

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS AND ORIENTATION

Degree-Seeking Students

How to Apply as a First-Time in College Student

Requirements for admission as a degree-seeking student:

- Application for admission, accompanied by a one-time \$25 nonrefundable application fee
- Students are required to self-report their high school cumulative grade point average (GPA) on the application. Students can also provide an unofficial high school transcript.
- SAT and/or ACT scores are optional for admission. However, the scores provided will be used for scholarship consideration and for Math and English placement.

All applicants with tentative admission must submit a final, official high school transcript showing a graduation date before a final admission decision is granted. If the student also attended a non-NMSU system post-secondary institution during high school (dual credit/concurrent enrollment), official transcripts from each institution are required. If the institution attended was outside of the United States, a professional foreign credential evaluation from a NACES company is required.

Admission Requirements

Students who meet the minimum high school course requirements of the state from which they receive their high school diploma must meet one of the following criteria to be admitted:

- Cumulative high school GPA of 2.50
- SAT score of 1060 or ACT composite score of 21
- Ranked in the top 20 percent of their high school graduating class
- A GED cumulative score of 480 or HiSET cumulative score of 45

We encourage all students to apply for admission to NMSU. Applicants who meet at least one of the above criteria will be admitted to NMSU. An applicant who does not meet admission requirements will be given automatic admission to one of our system community colleges through Aggie Pathway.

Note for students about scholarships: Home school students who are New Mexico residents must submit proof to the Undergraduate Admissions Office of registration with the New Mexico Public Education Department to qualify for the Lottery Success Scholarship and other institutional scholarships. Similarly, the SAT or ACT scores are required for out-of-state students for competitive scholarships.

More information about scholarships is available at <https://fa.nmsu.edu/scholarships>

Aggie Pathway

In the Aggie Pathway program, the NMSU system works together to assist students who do not meet the admission requirements to the university or choose to start at one of the system's community colleges.

Aggie Pathway students begin at one of NMSU's community college campuses. They may transition to the university campus upon meeting the following requirements:

- Successful completion of 24 credits
- 2.0 cumulative college GPA

Students enrolling through Doña Ana Community College campus also have access to NMSU Las Cruces campus housing and dining.

More information about Aggie Pathway is available at <https://aggiepathway.nmsu.edu/>.

How to Apply as a Transfer Student

Requirements for admission as a degree-seeking student:

- Application for admission, accompanied by a one-time \$25 nonrefundable application fee
- Students are required to disclose all post-secondary institutions they have previously attended.
- Transfer students must provide official transcripts from each institution attended. For college transcripts to be considered official, they must be sent directly from the institution's student records office to NMSU Undergraduate Admissions or delivered in person only if in a sealed envelope from the granting institution and with the current issue date. Official transcripts must be received before the date of registration. Applications for admission that include the transfer of credits earned at a non-U.S. university must include a professional foreign credit evaluation report from a member institution of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) for every transcript.
- Students who have not earned credit for the first semester of college English or Math may submit official ACT or SAT scores directly to NMSU Undergraduate Admissions. If ACT or SAT scores are not available, students must take the English Placement Questionnaire and/or Math Placement Exam provided by NMSU.

Admission Requirements

- Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 with 24* or more completed college credit hours.
- Students with fewer than 24 completed college credit hours must fulfill the transfer and first-time in college admission requirements.
- Must be eligible to return to their last college or university.
- Students who conceal they attended another college or university without submitting a transcript for each

institution, whether or not credit was earned, will be subject to immediate suspension.

- NMSU will uphold academic and judicial suspensions from other colleges and universities.

* The types of credits listed below are not counted toward the 24 completed credit hour requirement:

- Courses taken for college credit while in high school
- Credits by examination (i.e. CLEP, IB, AP, etc.)
- Credits from a non-regionally accredited institution
- Credits from institutions that do not provide grades
- Credits from experience such as a Joint Services Transcript

How to Apply for Readmission

Former students of the NMSU system, who have been out of school for more than two consecutive semesters, are required to apply for readmission. Applications should be submitted to Undergraduate Admissions before the start date of the semester for which the student plans to enroll.

A student who has attended other post-secondary institutions during an absence must have official transcripts from those other post-secondary institutions sent directly to Undergraduate Admissions. They must be eligible to return to the institution they last attended. Transcripts must be received before the date of registration. Academic standing at the time of readmission will be determined by previous NMSU academic standing. However, academic performance at other institutions attended during the applicant's absence from NMSU may be considered when determining the student's admission status.