

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION

International Exchange Students

An Exchange Student is defined as a visiting student who is coming to NMSU for one semester to one Academic Year but is not seeking a degree. An Exchange Student typically comes to NMSU from one of NMSU's partner universities or one of NMSU's partner consortiums.

All international exchange students are required to be enrolled in NMSU-approved health insurance. Education Abroad & National Student Exchange will enroll the students and bill the insurance amount to the student's account.

Exchange Students are required to attend a mandatory Orientation before courses begin. Orientation will be scheduled and facilitated by the Education Abroad & National Student Exchange, abiding by guidelines set forth by the US government per J-1 visa requirements.

Exchange students are subject to the same English Language Proficiency policies outlined in the section on University Procedures for International Students.

Application Process for International Exchange Students

Prior to admission to NMSU, a prospective international exchange student must be nominated from their home university, complete an application with Education Abroad & National Student Exchange and submit their required documents. The process is as follows:

1. Nomination for exchange must be submitted by the Home University to the Incoming Exchange Coordinator by March 15 for Fall semester and September 15 for Spring semester. Please see your home university exchange coordinator for more information and to complete the nomination process.
2. Once a nomination is received, students will be directed to make an account at: <https://educationabroad.nmsu.edu/incoming-exchange-students.html>.
3. The student is then required to complete the Exchange Student Nomination Form Questionnaire and upload the following documents:
 - a. Passport
 - b. Transcripts (in English)
 - c. Financial document showing proof of \$8,000 per semester attended.
4. Current TOEFL scores (2 years or less). See below for acceptable scores. Information on current test scores can be found at Education Abroad & National Student Exchange's website: <https://educationabroad.nmsu.edu/exchange-students-application-deadlines-and-processes.html>. All international students, regardless of status, must apply for Admissions to NMSU. Education Abroad & National Student Exchange staff will send the students specific instructions on how to apply non-degree, guest matriculant to NMSU.

Academic Restrictions

The majority of the NMSU catalog applies to Exchange Students, with the following exceptions:

- Courses must be taken at the Main Campus only. Community college courses, including DACC, are not available to Exchange Students.
- The Nursing Department and the Creative Media Institute (CMI) are the only departments strictly off limits to exchange students, with case-by-case exception by the departments, and this would have to be approved well in advance of the student being nominated. The English Department also has restrictions on the courses available to exchange students. Please contact the Education Abroad office for more information.
- Exchange students are required to abide by all pre-requisite requirements and class size restrictions (i.e., if a course is closed when the student goes to register, an exception cannot be made).
- Online courses are restricted due to visa requirements (no more than three credits can be taken online. Additional fees will apply).