

ABOUT NMSU GRANTS

NMSU at Grants was established as a branch campus of New Mexico State University in 1968 through the cooperative efforts of the university and Grants Municipal Schools.

During the first year of operation, classes were held in the evening at public school facilities and taught by qualified part-time instructors from the community.

In August 1969, the college moved to its present site, which previously housed the Grants Job Corps Center. During 1977–78, a main building was constructed, which housed the academic classrooms, student lounge, library, law library, as well as faculty and administration offices. Later, the former Vocational Building and Gymnasium became Fidel Hall, which remains from the Job Corps Center, and was also renovated during the same period.

In May of 1987, the Main Building was dedicated as "Walter K. Martinez Memorial Hall," in memory of Walter K. Martinez, former State Representative from 1966–1984 and Speaker of the House from 1971–1978. During his tenure in the legislature, NMSU-Grants received significant appropriations for capital improvements to plan, remodel and construct the present physical plant. In addition, two buildings were named and dedicated to leaders in the development of the NMSU at the Grants Campus:

- the gymnasium became the "Joseph A. Fidel Activities Center,"
- while the new name of the Annex, the "McClure Building," honored former state Senator Frank McClure for his pioneering efforts in establishing this campus.

NMSU Grants celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2018 and dedicated the new Teacher Education and Health Care building as "Lucy Belle Ma Hall" in memory of Lucy Belle Ma, a former employee who devoted her time to recruiting and supporting our students.

In the 21st century, NMSU Grants is distinguished by serving as both a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) and a Non-Tribal Native American-Serving Institution (NASNTI). This reflects the local service base of Cibola and Catron counties, including the tribal communities of the Laguna Pueblo, Acoma Pueblo and Navajo Nation.

NMSU Grants offers a range of academic programs, including multiple associate and applied science degrees, a broad selection of certificates, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Education. These programs prepare students either to continue toward a bachelor's degree or to enter careers in the skilled trades, computer technology, education, or health and social services. Recently, NMSU Grants has expanded collaboration with local schools, including Grants Cibola County Schools and Pine Hill High School, to increase dual enrollment opportunities. The establishment of the Early College High School on campus further strengthens the institution's commitment to education in Cibola County. Additional priorities include expanding the Adult Education program, increasing online course offerings, and recruiting and retaining highly qualified faculty and staff. Together, these efforts support the institutional mission of providing quality education through innovative teaching and learning that respects and serves a diverse student body and community.

Mission and Vision

Mission Statement: NMSU Grants provides an accessible, quality education through innovative teaching and learning that promotes respect and service for our diverse students and community.

Vision Statement: To embrace innovation in teaching and learning to promote a sustainable, prosperous community.

Catalog Intent

The catalog is a summary of information of interest to students. Readers should be aware of the following:

1. This catalog is not a complete statement of all procedures, policies, rules and regulations. See the Schedule of Courses and the Student Code of Conduct for additional information.
2. The university reserves the right to change, without notice, any academic or other requirements, course offerings, course content, programs, procedures, policies, rules, and regulations as published in this catalog.

Special procedures, policies, rules, and regulations, whether or not contained in this catalog, may be applicable to students.

Students planning to earn degrees or certificates may elect to fulfill requirements as outlined in the catalog in effect at the date of initial enrollment or as outlined in catalogs published subsequent to their initial enrollment.

Notice of Non-Discrimination

New Mexico State University (NMSU) is dedicated to providing equal opportunities in our employment and learning environments. NMSU does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, retaliation, serious medical condition, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, spousal affiliation, or protected veteran status in its programs and activities as required by equal opportunity regulations and laws and university policy and rules.

NMSU's Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) is responsible for compliance with state and federal equal employment opportunity laws and regulations. If you believe you have been treated in a manner inconsistent with equal opportunity, contact the Office of Institutional Equity.

NMSU has designated the Executive Director of OIE as the Title IX Coordinator and is responsible for ensuring compliance with Title IX and other state and federal laws addressing sexual and gender-based harassment, including sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual intimidation, dating and domestic violence, stalking, and other forms of sexual violence based on sex, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

NMSU recognizes that individuals with disabilities are entitled to access, support and, when appropriate, reasonable accommodation. The Executive Director of OIE is also assigned to coordinate compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and other state and federal laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in admission, treatment and/or access to its programs and activities.

Inquiries regarding equal employment opportunity, Title IX, and/or ADA/Section 504 should be directed to:

Office of Institutional Equity

Executive Director

Title IX Coordinator and ADA

O'Loughlin House

Las Cruces, NM 88003

(575) 646-3635

Website: equity.nmsu.edu

Email: equity@nmsu.edu

OIE's Deputy Director can be contacted at the O'Loughlin House or by telephone (575) 646-3635.

Complaints of discrimination, harassment, sexual violence, and retaliation may be directed to the Office of Institutional Equity at equity@nmsu.edu.

Complaints may also be filed with the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/smartscreen/main.jsf>, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and/or New Mexico Human Rights Bureau.

Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Statement

New Mexico State University, in compliance with applicable laws and in furtherance of its commitment to fostering an environment that welcomes and embraces diversity, does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, retaliation, serious medical condition, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, spousal affiliation, or protected veteran status in its programs and activities, including employment, admissions, and educational programs and activities. Inquiries may be directed to the Executive Director, Title IX and Section 504 Coordinator, Office of Institutional Equity, P.O. Box 30001, 1130 E. University Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88003; 575-646-3635; equity@nmsu.edu.

NMSU is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. To request an accommodation, students should contact Student Accessibility Services on their campus or on Main Campus at Corbett Center Student Union, Room 2008, Las Cruces, NM 88003; 575-646-6840 or sas@nmsu.edu.

Employees requiring accommodation should contact the Office of Institutional Equity, O'Loughlin House, 1130 E. University Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88003; 575-646-3635 or equity@nmsu.edu.