# University of New Mexico Student Exchange Information Sheet Academic Year 2022-2023

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<th>International Relations Office</th>
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<td>Office Mailing Address</td>
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| Telephone Number, Fax, and E-mail | Telephone: +1-505-277-4032  
Fax: 505-277-1867  
**Incoming (Partner to UNM):** exchange@unm.edu  
**Outgoing (UNM to Partner):** studyabd@unm.edu |
| Website | For Partner Institutions:  
https://studyabroad.unm.edu/exchange  
For UNM students:  
http://geo.unm.edu/students/coming_unm/exchange/index.html |
| Office Hours | Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm (U.S. Mountain Time) |
| Office Director | Director of Education Abroad: Todd Karr, tmkarr@unm.edu |
| **Incoming Student Mobility Officer**  
(your students coming to UNM) | Incoming Exchange/Study Abroad Assistant: exchange@unm.edu |
| **Outgoing Student Mobility Officer**  
(UNM students going to you) | Outgoing Study Abroad Advisor  
- Mary Phibbs (Iberia, France, Italy, The America’s, Oceania): phibbsm@unm.edu  
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Outgoing Study Abroad Assistant  
- General Questions: studyabd@unm.edu |
| Academic Calendar | We recognize two semesters at UNM: Fall and Spring. Fall semester runs from August to December and is the first semester of the academic year. Spring semester runs from January to May. Please visit this page for specific semester dates: [https://registrar.unm.edu/academic-calendar/ten-year-semester-dates-calendar.html](https://registrar.unm.edu/academic-calendar/ten-year-semester-dates-calendar.html)  
**Note:** Exchange students are expected to arrive at least one week prior to the start of classes for check in and orientation. |
| Nomination Process | The advisor for exchange students coming to UNM must nominate students before they can submit an application. To nominate your student, please follow the link that will be provided to you via email in early February and August. |
| Nomination Deadlines | Advisors must nominate their students online by the appropriate deadline in order for their students’ applications to be valid.  
- **Fall Semester:** March 15th  
- **Spring Semester:** September 15th |
| Application Process | Once your student has been nominated, please direct them to our online application. Before applying, they should thoroughly read the [instructions here](https://isss.unm.edu/students/coming-to-unm/student-application-process.html) (see Exchange Students section):  
When they are ready to apply, they can proceed to the [application page](https://isss.unm.edu/students/coming-to-unm/student-application-process.html) through the link we will provide to you via email. |
| Application Deadlines | Students must complete their entire online application, including supplementary materials, before the appropriate deadline:  
- **Fall Semester:** March 31st  
- **Spring Semester:** September 30th |
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<th>Supporting Documents Required</th>
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<td>Students will be required to submit:</td>
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<td>1. Official Transcript, with certified English translation, displaying <strong>at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA out of 4.0.</strong></td>
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<td>2. Proof of financial sufficiency in form of: bank statement, letter from government or school awarding loans, scholarships, or grants which are less than six months old and showing access to:</td>
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<td>a. $6,625 for one semester</td>
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<td>b. $13,250 for an academic year (Fall to Spring)</td>
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<td>c. $15,750 for a calendar year (Spring to Fall)</td>
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<td>d. $4,150 for a Summer</td>
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<td>e. If financial accounts are not in the student’s name, a letter of support from the account owner must be included.</td>
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<td>f. Additional financial proof may be required depending on the situation.</td>
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<td>g. <strong>No bank loans, mortgages, Investment portfolios, Credit card statements, screenshots with no identifiers are acceptable.</strong></td>
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<td>3. Proof of English Sufficiency (as described below)</td>
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<td>4. Copy of the biographical page of passport</td>
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<td>5. List of proposed courses to take at UNM</td>
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<td>Students are exempt from submitting English test scores if they meet one or both of the following conditions:</td>
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<td>• They received a high school diploma from an accredited, English-speaking institution in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia or New Zealand. The high school diploma should not be more than two years old.</td>
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<td>• They have attended a university where English is the medium of instruction for at least one year of full-time study at the time of applying.</td>
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### Undergraduate English Language Proficiency

If the undergraduate student does not meet the above conditions, they must submit official results from an English test taken within the past two years. The accepted tests and the minimum scores required on each, are:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – 68 on the Internet-Based Test (iBT), 520 on the Paper-Based Test (PBT). *Unofficial (ITP) scores are not accepted.
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) – 6.0 *IELTS Indicator scores are not accepted.
- Cambridge English Qualifications - C1 Advanced (formally known as "CAE") or C2 Proficiency (formally known as "CPE"); these Cambridge tests may also be accepted with a satisfactory score of 169
- Pearson Test English (PTE) Academic – 47
- Duolingo English Test - 95

