Dear International Student,

Congratulations on your acceptance to the University of New Mexico (UNM) for Fall 2019! We are writing to you from the Global Education Office, also called GEO. GEO is the office on campus that provides services for all international students at UNM. Here at GEO, we are excited to welcome you as a new member of our global Lobo family!

GEO advisors can answer questions you have about visa, immigration, travel, and work requirements. We also organize many fun events for international students. Arrival information and videos for new students are on our incoming student website at: geo.unm.edu/students/coming_unm. Review this website and the enclosed information NOW to be sure you are aware of all mandatory arrival dates and requirements for new students.

All graduate international students beginning studies in Fall 2019 are REQUIRED to arrive BEFORE the morning of Friday, August 9th for the mandatory international student orientation program. A recommended arrival schedule is included in this letter.

Late arrivals MUST be reported in writing to iadvisor@unm.edu and approved in advance!
Please contact us if you have questions.

GEO Contact Information:
2120 Mesa Vista Hall (Campus Map Building #56)
Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Advisement Hours: Monday – Friday, 1:00 – 3:00 AND Monday, Thursday 10:00 – 12:00
Email: geo@unm.edu (general questions), iadvisor@unm.edu (advisor questions)
Web: geo.unm.edu, Facebook Group: UNMGlobal
Tel: (505)277-4032
I. Required Arrival Dates and Details

1. When to Arrive
   The date you arrive is CRITICAL for a smooth transition to student life! If you are outside the U.S., you cannot arrive more than 30 days before the start date listed on your I-20 or DS-2019 form. You should plan to arrive in Albuquerque by the first week of August. Here is an “ideal” arrival schedule:
   - **July 29th**: Arrive in Albuquerque (begin finding permanent housing if you will live off campus)
   - **July 29th – August 8th**: Attend one of our mandatory new student check-in sessions by coming to the GEO office (weekdays beginning at 9:30 am – lasts ALL morning). Scan all of your immigration documents and send them to your email before you come to one of these sessions as you will need the e-copies at this session.)
   - **August 9th**: Attend MANDATORY international graduate student orientation from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm in Centennial Engineering Auditorium, Room 1041
   - **August 10th to August 18th**: Orient to your department, meet with your advisor, settle in to housing, finalize class schedule, complete check-in requirements, attend optional grad orientation and fun welcome events
   - **August 19th**: Begin classes

2. Airport Pick-Up and Temporary Home-Stay

   **UNM Student Group Pick-up**
   UNM student groups sometimes provide airport pick-up and temporary homestays for new students. Check the UNM Student Activities website at [http://sac.unm.edu/index.html](http://sac.unm.edu/index.html) under the “Student Orgs” link to see if there is a group from your country and if so, email the contact to see if they offer this service to new students. This website is taken down in June and July, so please look now to see if there is a group from your country and keep the contact information.

   **Airport Pick-up and Homestay Offered by ISI (Local Community Christian Organization – NOT UNM)**
   A non-UNM, community Christian volunteer organization called ISI (International Students, Inc.) offers free airport pick-up and a temporary homestay with a local family usually lasting no more than 3 days. This service is free. ISI is a Christian Organization, but there is no obligation to participate in any religious activities. If you are interested in airport pick-up or the homestay opportunity offered by ISI, please contact them at: ISIABQ@isionline.org and clarify the amount of time you need for the homestay. ISI airport pick-up and homestays for students arriving for the Fall 2019 semester will begin near the end of July 2019. You must contact ISI at least two weeks in advance of your arrival for the best chance of getting a home-stay placement. (Please report to GEO if you feel any pressure from ISI volunteers to participate in religious activities). ISI also offers permanent house-hunting help, free furniture, cell phone sign up, and other helpful services at their International Welcome Center in the Baptist Student Union (BSU) in the two weeks before classes begin. The BSU is at 401 University Blvd. on the northwest corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and the UNM campus.

