

NMSU-Net, students have access to mainframe and Unix processors that support instruction for all NMSU colleges. In addition, computer clusters located around campus provide PC's and Mac's loaded with typical personal computer software as well as course-specific software. Students will find word processing, spreadsheet, statistics, drawing and image processing, presentation, scientific computation, and other tools to assist them in a successful college career. Access to other campus resources such as the Library, email, bulletin boards, newsgroups, etc. are all readily available. Remote archives, databases, news, and all of the resources of the World Wide Web are also easily accessed. Student admissions, registration, and grades are provided on the web for easy student use. For further information, contact ICT, MSC 3AT, NMSU, P. O. Box 30001, Las Cruces, NM 88003-8001, (505) 646-1840 or email help@nmsu.edu. NMSU's web homepage is located at www.nmsu.edu.

National Student Exchange Program

Under the National Student Exchange Program (NSE), students may pay NMSU tuition and attend any of 160 colleges or universities across the nation. NSE allows students to broaden their academic, social, and cultural awareness through study in different geographical settings. To qualify for the program, an applicant must be a full-time student with a 2.5 grade-point average and must be a sophomore, junior, or senior at the time of exchange. Applications for the program are accepted from October through December for the following academic year. Late applications may be accepted if space permits.

Grades and credit hours earned at the host institution become part of the official NMSU transcript upon approval of the academic adviser and records officer. Grades are recorded according to the NMSU grading system.

Servicemember's Opportunity College

NMSU is a member of the Servicemember's Opportunity College consortium (SOC). As such, the university has agreed to write contracts with active-duty military, National Guard servicemembers and their families. This contract will enable them to continue degree work on an Associate's degree in the event of transfer from the local area. See "Servicemember's Opportunity College (SOC)" heading in the "Regulations" section for more information. For further assistance, the student should contact the SOC coordinator through Doña Ana Branch Community College.

Student Support Services

Student Support Services is a program of encouragement and academic support to ensure that eligible students succeed at NMSU. Services include the following:

- **Mentoring:** Participants meet with a mentor each week for help in adjusting to college, learning and using campus resources, developing effective study skills, accessing financial aid, using academic advising, staying motivated, and dealing with personal problems.
- **Tutoring:** Individual tutoring is available by appointment in science, math, engineering, agriculture, social sciences, humanities, business, and foreign languages.
- **Computer Lab:** Complete assignments, check email, receive individual instruction.
- **Cultural Activities:** Participants receive tickets to activities attended in groups with Student Support Services staff. These activities include plays, dance productions, concerts, and symphonies.
- **Exam Files:** Exam files are available to assist with test taking.

To qualify, students must be first generation (neither parent received a baccalaureate degree), low income, or have a learning or physical disability. Student Support Services is highly competitive with only 350 slots available for eligible students. Students should apply early in Garcia Annex, Room 143. Visit our web site at www.nmsu.edu/~sss or call (505) 646-1336.

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

NMSU collaborates with the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) in recommending graduates of the university for programs in dentistry, graduate library studies, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathy, podiatry, public health, and veterinary medicine in universities of other western states. The State of New Mexico subsidizes the education of New Mexico residents when approved for training in these fields in other states. This subsidy is a loan-for-service program which permits New Mexico residents to attend state-supported institutions at in-state tuition

rates and private institutions at approximately one-third the standard tuition cost if they practice in New Mexico for an equal number of years after graduation. This program is contingent upon funding by the state legislature. For further information write Certifying Officer for New Mexico, WICHE's Student Exchange Program, New Mexico Commission on Higher Education, 1068 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, NM 87501-4295.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

NMSU awards both designated and undesignated associate degrees following completion of 66 semester credits (excluding "N" suffix courses). The last 15 to 30 credits, depending on the requirements of the college in which the degree is pursued, must be completed at NMSU or one of its branches. (Service personnel enrolled under the two-year Servicemember's Opportunity College Program may be exempt from this requirement.)

The designation *Meritorious Graduate* is awarded to the top 15 percent of the students receiving associate degrees within each college in any one academic year; the students must have completed 45 or more credits with computable grades at NMSU.

Main Campus

Detailed information on admission requirements, curricula, and associate degree or certificate requirements will be found in the section of this catalog devoted to the administering department/college.

Associate of Arts

Administered by the Community Colleges

Associate of Fine Arts

Administered by the Community Colleges

Associate of Science in Engineering Technology

Administered by the College of Engineering

Designated Associate Degrees

The following designated associate degrees are granted to students completing the specified requirements of the degree.

Associate in Art and Graphic Design, administered by the Community Colleges

Associate in Criminal Justice, administered by the Department of Criminal Justice in the College of Arts and Sciences

Associate in Education, administered by the Community Colleges

Associate in Pre-business, administered by the College of Business Administration and Economics

Associate in Pre-engineering, administered by the College of Engineering

Associate of Arts in Heritage Interpretation, administered by the Community Colleges

Community Colleges

Many of the associate degrees offered on main campus, as well as other programs, are available at NMSU's four branch campuses. For more information on branch campus offerings, refer to the "Community Colleges" chapter in this catalog and to respective branch catalogs or community college admissions offices.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Graduate degrees, specializations, and the programs in which they are awarded are:

Master of Accountancy

Master of Agriculture

Specialization in: Agribusiness

Master of Applied Geography

Master of Arts

Agricultural Extension Education

Anthropology

Art