether it’s a dance show, a movie on the field, a cultural event, a sporting event, or any other casual activity. There are also a lot of opportunities for community service projects and political activism.” Everyone gets behind UNM’s “amazing athletics,” embraced as enthusiastically by the city of Albuquerque as by UNM students. Basketball has a huge fan base here, while football draws tailgaters regardless of the quality of the team. Because UNM’s campus is officially dry, “Many students choose to go to local bars and downtown Albuquerque where there are many bars in one area” to socialize. Most students agree that there’s much fun to be had in Albuquerque, “a fairly large city with frequent cultural activities (Zozobra, Balloon Fiesta, State Fair) that are really fun and interesting, especially if you are from out of state and haven’t experienced them before.”

Student Body

“UNM has students from all walks of life,” which isn’t so surprising given its undergraduate population of nearly 20,000. Many are nontraditional, are “roughly 25 years old, approach studies from a very practical perspective, and work a full-time job or close to it to pay for school.” One undergrad observes, “Because of its many nontraditional students, the school can sometimes feel too old or too young. UNM needs to work on integrating all students and finding activities that allow all age groups to interact” (though any such efforts may be hampered by the fact that “most students are commuters, who are solely focused on earning their degree”). With “many Hispanic, Native American, Anglo, and other students,” UNM is “extremely diverse.” Notes one student, “There are so many different ethnicities here that racial discrimination really isn’t an issue.”

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THE PRINCETON REVIEW SAYS

Admissions

Very important factors considered include: Academic GPA, rigor of secondary school record. *Important factors considered include:* Class rank, standardized test scores. *Other factors considered include:* Application essay, recommendation(s), character/personal qualities, extracurricular activities, first generation, volunteer work, work experience. SAT or ACT required; ACT with Writing component recommended. TOEFL required of all international applicants. High school diploma is required and GED is accepted. *Academic units required:* 4 English, 3 mathematics, 2 science, (1 science labs), 2 foreign language, 1 social studies, 1 history.

Financial Aid

Students should submit: FAFSA. The Princeton Review suggests that all financial aid forms be submitted as soon as possible after January 1. *Need-based scholarships/grants offered:* Federal Pell, SEOG, state scholarships/grants, private scholarships, the school's own gift aid, United Negro College Fund, Federal Nursing Scholarships. *Loan aid offered:* Direct Subsidized Stafford, Direct Unsubsidized Stafford, Direct PLUS, Federal Perkins, Federal Nursing, state loans, college/university loans from institutional funds. Applicants will be notified of awards on a rolling basis beginning 4/15. Federal Work-Study Program available.

The Inside Word

UNM's rolling admissions process is quite typical of large public universities. Consideration is based nearly entirely on courses, grades, and test scores, though recommendations can sometimes help a candidate. Solid average students should encounter no difficulty in gaining an offer of admission.

THE SCHOOL SAYS "..."

From The Admissions Office

"The University of New Mexico is a major research institution nestled in the heart of multicultural Albuquerque on one of the nation's most beautiful and unique campuses. Students learn in an environment graced by distinctive Southwestern architecture, beautiful plazas and fountains, spectacular art and a national arboretum . . . all within view of the 10,000-foot Sandia Mountains. At UNM, diversity is a way of learning with education enriched by a lively mix of students being taught by a world-class research faculty that includes a Nobel laureate, a MacArthur Fellow, and members of several national academies. UNM offers more than 225 degree programs and majors and has earned national recognition in dozens of disciplines, ranging from primary care medicine and clinical law to engineering, photography, Latin American history, and intercultural communications. Research and the quest for new knowledge fuels the university's commitment to an undergraduate education where students work side by side with many of the finest scholars in their fields.

"The university will continue to accept SAT or ACT scores, but does not require the Writing component at this time. The SAT Critical Reading portion will be used with the SAT Math to be considered in any admission decision based on formula. The use of ACT composite remains unchanged. These requirements are subject to change."

SELECTIVITY

Admissions Rating	78
# of applicants	7,134
% of applicants accepted	74
% of acceptees attending	59

FRESHMAN PROFILE

Range SAT Critical Reading	470-600
Range SAT Math	470-590
Range ACT Composite	19-25
Minimum paper TOEFL	520
Minimum computer TOEFL	190
Minimum web-based TOEFL	68
Average HS GPA	3.33
% graduated top 10% of class	21
% graduated top 25% of class	45
% graduated top 50% of class	79

DEADLINES

Regular	
Deadline	6/15
Nonfall registration?	yes

FINANCIAL FACTS

Financial Aid Rating	60*
Annual in-state tuition	\$6,094
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$19,923