   **Living on Campus: Where to Stay Until You Can Move in to Student Housing**
   Students who will live in UNM campus housing (not Casas del Rio or Lobo Village) can move in to their room early for a fee of $30 per night if they register to move in early. Early move-in does not begin until Saturday, August 10th. To request early move-in, students must sign a 2019-2020 academic year housing contract with UNM and submit a request for early arrival to UNM Residence Life and Student Housing no later than Monday, July 29th. After creating a UNM Net ID, you will be able to sign up for on-campus housing options (including early move-in) through your UNM Housing dashboard ([https://unm-residence.symplicity.com](https://unm-residence.symplicity.com)). You will receive a confirmation of your arrival request along with instructions on where to check in to housing. You will not be able to move in early unless you register in advance! Please note that the dining hall will not open until Tuesday, August 13th. However, there are
many dining options near campus. For housing questions, contact UNM Residence Life and Student Housing at housing@unm.edu or 505-277-2606. If you don’t submit a request for early arrival, you can’t move-in to campus housing until Tuesday, August 13th.

**Living Off Campus**

If you will not live in UNM campus housing, **OR** you will arrive before August 10th, you will have to find temporary housing off campus. The GEO website and the enclosed housing handout list local hotels where you can stay before campus housing opens or before you find permanent housing. Make sure to ask if the hotel has a UNM student discount. The ISI (non-UNM) group offers transportation and resources to international students who are trying to find off-campus housing. More information is available in the “housing” section (pg. 4).

3. **How to Get to Campus**

If you will not be picked up at the airport, taxis and Uber/Lyft to UNM and to hotels near campus are relatively inexpensive (less than $20). Bus #50 goes from the airport to the UNM campus in 10 minutes for $1 (exact change only). Ask the bus driver to let you off at UNM (the intersection of Yale and Central Avenues). Students moving in to campus housing will need to get to the SRC Commons Building (Building #89 on the UNM central campus map, enclosed; this map is also on the UNM website at http://ppd.unm.edu/campus-maps.html). If you are moving in to campus housing, make sure you arrive during move-in hours (check housing.unm.edu or email housing@unm.edu for the hours).

4. **Orientation Requirements**

Orientation is mandatory for ALL new UNM students even if you have lived in the U.S. before.

Graduate International Students must attend TWO TYPES OF ORIENTATION SESSIONS:

- **GEO Check-in and Info session** (about 2-3 hours long): Attend as soon as you ARRIVE in Albuquerque!
- **GEO International Graduate Orientation**

YOUR REQUIRED ORIENTATION schedule is:

- **July 29th - August 8th**
  - GEO Check-in and Info Session begins at 9:30 am each week day (attend one)

- **August 9th**
  - **MANDATORY INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION ALL DAY**
  - 8:30 am until 3:30 pm, Centennial Engineering Auditorium, Room 1041

When you arrive at UNM, come to the GEO office for Check-in at 2120 Mesa Vista Hall (Building #56 on the UNM Central Campus Map, enclosed; this map is also on the UNM website at: [https://fm.unm.edu/campus-maps.html](https://fm.unm.edu/campus-maps.html)). Make sure you arrive by 9:30 and expect to stay until 12:30. **Please scan or have ecopies of your original passport, visa and signed I-20 (or DS-2019 for J1 visa students) ready for this check in.** After you check in we will remove the GEO registration hold so you can register for classes and inform you about requirements you must complete before classes begin which include:

- Providing ecopies of all immigration documents (passport, I-20/DS-2019, visa and I-94 [only available after entry to the US])
- Providing proof of health insurance coverage
- Providing a UNM email address
- Providing your local residential address and an emergency contact address
- Attending international orientation

Failure to provide all required information by the end of the first week of class will result in administrative withdrawal from the University and may mean that you would have to leave the country.
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If you will not arrive before Friday, August 9th, you must contact us at iadvisor@unm.edu and receive special late arrival approval from your department in advance.

