Welcome International Students
What if I told you, you are not alone.
International Students at UNM

New Students
160 Admitted:
• 61 Grads
• 39 Undergrads
• 29 Exchange/Guest
• 30 Intensive English

50 Majors
50 Countries

Current Students
Approximately 1200:
• 101 Countries
• Top 5 Countries Represented: China, India, Nepal, Iran, South Korea
Start Your Support Network Now!
ICEBREAKER!!

Find a person you don’t know, who is not from your country:  
Introduce yourself and tell them one goal you have for your UNM experience!

Find another person you don’t know, who is not from your country:  
Tell them one thing you really like about NM so far!
Today’s Main Messages

• Make new friends and start your support network now!

• Learn to be a self-advocate

• Take advantage of all of the great resources at UNM!!!
Practical Information

Slides will be at geo.unm.edu
In the “Coming to UNM” section
Mentimeter Challenge

• Throughout today we are asking the audience to participate and get engaged by answering some poling questions
• Make sure to NOT CLOSE the website
• Everyone get out your phone or device and go to this website to participate: www.menti.com
• Test question
Mentimeter Challenge
1st round
General Office Hours
Monday – Friday: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Phone Number: 277-4032
Fax Number: 277-1867
E-mail: geo@unm.edu
Web: geo.unm.edu
Emergencies: 277-4GEO
International Advisors

Phillip Gill  Ivet Rosev  Carolyn Kaltenbach  Linda Melville

Email: iadvisor@unm.edu

Walk-in hours to talk to advisors:
Monday and Thursday, 10:00am – 12:00pm
Monday - Friday, 1:00pm – 3:00 pm
Otherwise by Appointment!
EXCHANGE ADVISORS

UNM COURSE ENROLLMENT AND HOUSING QUESTIONS, HOME UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATION

Todd Karr       Nao Fukami

Email: exchange@unm.edu
Walk-in hours to talk to advisors:
Monday -Thursday, 1:00pm – 3:00 pm

Kimberly Lawrence       Annette Mares-Duran
Mary Phipps       Sara Gutierrez

Study Abroad Advisors
THAT MOMENT WHEN
YOU REALIZE YOU HAVE
REALLY COOL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISORS
GEO IS HERE TO HELP YOU:

- Maintain your legal non-immigrant status
- Identify campus resources
- Adjust to life in the U.S.
Today’s Schedule
On Your Agenda!

- Rules, Regulations and Work
- Healthcare and Health Insurance
  - Life in the US

FREE LUNCH!!!

- Academic Life
- Check-In if you missed it
- Happy Hour at Kelly’s
GEO Requirements after today

• Complete Your Check-in Info at myGEO Student portal:

All missing info (address, Health insurance, I-94, Passport, Visa, I-20/DS-2019)

FINISH BEFORE 1/24/2020!

Those without Health Insurance need to come TOMORROW (Friday) from 12-4 in the SUB computer lab (if you need extended time to provide proof you MUST attend!)
GEO Requirements after today

HAVE A JOB?: Apply for a Social Security Number (SSN)
3 WEEKS AFTER YOU COMPLETE GEO CHECK-IN!!!

BRING THESE WHEN YOU GO:
- Passport
- I-94 showing F or J status (print at www.cbp.gov/I-94)
- I-20 form for F1 Students/DS-2019 form for J1
- “UNM Employment Verification Form” signed by your employer and by GEO verifying your permission to work
THE FACE YOU MAKE

WHEN YOU ARE MISSING DOCUMENTS IN MYGEO
Information Packets

- Calendar of fun stuff for the semester!
- Spring calendar of events
- **E-packet**: Lots of information about health insurance, work, driver’s license and more!!!
Get Involved!!!

A support network is critical to your success!

