

THE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

General Academic Regulations

Students are responsible for complying with all regulations of the University, their respective colleges and the departments from which they take courses, as well as for fulfilling all degree requirements. Students are responsible for knowing and complying with all academic regulations.

Catalog Requirements

Undergraduate students may graduate under the requirements in the catalog issue in effect at the time of their admission into the college or school from which they are seeking a degree. If students transfer from one degree-granting college or program to another within the University, they must comply with the catalog requirements in effect at the time of their transfer.

Notwithstanding the above, the University of New Mexico reserves the right to make changes in the curricula and degree requirements as deemed necessary, with the changes being applicable to currently enrolled students.

Readmission–Catalog Requirements

Students who interrupt their degree program and are not enrolled for three or more consecutive semesters (including Summer), must comply with catalog requirements in effect at the time of re-enrollment.

Responsibility for Requirements

Students are responsible for knowing the rules and regulations concerning graduation requirements and for registering in the courses necessary to meet them. Advisement at the specific department/program level as well as the college level is strongly recommended to assure timely graduation.

Students who take more than 10 years to graduate from the date of their original admission, must conform to the catalog in effect in the semester in which they intend to graduate.

Core Curriculum

The University has adopted a revised Core Curriculum as of Fall 2003 which all undergraduate students must complete as part of their baccalaureate program. The Core consists of several groups of courses designed to enhance each student's academic capabilities. Its goal is to give all students at the University a grounding in the broad knowledge and intellectual values obtained in a liberal arts education and to assure that graduates have a shared academic experience. The required courses encourage intellectual development in seven areas of study: writing and communication, social and behavioral sciences, mathematical reasoning, scientific methods in the physical and natural sciences, the humanities, the fine arts, and languages. The Core consists of lower-division courses which develop these skills and abilities, and students are strongly encouraged to complete the Core early in their college careers. Individual student substitutions should be minimal and are discouraged. Except where noted (see "Alternative Credit Options" in the Undergraduate Admissions section of the Catalog), students may apply AP or CLEP credit to the Core requirements.

Departments and colleges may restrict student choices within the Core to meet departmental and college degree requirements. A grade of C (not C-) is required in all courses used to fulfill the requirements of the Core Curriculum. Courses taken CR/NC can be applied to the core, subject to general University and individual college and department regulations on the number of credits

that can be taken CR/NC and the applicability of courses taken CR/NC to the individual degree.

The University recognizes, however, that the highly structured nature of many degree programs and the presence of numerous transfer and non-traditional students requires flexibility on its part. Transfer and reentering students will receive advising in the college and department to which they are admitted in order to establish an appropriate program which will meet their needs and the aims of the Core. Where degree program requirements are so structured that a student's total academic program credits would be increased by taking a Core course in a particular Core area, a department may approve a blanket substitution of a course in a particular Core area for all students pursuing an undergraduate degree in that particular program. Approval of substitutions or exceptions is handled on a department and college basis.

The basic Core Curriculum requires approximately 37 hours of courses in seven areas of study.

- 1. Writing and Speaking** (9 hours): English 101 and 102 plus an additional course chosen from English 219, 220; Communication and Journalism 130; Philosophy 156. Students with ACT English scores of 29 and higher or SAT Critical Reading scores of 650 or higher have satisfied the University Writing Requirement and should enroll for courses of their choice in the Writing and Speaking Core. Students with ACT English scores of 26, 27, 28 or SAT Critical Reading scores of 610 or higher may enroll directly in English 102 and, upon passing, meet the University Writing Requirement. Students with ACT English scores of 25 or lower or SAT Critical Reading scores below 610 should enroll in English 101. Students who have taken an Advanced Placement examination in English Language or Literature should refer to "Advanced Placement" for placement and credit information.
- 2. Mathematics:** One course chosen from MATH 121, 129, 150, 162, 163, 180, 181, 215, Stat 145.
- 3. Physical and Natural Sciences:** Two courses, one of which must include a laboratory, chosen from Anthropology 150 and 151L, 121L (lab required), 160 and 161L; Astronomy 101 and 101L; Biology 110 and 112L, 123 and 124L; Chemistry 111L (lab required), 121L (lab required) or 131L (lab required), 122L (lab required) or 132L (lab required); Earth and Planetary Sciences 101 and 105L, 201L (lab required); Environmental Science 101 and 102L; Geography 101 and 105L; Natural Sciences 261L (lab required), 262L (lab required), 263L (lab required); Physics 102 and 102L, 105, 151 and 151L, 152 and 152L, 160 and 160L, 161 and 161L.
- 4. Social and Behavioral Sciences** (minimum 6 hours): Two courses chosen from American Studies 182, 185; Anthropology 101, 130; Community and Regional Planning 181; Economics 105, 106; Engineering-F 200; Geography 102; Linguistics 101 (AOA Anthropology 110); Political Science 110, 200, 220, 240; Psychology 105; Sociology 101.
- 5. Humanities** (6 hours): Two courses chosen from American Studies 186; Classics 107, 204, 205; Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies 222, 224; English 150, 292, 293; Foreign Languages (MLNG) 101; History 101L, 102L, 161, 162; Honors Legacy Seminars at the 100- and 200-level; Philosophy 101, 201, 202; Religious Studies 107, 263, 264.
- 6. Foreign Language** (non-English language; minimum 3 hours): One course chosen from any of the lower-division non-English language offerings of the Departments of Linguistics (including Sign Language), Spanish and Portuguese, Foreign Languages and Literatures, and foreign languages in other departments and programs.
- 7. Fine Arts** (minimum of 3 hours): One course chosen from Architecture 101; Art History 101, 201, 202;

