

Update on the New Mexico State University Surveying Engineering Program

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We now have 88 graduates of the Surveying/Surveying Engineering program at New Mexico State University. About one-half of these graduates are living and working in New Mexico, most of the others live and work in a state that borders New Mexico (Arizona, Colorado, and Texas). That is not too unusual, as many of our students come from out-of-state, particularly from the western states (where students are eligible for reduced out-of-state tuition) and from western Texas (where students are eligible for in-state tuition rates if they live within 135 miles of the NMSU campus).

Of these graduates, 22 (25%) are license, 16 (15%) are licensed in New Mexico, and 12 of those licensed in New Mexico are living in New Mexico. Two of the out-of-state NM licensees live in Texas, one in Arizona, and one in Colorado. Another 33 (37.5%) have passed the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exam. Together, the licensed and LSIT graduates total 55 (62.5%).

If we look at the NMSU Surveying/Surveying Engineering program since 1995 (the year the 4 year surveying degree requirement started in New Mexico) we see that 15 of the licensees have graduated since that time and all 33 of the students passing the FS have graduated since that time. This means that there is a rich crop of potential surveying licensees still qualifying their surveying experience to become licensed.

Four of the NMSU Surveying Engineering graduates returned to their home country of Saudi Arabia. These students came with a commitment to return to Saudi Arabia and work after their graduation. Other students have come to NMSU from out-of-state with a commitment to return to their home state to work when they graduate.

We are missing information from a few of our graduates, as we have lost touch with them over the years. These number about 6 students. One was from Australia and we had heard informally that he had returned to Australia and was licensed and practicing surveying there.

Year	Spring/Summer			Fall		
	Grads	Passed FS	Passed LS	Grads	Passed FS	Passed LS
2002	2	1	0			
2001	5	2	0	4	2	0
2000	4	4	0	6	5	0
1999	4	3	1	4	1	0
1998	7	4	2	6	5	1*
1997	2	1	0	4	2	1
1996	10	2	7	2	0	1
1995	6	1	2	3	0	0
1994	5	0	1	4	0	3
1993	2	0	1	3	0	2
1992	2	0	0	1	0	0
1991	1	0	0	0	0	0
1990	0	0	0	1	0	0

* At least two more members of this class sat for the LS exam in April 2002.