II. Housing

You should think carefully about the kind of housing experience you want. There are advantages and disadvantages to living on campus and off campus that you should consider carefully before you decide. Please read the enclosed brochure for more information. Regardless of the permanent housing option you choose, you need to be prepared to pay for temporary housing when you first arrive (early move in for on-campus residents, hotel, etc.). You can also choose to use the non-UNM ISI volunteer airport pick-up and temporary home-stay service listed above or contact students from your home country or department about a temporary home-stay. ISI, a community organization, also offers permanent house-hunting help at their international welcome center at the Baptist Student Union (BSU) in the 2 weeks before classes begin. The BSU is at 401 University Blvd. on the northwest corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. and the UNM campus.

The enclosed brochure has more information about housing options and issues, as well as important information about signing a lease or housing contract. Information is also available on our website at https://geo.unm.edu/students/life_unm/housing/

To view on-campus housing options at UNM visit housing.unm.edu and sign up as soon as possible to have the best chance at getting your first choice.

III. Immigration Documents (I-20 for F1 or DS-2019 for J1 status)

Most students will find the Certificate of Eligibility to apply for a student visa and student immigration status enclosed in this mailing (I-20 form for F1 or DS-2019 form for J1.) Please check this form carefully to be sure all of your personal information is correct (name, date of birth, etc.) After you read this form, you must complete the student attestation by signing at the bottom of page 1. If you decide not to attend UNM for this semester, or wish to defer to a future semester, please email goglobal@unm.edu and return the enclosed form immediately.

If your immigration document is not enclosed, this should be because either:

- You are coming to UNM from another U.S. institution (called an “immigration transfer” – see section V. below for important information about what you need to do)
  
  OR

- Your immigration documents will be coming from another J1 program sponsor (for Fulbright and other agency-sponsored students – contact the program sponsor for information about your DS-2019)

If neither of these reasons fit your situation and the immigration document is NOT enclosed, email goglobal@unm.edu.
IV. New Students to the US: Legal Requirements

1. Visa Requirements
If you are currently outside the U.S., you should use the enclosed I-20 or DS-2019 form to apply for a student visa at the United States Embassy or Consulate nearest your place of residence only after you are sure you will attend UNM. If you have already applied for a visa using another school’s form, and you want to attend UNM, you will need to return to the consulate and apply for a new visa that has UNM listed as the school you will attend. Canadian citizens do not require a visa, but must present this form when entering the US from Canada and must pay the SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) fee before arriving at the border (see below). Non-citizen residents of Canada should check with the US Consulate to find out whether or not they need a visa. For information on the U.S. Embassy or Consulate(s) nearest you, please see: www.usembassy.gov.

2. Required SEVIS Fee
All students must pay a mandatory SEVIS fee. This is a U.S. Government fee, not a university fee, and is in addition to any visa fee. Because the payment of the fee will be recorded in the SEVIS system and it MUST be fully processed before you arrive at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate for the visa interview, you must pay it at least 3-business days prior to the visa interview, and you must bring proof of payment to the interview. Canadian citizens must present proof of payment of the fee when arriving at the port of entry to the U.S. (they do NOT need a visa). For more detailed information on the fee payment process please go to the SEVIS website at: www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/index.htm You can pay the SEVIS fee in one of three ways:

   a) Online at www.FMJfee.com Use a credit card and complete the online Form I-901. Once you have submitted the payment please print the computer-generated receipt. This receipt will be your proof of payment. Please note that SEVP is unable to accept credit card payments on behalf of students from Ghana, Gambia, Nigeria, Cameroon or Kenya.

   b) Through Western Union Quick Pay. This option is available in any country where Western Union offers its Quick Pay service. This service allows you to pay the SEVIS fee electronically and directly to the Department of Homeland Security in local currency. You must fill out the I-901 form on www.fmjfee.com before you go to Western Union and record or print the unique coupon number to submit your payment (if someone will pay for you they will also need to enter your coupon number in the Account Number field of the Western Union form to pay) To read the detailed instructions for this form of payment, please go to www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/wu_instr.htm

   c) Through the mail by submitting a completed Form I-901 and a check or money order drawn from a U.S. bank. The payment confirmation you can print from the FMJ fee website will serve as proof of payment.