### Graduate English Language Proficiency

Graduate students must submit official results from an English test taken within the past two years:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – 79-80 on the iBT, 550 on the PBT. *Unofficial (ITP) scores are not accepted.
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) – 6.5 *IELTS Indicator scores are not accepted.
- Cambridge English Qualifications - C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency; these Cambridge tests may also be accepted with a satisfactory score of 176.
- Pearson Test English (PTE) Academic - 53
- Duolingo English Test - 105

**UNM Law School:** TOEFL100 on the iBT or 600 on the PBT. *Unofficial (ITP) scores are not accepted.

### Areas of Study, Courses and Disciplines

Students may enroll in most of the courses offered by UNM programs. Please see the list of programs offered here: [https://registrar.unm.edu/UNM%20Catalog/index.html](https://registrar.unm.edu/UNM%20Catalog/index.html)

**Exceptions:** School of Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy do not allow exchange student enrollment. Restrictions apply to Law, Nutrition, and Architecture courses. Students should contact the UNM Incoming Study Abroad Assistant (exchange@unm.edu) for more information.
Credit and Grading System

UNM courses are typically 3 credits, indicating 3 hours of contact per week throughout the semester (16 weeks).

Grades are issued via the following rubric:
- A (90%-100%)  Excellent
- B (80%-90%)   Good
- C (70%-80%)   Average
- D (60%-70%)   Below Average
- F (< 60%)      Failing
- CR            Credit
- NR            No Credit
- I             Incomplete
- WP            Withdraw Pass
- WF            Withdraw Fail

Note: Due to immigration requirements, undergraduate exchange students must maintain enrollment in a minimum of 12 credits and graduate students in minimum of 9 credits throughout the semester. Students who drop below this minimum for any reason may face serious immigration consequences.

Transcript Availability

We send one transcript to advisors via secure email approximately 45 to 60 days after the end of the semester (February for Fall students or June for Spring or one-academic year students). If your institution will not accept a verified PDF version of the transcript, please notify the UNM incoming mobility advisor as soon as possible.

Students may order additional copies here (USD 10 per copy):
https://registrar.unm.edu/transcripts/request-online.html

Course Registration

Students may register for courses approximately one month prior to the start of the semester. More detail will be provided directly to students after they have been accepted to the UNM exchange program.

Students may also visit the “Course Registration” and “Course Registration FAQ for Exchange Students” pages at: https://isss.unm.edu/students/coming-to-unm/student-application-process.html.
## Student Obligations

While exchange students are not required to pay UNM tuition, there are fees associated with the exchange that are the responsibility of the student:

- Visa Processing and Administration Fee: $275 per semester
- Department Course Fees, Department IT Technology Fees (Non-Tuition)*: $25 to $400 per class
- International Student Health Insurance: Please see the “Medical Coverage” as below.
- Mandatory IT Fees: $50 per semester
- SEVIS Fee: U.S. Government fee to apply for J-1 Visa, which is not a university fee.
- Housing and Meals
- Transportation

*Information for Department Course Fees
[https://bursar.unm.edu/tuition-and-fees/tuition-fee-information.html](https://bursar.unm.edu/tuition-and-fees/tuition-fee-information.html)

Please find the detailed information for fees and how to pay the bill here;
[https://isss.unm.edu/students/coming-to-unm/student-application-process.html](https://isss.unm.edu/students/coming-to-unm/student-application-process.html)

## Accommodation

Students are responsible for arranging their own housing accommodations. The following resources may be helpful during their housing search.

- GEO’s housing guide: [https://isss.unm.edu/life-in-abq/housing.html](https://isss.unm.edu/life-in-abq/housing.html)
- On campus housing: [http://housing.unm.edu/](http://housing.unm.edu/)
- Off campus housing resources:
  - ABODO
  - UNM World Student Alliance
  - Airbnb

## Medical Coverage

ALL international exchange students are **required** to purchase the UNM negotiated health insurance policy, found here: [https://www.internationalstudentinsurance.com/schools/university-new-mexico.php](https://www.internationalstudentinsurance.com/schools/university-new-mexico.php)

**Note:**
1) This plan will only cover major medical emergencies. Students are welcome to purchase additional policies, as needed.
2) U.S. citizen is not allowed to purchase UNM International Student Insurance. Please contact Incoming Student Mobility Officer to ask for the details during nomination/application cycle.