**Events:** Intlstud-I listserve OR “UNM GLOBAL” Facebook/Instagram/WhatsApp groups for reminders

**Workshops:** Academic success, work, culture, taxes and more!

**Volunteer:** Join the International Service Corps

**Trips:** Explore NM and the southwest!
Couples and Families

• The International Couples & Scholars Organization (ICASO) has a calendar of events. Send an email to be added to our list - icaso.unm@gmail.com

• Meet to learn about opportunities Thursday, January 23rd at 12:00 at the GEO office! (spouse & kids welcome)
Calendar Highlights

SPRING Orientation Events
(locations on map and events on calendar in packet)

TODAY
GEO Night at Kelly’s, 5-7 pm 3222 Central NE

Friday, 1/17
UNM Lobo Orientation for Undergrads (8:30-3:30), SUB Ballrooms
Health Insurance Help, 12-4 (drop in) SUB Computer lab

Friday, 1/24
Welcome Dinner @ Hokona Cellar 6pm (come at 5 if you have a Lobo Friend)
Calendar Highlights

All Trips: Sign up at Rec Services or online at: http://recservices.unm.edu/recreation/getaway_adventures.html

Welcome Trip to Santa Fe
Saturday, February 1st

Ski Trip to Pajarito/Los Alamos:
Saturday, February 22nd

Spring Break trip to Carlsbad Caverns and White Sands, NM
March 15th - 17th

Events advertised through the GEO listserv from geo@unm.edu and “UNM GLOBAL” Facebook/Instagram

Workshops and immigration messages iadvisor@unm.edu
DID SOMEONE SAY

HAPPY HOUR!
Still need Housing??

• Housing is still available on campus
• Off campus housing help is being provided by the ISI community group at the “BSU” at the corner of University Blvd and Martin Luther King (ask at lunch)
• GET YOUR FREE FURNITURE FROM ISI TODAY AFTER ORIENTATION OR TOMORROW!!!
Thanks for Listening!
Regulations and Rules
you must know to stay out of trouble in the US!
• Immigration
• Travel
• Other Rules
• Work
It is YOUR responsibility to know the rules!!

- Consequences for violations include deportation and inability to return to the US!

- Don’t let your friends be your immigration advisors!!!

- RULES CHANGE, SO PAY ATTENTION IF WE SEND YOU EMAIL WITH INSTRUCTIONS!
WARNINGS!!!!!!

• GEO MUST report to Immigration: your enrollment, change of address, change of major and level, drops below full-time

• So...inform us of address or program information changes and follow messages from our office carefully

• You won’t remember all the rules but when you forget, ask!!!!

Quiz with prizes coming up, so pay attention!!! AND Read along with your handout!
• **DOS** = Department of State: Administers consulates and issues visas (also J program)

• **DHS** = Department of Homeland Security: Responsible for US immigration rules and benefits
PARTS OF DHS

- **USCIS** = US Citizenship and Immigration Services: Processes applications and provides services to internationals in the US

- **ICE** = Immigration and Customs Enforcement: Enforces immigration regulations (tracks students)

- **CBP** = Customs and Border Patrol: Monitors ports of entry
Student Tracking Program

**SEVIS** = Student and Exchange Visitor Information System

Tracking program to monitor international students and scholars

Schools must report information in SEVIS to be able to give I-20s/DS-2019s – YOUR SEVIS RECORD HAS TO BE UP TO DATE AND ACTIVE TO STAY IN STATUS!!!
Mentimeter Challenge
2nd round
Document Basics

- Always save copies of all immigration documents and tax forms for as long as you plan to remain in the US!
- Keep your documents in a safe place (SAFEGUARD E-COPIES)
- Carry immigration documents with you if you travel inside as well as outside of the US (passport, I-94 and DS-2019)
Key Documents
(on handout - UPDATE on myGEO Portal)

- Passport
- DS-2019 for J-1 Students
- I-94 arrival/departure record
- US Visa in passport
Passport

