

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## THE UNIVERSITY

New Mexico State University (NMSU) is the state's land-grant university, serving the educational needs of New Mexico's diverse population through comprehensive programs of education, research, extension education, and public service. NMSU was founded in 1888 as Las Cruces College and later renamed New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. In 1960, the constitution of New Mexico formally recognized the institution as NMSU. Throughout its history, the university has preserved many of the traditions of its land-grant origin while also increasing emphasis on the fine arts, humanities, social and natural sciences. Today, NMSU is a major institution of higher education.

## ADMISSIONS

A student may be accepted for undergraduate admission to NMSU as (1) a regular student or (2) a *nondegree student under the policies and conditions as set forth in this section.*

### REGULAR ADMISSION (FIRST TIME ANY COLLEGE)

Requirements for admission as a regular student include the following:

- Formal application for admission, accompanied by a \$15 nonrefundable application fee.
- An official transcript of the student's high school credits is to be sent directly from the high school to the Admissions Office.
- Official results of the American College Testing Program (ACT) battery are to be sent directly from the ACT Testing Center to the Admissions Office.
- Qualifications for undergraduate admission to NMSU are as follows:
- Graduation from any state high school or academy in the United States accredited by a regional accrediting association or approved by a state department of education or state universities.
- Meet the minimum high school unit requirements listed below and have a high school grade-point average of at least 2.0 and ACT standard composite score of at least 20; or high school grade-point average of at least 2.5; or ACT standard composite score of at least 21.
- Have met all but one of the minimum high school units listed below and have a high school grade point average of at least a 2.25 and an ACT standard composite score of 20.

The following high school unit requirements became effective with the class of 1991:

English	4 units*
Science	2 units beyond general science
Mathematics	3 units**
Foreign languages or fine arts	1 unit

\* Must include at least 2 units of composition, one of which must be a junior or senior-level course.

\*\* From algebra I, algebra II, geometry, trigonometry, or advanced math.

- First-time freshmen who do not meet the regular admission requirements will be refused admission and can appeal to the Admission Appeals Committee. For more information, contact the Office of Admissions.

### Provisional Admission

A new student, other than a transfer student, who does not meet requirements for regular admission may be admitted to the College of

Health and Social Services under the provisional program. To be admitted to provisional status, students must have a minimum high school grade-point average of 2.25 and ACT composite score of 19 and meet the minimum high school unit requirements listed above. Such a student must take at least 6, but not more than 12 credits, in a regular semester, and at least 3, but not more than 6 credits, in a single summer session. A provisional student earning a 2.0 grade-point average or higher in at least the minimum number of credits as stated above will be granted regular admission. Should the provisional student earn less than a 1.0 grade-point average in the first semester, further attendance will be denied.

A provisional student earning less than a 2.0 grade-point average, but more than a 1.0 grade-point average in at least the minimum number of credits as stated above, in the first semester may continue for one additional semester. However, a provisional student who fails to attain a 2.0 grade-point average during the second semester will be denied further attendance.

### Home School Students

Students enrolled in a home school program may be accepted to NMSU if they meet the requirements for regular or provisional admission as previously stated. In addition, the home school educator must submit a transcript or document that lists the courses completed and grades earned by the student and also indicates the date the student completed or graduated from the home school program. For financial aid eligibility see Major Scholarships for Entering Freshman 2005 in the Financial Aid section of this chapter.

### Basic Academic Skills and Admission

In order to succeed at their college studies, entering students are required to have basic skills in mathematics and writing befitting the university environment. Students are evaluated using ACT test scores or diagnostic testing at the time of registration to determine basic academic competency. Based upon this evaluation, the university will require entering students to correct deficiencies by completing course work in English and mathematics before enrolling in courses numbered 300 and above. Specific regulations regarding this policy are described later in this chapter under "Basic Academic Skills."

### Application Deadlines

Applications for admission as a regular student should be sent to the Admissions Office at least 30 days before the beginning of the regular semes-

### ACCREDITATION

New Mexico State University has been accredited since 1926 by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association. (NCA may be contacted at 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504 and (800) 621-7440.) The university was accredited in 1954 by the American Association of University Women. The university's teacher preparation program, which involves several colleges and which is directed by the College of Education, was accredited in 1962 by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education.

The Division of Student Services has two accredited departments as well. The Counseling Center is fully accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS), and the Student Health Center is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC).

Various academic departments and programs are accredited separately by independent accreditation agencies. These may be found at the beginning of each college chapter.