3. When to Apply for the Visa and What to Bring to the Consulate
You cannot apply for the visa more than 120 days prior to the date your U.S. program begins (check your I-20/DS-2019 for the program start date.) Documents you will need to bring with you to the U.S. Consulate and to the U.S.:

   - Passport
   - Proof of payment of the SEVIS fee
   - I-20 or DS-2019 form
   - UNM acceptance letter
   - Proof of finances for your studies
   - Any evidence that you intend to return home when you complete your studies (e.g., proof of property, a job or family in your home country)
Please contact the U.S. Consulate before you go to find out how to make an appointment, what the fees are, what additional documents you should bring to the interview, and how long it generally takes to process the visa. A list of U.S. Embassy/Consulate websites can be found at www.usembassy.gov

Due to recent changes to visa and immigration policy, you should expect visa interview and processing times to be longer than in previous years for all students, no matter what country you come from. Be smart and get your visa appointment as early as possible within the 120-day window!

4. The Visa Interview
If you will have an interview at a U.S. Consulate, GEO recommends the following:
- Be ready to articulate in English briefly and clearly your reason for study in the US and your plan to use your education in your home country after program completion.
- Know how your academic degree will fit into your home country job market.
- Be prepared with the above information, but don’t memorize a “speech” which sounds rehearsed.
- Remain calm.
- Ask the consular officer if s/he will review any documents you brought (even if s/he doesn’t ask for them.)
- In case of a denial, ask that the reason be given to you in writing before you leave the consulate. Only in this way, can you address the U.S. Consulate’s concern if and when you return for a second interview. Reasons for a visa denial are found at: https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/visa-denials.html
- You may be subject to a security check that will delay the visa application process. Therefore, we highly recommend that you apply for the visa as soon as you receive this form (but not sooner than 120 days before your program begins).
- Once you are issued a visa, you should verify that all information is correct and does not contain any typographical errors in your name, date of birth, or other biographical information. It is extremely important that your name and biographical information on the visa MATCH your passport and your I-20/DS-2019. Make sure you are issued the correct type of visa, e.g. F1 or J1, NOT F2 or J2. It is extremely difficult to correct these errors once you have left the consulate and nearly impossible once you have entered the US, so you want to get these errors corrected BEFORE you leave your home country.
- Finally, once you are issued a visa, the consular officer may seal your I-20/DS-2019 in an envelope and attach it to your passport. You should not open this envelope! The Customs and Border Protection Officer at the U.S. port-of-entry will open the envelope. DO NOT PACK THE ENVELOPE IN YOUR LUGGAGE!

5. How Soon Can I Legally Arrive in the U.S.?
New students CANNOT arrive in the U.S. more than 30 days prior to the reporting date listed on the front of the I-20 or DS-2019 form. DO NOT arrive earlier than that date or you may be sent back to your home country.

6. What You Need to Enter the U.S.
You should bring the following with you to enter the U.S. (do not pack these documents in your luggage!):
- Passport with entry visa (not needed for Canadian Citizens)
- I-20 or DS-2019 form (this may be in an envelope that the U.S. Consulate has given you)
- Proof of finances to support your stay in the U.S. (if you are supported by the department you should bring the department’s offer letter)
- Money to cover initial costs (approximately $5,000 in bank check or accessible cash via an ATM, debit, or credit card; for safety reasons, we do not recommend that bring more than $1000 in cash)

According to U.S. law, you must enter the U.S. using the I-20 or DS-2019 from the institution you plan to attend first. If you enter the United States with a form from a university other than the University of New Mexico you will be required to report to and possibly attend that university before you will be eligible to transfer to UNM. Upon your arrival in the U.S. the customs official should review the form and return it to you.
At the U.S. port of entry, a customs official should stamp your passport and indicate the correct immigration status (F1 or J1) on the stamp. **DO NOT ENTER THE U.S. on a B visitor’s visa or WB/WT visa waiver or you will be ineligible to study!!!** You will need to print out the record of entry (form I-94) at cbp.gov/I94 every time you enter the US (after you enter). We can show you how to do this when you check in with GEO. This is an important document that records your current U.S. immigration status.