- Must be valid for 6 months into the future when entering the US
- Must be **valid at all times to work**
- Renew with your embassy/consulate in the US or at home
- Update *myGEO* portal when you get a new one!
I-20 or DS-2019

• Paper sent to you by the school (J1 students sometimes get this from an organization and not the school)

• Used to apply for the visa (F or J)

• Must be valid and correct at all times (update information if it changes)

• End date is just an estimate; permission to stay ends if you end your program earlier!
**Program Info**

**Program of Study**

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| Total | $36,512 |

*Just an estimate. Don’t let it expire!*  
*Update if source changes*
### I-20

**REMARKS**

7b. Includes mandatory student health insurance

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**SCHOOL ATTESTATION**

I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was entered before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of courses taken and proof of financial responsibility, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form. The school has determined that the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.

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**STUDENT ATTESTATION**

I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form refers specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records needed by DHS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.

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**NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

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Need signature less than 6 months old from GEO advisor to reenter the US
Get this at least 1 week before you travel!
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During the period covered by this form, the total estimated financial support (in U.S. $) is to be provided to the exchange visitor by:

- The Exchange Visitor's Government: $178,462.00
- University of New Mexico - Amigo Scholarship: $115,694.00
- Personal funds: $35,766.00
- Total: $333,922.00
DS-2019

Linda Melville

Global Education Office, MSC06 3850
1 University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131

07-21-2015

School Official
Home residency requirement

Signature from a GEO advisor less than 6 months old to return
I-94
(Print at cbp.gov/I94)

• Also called an arrival/departure record
• Records your entry to the US
• DOWNLOAD a new one each time you reenter (and upload to myGEO portal)
• Shows your current legal non-immigrant status (required for proof of status so carry when out of ABQ)
• Shows the end date of your status
• Students should have D/S = “Duration of Status” – means no SPECIFIC end date
Most Recent I-94

Admission (I-94) Record Number: 68625622030
Most Recent Date of Entry: 2015 July 24
Class of Admission: F1
Admit Until Date: D/S

Details provided on the I-94 Information form:

Last/Surname: 
First (Given) Name: 
Birth Date: 
Passport Number: 
Country of Issuance: India

Get Travel History

Effective April 28, 2013, DHS began automating the admission process. An alien lawfully admitted or paroled into the U.S. is no longer required to be in possession of a preprinted Form I-94. A record of admission printed from the CBP website constitutes a lawful record of admission. See 8 CFR § 1.4(c).

If an employer, local, state or federal agency requests admission information, present your admission (I-94) number along with any additional required documents requested by that employer or agency.

Note: For security reasons, we recommend that you close your browser after you have finished retrieving your I-94 number.

For inquiries or questions regarding your I-94, please click here.

Accessibility | Privacy Policy
US Visa Stamp

- Sticker with picture issued by US consulate
- Gives permission to ENTER the US in a specific immigration status (does NOT say how long you can STAY)
- Permission to ENTER the US with that visa between the date of issue and expiration (some exceptions for travel to Canada or Mexico)
- You do NOT need to leave if your visa expires, but the next time you DO leave the US, you need to get a new to be able to RETURN!
- Update myGEO portal if you get a new one
To maintain student status, ALWAYS...

1. Attend the college/university on the DS-2019
2. Provide a correct residential address to GEO within 10 days of making a change
3. Maintain full-time enrollment
4. Have a correct & unexpired DS-2019
5. Maintain a valid passport
6. Speak with GEO before transferring schools
7. Observe the grace period after completing your program
   - 60-day grace for F students
   - 30-day grace for J students
To maintain student status, NEVER...

8. WORK OFF CAMPUS without prior authorization on your I-20/DS-2019

9. WORK in “ON CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT” for more than 20 hours per week while school is in session (Fall and Spring) or after you finish your program

10. Take a leave of absence, withdraw from classes, or drop below full-time until you speak with a GEO advisor (no matter what ANYONE tells you!)

