THE NMSU SYSTEM ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

Registration at NMSU is a process that includes: (1) academic advising, (2) registering for classes, online or with your academic advisor, and (3) payment of tuition and fees. For first time freshman and transfer undergraduate students (at the Las Cruces campus), the registration process occurs during Aggie Welcome/Transfer Student Orientations. For currently enrolled Undergraduate students and all Graduate students registration occurs in collaboration with your advisor or online through the myNMSU portal. For detailed instructions and questions about registration which are not addressed on the website, please contact the University Student Records (USR) (https://records.nmsu.edu).

Admission Requirement

No person will be allowed to register for courses until formally admitted to NMSU through the Community College, International Programs, Undergraduate or Graduate Admissions processes.

Class Schedule

Each semester and summer session, the University Student Records provides an online schedule of classes which can be accessed through myNMSU or the NMSU website. Note that not all courses listed in this catalog are offered every semester.

Registration Schedule by Classification

Several groups of students (e.g. Crimson Scholars, Students with Disabilities, Veterans) receive priority dates for course registration. For other students, registration dates are determined by the student's current classification at the time of registration. A student's classification is determined by the number of credits completed, and does not include courses in progress. A student's classification depends upon the number of credits completed toward graduation. Sophomore classification is achieved with successful completion of 28 credits; Junior classification, 60 credits; Senior classification, 90 credits.

University Credits

The unit of university credit is the semester hour, which is based upon one hour of lecture class or a minimum of two hours of practice/lab per week during one semester, and assumes a minimum of two hours additional, by the student, outside of class. The number of credits associated with each course is indicated in the course schedule.

Course Load for Undergraduate Students

The full-time course load in a regular semester (fall or spring) for a main campus undergraduate students is 12-18 credits. A full-time course load for a summer term is 9-12 credits, with a maximum of 6 credits per session. Some scholarships have a 15 credit course load eligibility requirement. Each student is responsible for meeting their own scholarship eligibility requirements.

An overload is classified as more than 18 credits for a regular semester and more than 12 credits for the summer term. A one-credit course in physical education or supplemental instruction will not create an overload. Registration for a course overload requires written permission from an Associate Director of the Center for Academic Advising and Student Support (CAASS) or the Associate Dean for Academics in the student's academic college. A "Change of Schedule (https://records.nmsu.edu/_files/sro-forms/Change%20of%20Schedule%20Form.pdf)" form is required and available on the University Student Records website (https://records.nmsu.edu). Freshmen and students with a grade of D or F, or a cumulative grade-point average of less than 2.5, in either of the last two semesters, are not eligible for overloads. Concurrent enrollment in non-NMSU courses at other post-secondary institutions requires prior approval from the Associate Dean for Academics in the student's college, and these courses are counted as part of a student's class load.

Course Load for Graduate Students

A full-time course load in a regular semester (fall or spring) is 9 credits, with a maximum of 15 graded credits. A full-time course load for a summer term is 6 credits with a maximum of 9 credits.

Course Numbering

The course numbering system at NMSU indicated the levels as follows:

- 100-299/1000-2999 – Lower Division (Las Cruces and Community College Campuses)
- 300-499/3000-4999 – Upper Division (Las Cruces Campus)
- 450-499/4500-4999 – Senior and graduate courses (Las Cruces Campus)
- 500-799/5000-7999 – Graduate courses (Las Cruces Campus)

All undergraduate students must demonstrate Basic Academic Skills in both English and mathematics before enrolling in any upper-division course (numbered 300/3000 or higher). These requirements ensure that each student in the upper-division courses has the ability to succeed without compromising the learning experience of other students.

Class Delivery

Classes at NMSU are delivered in a variety of modalities. Students may see any of the following schedule types when viewing the class schedule through myNMSU or the NMSU website.

- **CL (Classroom/Lecture):** traditional in-person class meetings that occur on specified days and times in a specified location.
- **LB (Lab):** traditional in-person lab meetings that occur on specified days and times in a specified location.
- **HY (Online with In Person Meetings):** hybrid delivery that is offered both online and with required in-person class meetings that occur on specified days and times in a specified location.
- **ONL (Online with Synchronous Meetings):** online class meetings that require all students to meet virtually on specified days and times
- **WB (Online with no Synchronous Meeting):** online class meetings that do not require students to meet virtually
- **IND (Independent Meeting):** students and instructors schedule meetings on an as needed basis to discuss course content and student progress
- **TD (Thesis/Dissertation):** thesis/dissertation with implied meetings on an as needed basis to discuss course content and student progress
- **PC (Practicum):** practicum/clinical with implied meetings on an as needed basis to discuss course content and student progress

Prerequisites and Corequisites

Some courses require advance or concurrently acquired specific knowledge and skills. Prerequisite(s) and corequisite(s) for each courses

are indicated in the course description section of this catalog. Students must have completed (or be presently enrolled in the prerequisite(s)) courses in order to register for a course with prerequisites. Where a student was allowed to register for a course while completing the prerequisite(s), and then subsequently fails to successfully complete a prerequisite course, the student shall be dis-enrolled from the course requiring the prerequisite. In the case of a corequisite, a student must enroll in the courses during the same semester. In some instances, where a course has an enforced "pre/corequisite" the student can elect to either take the requirement before registering for the course, or take the courses at the same time.