7. **Special Information For Canadian Citizens**

Citizens of Canada do not require entry visas, but must present the I-20 or DS-2019 form, financial proof, and proof of payment of the SEVIS fee when entering the U.S. from Canada. Passports are required for all Canadian citizens entering the U.S. in student status. Students who are receiving assistantships or plan to work on campus **must** ALWAYS have a valid passport. Canadian students crossing at a land port need to be sure that their I-20 or DS-2019 is reviewed by the immigration official AND need to carefully check that the stamp in the passport accurately indicates their F1 or J1 status.

**V. Students Currently in the U.S.: Legal Requirements**

1. **If you are in the U.S. NOW in Student Immigration Status (F1 or J1)**

   - If you are currently in F1 or J1 student immigration status studying at another school in the U.S. and you will attend UNM with no break or only a brief break in studies (less than 5 months), you will need to process an “immigration transfer” to attend UNM. The UNM immigration transfer form should be provided at the same time as this welcome letter. If you have not received the transfer form, you can get one on our website at [http://geo.unm.edu/all_handouts/transfer_form.pdf](http://geo.unm.edu/all_handouts/transfer_form.pdf). Before coming to UNM, you should visit the international advisor at your current school and let him/her know the date you plan to transfer to UNM. The advisor there MUST set a release date and enter UNM as the school you will transfer to in the SEVIS immigration student tracking system (the “transfer to” school [UNM] and date cannot be changed once the transfer date is reached). Have the advisor complete the UNM transfer form and return it to the Global Education Office at UNM (via email to [goglobal@unm.edu](mailto:goglobal@unm.edu) or fax to 505-277-1867). The UNM I-20 or DS-2019 cannot be sent to you until AFTER the release date you set with your current international advisor so be sure to state clearly on the UNM transfer form if you wish to pick it up upon arrival at UNM or the address to which it should be sent.

   - Within 15 days of the start date on the new I-20 or DS-2019, report to the Global Education Office (GEO), 2120 Mesa Vista Hall to complete the transfer. You must bring your passport, visa, I-94, and all previously issued I-20s/DS-2019s with you (please have scanned copies ready to upload to our system). If there is some problem and you will arrive late, you must contact GEO to discuss your situation. **Failure to report to GEO with the completed documents within 15 days of the start date may result in immigration problems.** If you have not been a full-time student at the last school you were authorized to attend, you should contact the international advisor at that school to discuss how to apply for a reinstatement to student status. If a reinstatement is not possible at your former school, you can contact our office to discuss the possibility of transferring your SEVIS record and having UNM request the reinstatement.

   - If you plan to travel out of the U.S. briefly between attending a previous institution and attending UNM and **you do not have a valid student visa**, you must present the UNM I-20 or DS-2019 form, along with financial proof and proof of your intent to return home, to a consular officer at a US Embassy or Consulate abroad to obtain a student visa (please see above for more information about applying for a visa - Canadian citizens do not require entry visas.) **You will also need to show the I-20/DS-2019 form to the inspecting immigration officer upon entry to the**
U.S. If you plan to apply for the new visa in Canada or Mexico, speak to an international advisor about your situation BEFORE you make the appointment. Applying in these countries may present significant problems or be impossible for some individuals. If you do have a valid student visa and you have not violated the terms of your status, you do not need to apply for a new one. You will present the UNM I-20/DS-2019 to the immigration officer with your current visa upon re-entry to the U.S.