National Student Exchange

NSE offers the University of New Mexico students an opportunity for educational travel and study at more than 170 participating colleges and universities across the United States and its territories/commonwealths. NSE permits students to broaden their academic, social and cultural awareness by temporarily leaving the familiar atmosphere of hometown and home campus.

Participants must be full-time students with a minimum cumulative grade point average of a 2.50 and must have completed two semesters and at least 26 hours prior to exchange.

NSE students pay full-time tuition to the University of New Mexico before leaving for their host school. Most University of New Mexico financial aid will apply for tuition. Expenses for room and board, transportation to and from the host campus, and incidentals are the responsibility of the exchange student.

Information may be obtained from the NSE Office, Student Services, Room 280, Telephone (505) 277-3361, <http://www.unm.edu/~unmnse>.

New Mexico/WICHE

(Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education)

Since 1951, New Mexico has sponsored and sent students across state lines to receive professional education. The 13 western states have provided this service under terms of the Western Regional Education Compact, which has been adopted by the legislatures of all 13 member states and has been administered by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

New Mexico participates in 7 of the 15 disciplines offered through WICHE Professional Student Exchange. Certified New Mexico residents are eligible for funding support at WICHE-participating institutions in the fields of dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, osteopathy, podiatry, graduate library studies and public health. In addition, New Mexico receives WICHE students from the other compacting states in the fields of medicine, physical therapy, law, pharmacy, and architecture.

Western Regional Graduate Programs

The University of New Mexico is one of 35 graduate-level institutions in the West cooperating in a regional effort to make certain that graduate programs of limited availability are accessible to graduate students of the 15 participating states. Qualified students from all 14 states may enroll in these programs at resident tuition rates. The Western Regional Graduate Programs at this institution are American Studies (M.A., Ph.D.); Art History – Art of the Americas, Art of the Modern World (M.A., Ph.D.); Educational Linguistics (Ph.D.); Latin American Studies (M.A., Ph.D.); Nursing & Latin American Studies (MSN; M.A., Latin American Studies); Optical Science & Engineering (MS, Ph.D.); Art Studio focusing on Printmaking (M.F.A.); Water Resources (MWR).

Additional information about the Western Regional Graduate Programs may be obtained by contacting the participating units or by contacting the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education: <http://www.wiche.edu>.

* Participating states include: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, ND, NM, NV, OR, SD, UT, WA, WY.

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Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

WUE is the Western Undergraduate Exchange, a program of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). Through WUE, students in western states may enroll in many two-year and four-year college programs at a reduced tuition level: 150 percent of the institution's regular resident tuition. WUE tuition is considerably less than non-resident tuition.

Requirements for WUE Enrollment

All interested students must be admitted to the University of New Mexico no later than April 29th. This requirement applies to first-time freshmen and transfer students.

First-time freshmen must have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.25 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) and an ACT composite score of at least 23 or the SAT equivalent (1060). Transfer students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) on 30 transfer hours.

All UNM Programs are open to WUE students. Access to the WUE Program is very selective; enrollment is limited to five students.

How to Apply

For consideration, students must contact the WUE Coordinator before April 30th at (505) 277-3361 to begin the WUE admissions process.

International Student Exchange/ Study Abroad

The Study Abroad Division administers international exchange programs whereby University of New Mexico students exchange places for a semester or academic year with international students from some 75 universities in 30 countries. The study abroad advisor works closely with the Latin American and Iberian Institute to promote extensive study abroad opportunities in Spain and Latin America. OIPS provides support and assistance for summer session and other short-term courses taught by University of New Mexico faculty at overseas sites. The program also maintains an extensive resource center and online resources for students and faculty who are seeking other opportunities for international study, research, internships or volunteer programs. Additionally, the study abroad advisor offers information and support for students in seeking grants, scholarships and other financial aid sources to help pay for international experiences. The office serves as the advising center for student and faculty Fulbright programs, grants from the National Security Education Program, the Gilman Scholarship and other special programs.

The study abroad program also provides an extensive orientation program, information resources and advising both for outgoing University of New Mexico and incoming exchange students, emphasizing health and safety issues, cultural adjustment, academic success, and immigration and visa requirements. The advising staff works to assure that every student has a safe, productive and stimulating international and intercultural experience.

The Office of International Programs and Studies is located in Mesa Vista Hall, Room 2111, (505) 277-4032. For more information, please visit us at <http://www.unm.edu/oips>.