Registration Changes

Subject to any registration "holds" and any applicable deadlines, students may change their course registration online. Caution should be exercised as registration changes may negatively impact eligibility for scholarships, financial aid or athletic participation, the student's ability to progress through their degree program in a timely manner, and the student's obligations with respect to tuition and fees.

The University Student Records publishes an online schedule of "Important Dates for Students (https://records.nmsu.edu/students/important-dates.html)" for each semester. The student is responsible for reviewing and adhering to the Important Dates, including the deadlines to add, drop or withdraw from course(s) for the relevant semester.

Adding Courses: There are two different types of deadlines for adding courses:

1. **Last day to add a class without instructor's signature** - during this period courses may be added online through myNMSU, or through your academic advisor (if necessary).
2. **Last day to add a class with instructor's signature -** during this period courses may only be added with either the "Change of Schedule (https://records.nmsu.edu/_files/sro-forms/Change%20of%20Schedule%20Form.pdf)" form signed by the instructor (available online on the University Student Records website (https://records.nmsu.edu)).
   Or students taking classes online and who do not live in the Las Cruces Area must email the instructor, using the NMSU email, in order to get permission to be added to the course. If the instructor approves the addition, the approved response must be sent to either the student's academic advisor or to record_grade@nmsu.edu with the student's name, ID number and course CRN number they are wanting to add.

Withdrawing from Courses: There are two different types of deadlines for withdrawing from courses:

1. **Last day to drop without a "W" grade –** during this period, the student can drop the course and not have it appear on their official transcript in any form, and the student will have no financial obligation related to the course (students will receive a 100% refund if tuition has been paid for the course).
2. **Last day to drop with a "W" grade –** during this period, the student can withdraw from the course, but the course will appear on their official transcript with the withdrawal (W) designation as the grade, and the student will be responsible for the full tuition and fees related to that course.

Students are responsible for initiating official withdrawal from any course(s) they do not intend to complete. Students who experience extraordinary circumstances that prevent timely registration changes should consult with their Academic Associate Dean or the Registrar. For more information about the process for adding or withdrawing from a course(s), please speak with your academic advisor or contact the University Student Records.

Any student attending under Veteran Educational Assistance must notify the Military and Veteran's Programs office before processing registration changes to determine if changes will affect their enrollment status or benefits.

A student found insufficiently prepared for a course they are enrolled in may be transferred to a more elementary course in the same subject any day before the last day to withdraw from an individual course.

Waitlisting

Waitlisting is available for all courses across the NMSU system, except for labs that are linked to a specific lecture class. Waitlisting is an electronic list of students who are waiting to register for a filled course. Once students are put onto the waitlist, the process to get into that course is as follows:

1. A currently enrolled student must drop the course for a seat to become available.
2. The first student on the waitlist is notified through their NMSU email.
3. The notified student has 24 hours to log in to their myNMSU and register themselves for the class.
4. If the first student fails to register within their allotted 24 hours, then the first student is dropped from the waitlist and the next student on the waitlist is notified. This continues until the empty seat is filled.

A student who fails to register for the class during their allotted 24 hours is automatically dropped from the waitlist and can add themselves back onto the bottom of the waitlist for that course.

Students cannot be added to the waitlist after the first day of classes. Instructor overrides can only be made after the second day of class, at which point the instructor's signature is required on either the "Change of Schedule (https://records.nmsu.edu/_files/sro-forms/Change%20of%20Schedule%20Form.pdf)" form to add a course.

Graduate Registration Requirements for Summer

Students who have scheduled their final examination, or who are completing their thesis during a summer session, must be registered for one credit hour during the same summer session. In order to graduate during a summer session, the student must have filed the Application for Degree by the deadline posted on the Academic Calendar.

Repeating Courses for A Change in Grade

See the Grading portion of the Academic Regulations section of this catalog.

Substitutions and Waivers

Students registering for their final semester must have all course substitutions and/or waivers of degree requirements approved before two weeks after the last date of registration for full or summer terms.

Auditing a Course (No Credit)

An audited course is one in which the student registers for the learning experience but does not seek to earn academic credit for the course. A student seeking to audit a course must register and pay tuition and fees for the course and have the consent of the instructor to take the class in audit form. A student who has registered to audit a course may be dis-enrolled from the course at any time before the registration deadline expires if necessary to accommodate a student taking the course for credit. After the last day to register, the student cannot change the course option from audit course to a for credit bearing course.

Audited courses are not used in determining a maximum class load (overload) for undergraduate students in good academic standing, however, the audited course will be counted as part of the maximum allowable course load for graduate students and undergraduate students who are on academic probation.