2. If you are in the U.S. NOW in another Immigration Status (NOT F1 or J1 Student)

If you are currently in the U.S. in an immigration status other than F1 or J1 and you plan to switch to student status, materials describing change of status procedures should have been sent to you or are enclosed in this mailing and also available at https://geo.unm.edu/students/immigration_work/travel_visa/changing_status.html. If you are currently in the U.S. in B1 or B2 status or any other status that does not allow study, you cannot begin your program at UNM until the change of status is approved by immigration or you have left the U.S. and re-entered with an F1 or J1 visa. Ask to speak to a GEO advisor if you are planning to apply for a change of status from within the US. If you are planning to work while at UNM you must be in F1 or J1 status to accept any student employment. Change of status is currently taking about 14 months, so travel and reentry is often a better option or is required. Schedule an appointment to speak with an advisor to decide what is best for you.

VI. Preparing To Come To UNM

1. Incoming Student Information and Connecting with other Students

Detailed information and videos regarding arrival are available on the “Coming to UNM” section of our website at geo.unm.edu/students/coming_unm. Please review this information in detail before you come to Albuquerque. If you want to communicate with other new students via Facebook, ask to be added to the “UNMGlobal” Facebook group.

2. Health Insurance

Health insurance is a necessary expense of life in the U.S. and health insurance rules are COMPLICATED!!! ALL UNM International students are required to have health insurance for their entire stay in the US. Graduate students with assistantships of 10 hours or more per week will have health insurance paid by the UNM department that is paying for the assistantship. All other students are responsible for buying an insurance policy on their own. There is no regular UNM student health insurance policy if you do not have an assistantship!

EVERYONE should buy an emergency policy to cover them until their US health insurance policy starts. If you are on a graduate assistantship, your health insurance will start when your assistantship starts. If you are not on an assistantship, it may take some time for you to select a policy and for that policy to start, so you should buy an emergency policy to last from your date of arrival in the US until October 1st. This will give you enough time to sign up for insurance upon arrival and for that insurance to start. During this arrival period you can buy a policy from this website: www.internationalstudentinsurance.com/schools/university-new-mexico.php. All four plans on the website meet the minimum requirements, and you can choose the plan that is best for you. Make sure to read the plan descriptions carefully to find out what the insurance does and does NOT cover! Remember that all of the plans on this site have a waiting period of at least 6 months before they will cover you for pre-existing conditions, so if you have an existing illness, you may need to purchase different insurance to ensure your medical expenses are covered!

We will provide more information about health care and health insurance at orientation. However, you need to know that the insurance you buy must be a US-based policy compliant with the U.S. Affordable Care Act (ACA) or it must cover the minimum requirements below. DO NOT PURCHASE AN INSURANCE POLICY UNTIL YOU ARE SURE THAT IT MEETS ACA OR THESE REQUIREMENTS!!:

- $100,000 of coverage per accident or illness
- $25,000 for repatriation of remains
- $50,000 for medical evacuation

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- No more than $500 deductible per accident or illness
- Coinsurance must not exceed 25%

The insurance you buy CANNOT have exclusions or limitations within these required amounts (e.g., pharmacy benefits, physical therapy benefits, etc. cannot be excluded or restricted!)

If you have resided in the U.S. for more than 5 years or have immediate family in the U.S. you might be a tax resident. If this is true, you currently must buy a policy that meets the requirements of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or possibly pay an income tax penalty.

Dental and vision care are not covered by medical insurance in the U.S., so it is recommended that you take care of any vision or dental needs before you come. Visit the UNM Student Health and Counseling Center website: http://shac.unm.edu/ for current information about health care services for students.

3. What to Do Before You Leave at Home

Documents:
You should scan all of your important documents before you come to the U.S. and have access to these copies electronically. You should also give family or friends at home access to these copies in case you need someone to send them to you. Important documents include: passport, visa, I-20/DS-2019, financial information, official transcripts, credit card information, and international and home country driver’s licenses, and birth certificates.

Remember, you must bring the originals of most of these documents with you to the U.S. Certified original copies of your birth certificate may be necessary for a driver’s permit or state ID.

Medical:
- Get copies of your immunization records (Measles, Mumps, Rubella [MMR] is required). You will need to provide these if there is an outbreak – you do not need to submit this proof now
- Bring prescriptions for any regular medications (plus several months’ worth of these medications)
- Get extra eyeglasses if you need them – these are expensive in the U.S. and are usually not covered by insurance
- Get your dental work done – dentistry in the U.S. is expensive and not covered by insurance
- Buy the health insurance policy listed above until at least October 1st to cover you for medical emergencies and then be sure to extend or buy another policy before this one expires!

Financial: You should arrive with access to approximately $5,000 U.S. to cover initial costs (either via ATM or credit card). For your protection, do not carry more than $1000 in cash.

VII. Registration for Classes and Tuition and Fee Payments

1. Registration for Classes
All degree-seeking international students have a GEO registration hold until they check in with the Global Education Office. Students may have holds from other departments as well. Once you have attended the GEO check-in session we will lift the GEO hold. All holds must be lifted to register for classes, so you should come to a GEO check-in session as soon as you arrive. All students should meet with an academic advisor before deciding on classes and should be sure they are registering for classes at the Albuquerque/Main campus.

All registration is done online by logging in to https://my.unm.edu with your UNM Net ID (see below) once your holds are lifted.
2. UNM Net ID

You will need to set up a UNM Net ID in order to register for classes, view your student information, and pay your bills with UNM. To do so, you will need your student ID# (provided in your admission letter) in addition to either a US Social Security Number (SSN) if you have one, OR a University-issued temporary Social Security Number. If you have a temporary number, this number is also on your admission letter. Remember that you cannot register for classes until you arrive at UNM, attend a check-in session and have all Holds lifted. To set up the NetID:

- Go to the link: https://netid.unm.edu
- Click on “I am new, I need a new NetID”
- Read and complete the user agreement, fill in your name, and click “I agree”
- Follow set-up instructions using your temporary or real SSN (e.g. 000XXXXXX)
- Make sure to pick a Net ID that you like and that is appropriate for school and work. The system will suggest one to you. You can change it now, but you will NOT be able to change it later!

Remember even if you set up your Net ID you cannot register for classes until AFTER you arrive at UNM and attend the Mandatory GEO Check-In!

3. Tuition and Fee Payments

You will not have a bill until you have registered for classes. Remember that you cannot register until you arrive at UNM, come to a new student check-in session with GEO, and have all of your registration holds lifted. When you do register for classes, you will need to make arrangements to pay your bill immediately. Remember that any scholarships or assistantships will not show on your account until all arrival paperwork is completed and you have registered for classes.

The bill can be accessed by logging in to my.unm.edu with your Net ID (see above). Bills paid by credit card will incur an additional 3% fee. Alternatively, you can pay using your UNM ID number with our partner Flywire: https://www.flywire.com/pay/unm (fewer charges apply).

Remember that the amount of tuition depends on your program, number of credit hours and course fees for the courses you are taking and that these amounts have probably increased since the time you applied. There is also a $125 fee for international students for the first semester you start a new program at UNM. Please check the due dates and submit your payment online or to the Bursar’s office by the correct deadline to avoid late registration fees.

If an outside sponsor will pay your bill, you will need to send a copy of your financial sponsorship letter to: thirdparty@unm.edu so that the bill can be sent to your sponsor, even if this information has already been sent to UNM. For more information regarding payment, contact the Bursar’s Office at bursar.unm.edu

Remember, you can find arrival and other important information for international students at: https://geo.unm.edu/students/coming_unm/ It is highly recommend that you review this information before your arrival so that you have the smoothest transition possible to your new life at UNM!!!

We extend to you our best wishes for a pleasant trip to Albuquerque and trust you will find your stay at UNM to be both challenging and rewarding. We look forward to meeting you and assisting you with your needs as an international student!

Sincerely,

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