Let us know if you will leave UNM!
Graduate Students Full-Time Study

• Graduate students without assistantships must COMPLETE each semester with 9 credit hours

• Graduate Students with assistantships only need 6 credit hours
• Undergraduate students **MUST** complete each semester with **12 credit hours**

• Those with the Amigo scholarship **MUST** complete each semester with **15 NEW credit hours (and receive a 3.0 or better)**
Exchange Students
Full-Time Study

• If not admitted specifically as graduate exchange ALL EXCHANGE STUDENTS must complete each semester with 12 credit hours

• Graduate student exchange must be identified by GEO (ask at the break) Then 9 credit hours
Courses that **DO count** toward your full-time credit requirement for immigration purposes:

**FINISH course with:**
- standard grade: A, B, C, D, F
- credit/no credit: C/NC
- Incomplete: I

Courses that **DO NOT count** toward the full time requirement:

**FINISH course with:**
- “Audit” grade option
- “W” grade (W=withdraw/dropped course)
On-line Course Restrictions:

- ONLY 3 credit hours of your minimum full-time can be in “On-Line” courses (no physical class meetings)

- You can take more, but only 3 credits can be counted toward the full-time minimum
You **MUST** enroll full-time in fall and spring.

You **do not need to enroll in Summer** unless you begin or end studies in summer.
THAT FEELING WHEN

YOU'RE ENROLLED FULL-TIME FOR THE SEMESTER
Exceptions to Full-Time

VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS EXIST!
All must be authorized **IN ADVANCE** by the international advisor!!!

**EXCEPTION TYPES:**

1. Academic (Uncommon and Common Types)

2. Medical
Exceptions to Full-Time Academic:

**Uncommon exceptions:**
- Initial difficulties with English language, reading requirements or American teaching methods
- Improper course level placement

**Common exceptions (still need to be authorized):**
- Graduates completing the thesis or dissertation
- Undergraduates in final semester
Exceptions to Full-Time

Medical:

• Medical excuse authorized by Medical Doctor or licensed psychologist

• Needs to recommend that you drop classes due to illness
“Grace Period”

Only for students who **complete** their program:
F students have 60 days/J students have 30 days to...
- Leave the U.S. **or**
- Get a new I-20 or DS-2019 from a new institution/ program **or**
- Apply for post-completion student work permission **or**
- Change to another immigration status

**Students who terminate their program before completing do NOT have a grace period!!!!!**
Work Following Study

- Students can apply for work permission after studies.

- You should apply at the beginning of the semester you will finish.

- You MUST apply BEFORE you complete the last requirement for the degree to get the work permission in time!!
Work Following Study

- **F1**: No job needed.

- **J1**: Job required. MUST HAVE a job before the DS-2019 expires!

- Once you complete your academic program you are no longer eligible to work on campus unless your work authorization has begun and the job is in your field.
Commercial Break

In a college far, far away, two international students are leaving class...
Professor’s Office
Global Education Office

Later that day
MESSAGE?

I DROPPED BELOW FULL-TIME STATUS

DON'T EVER DO THAT!
Travel Requirements

For Travel in the US (out of ABQ)

- Passport
- I-94
- I-20/DS-2019
- In ABQ copies should be good enough; I-94 is the actual legal requirement
Travel Requirements

For travel out of the US and return:

- Passport (unexpired)
- US visa (unexpired); (Travel to Canada & Mexico - special 30-day exception for expired US visa in some cases – ask an advisor)
- GEO advisor’s signature from current semester on pg. 2 of I-20 or pg. 1 of DS-2019
- Financial proof
- Copy of transcript
Travel Requirements

• Get GEO signature **at least** one week before you travel

• If you leave the U.S. AFTER you complete your program you CANNOT re-enter on your student VISA!!!!

If you need to apply for a visa to return talk to a GEO Advisor before you go!
THAT MOMENT WHEN

YOU’RE AT THE AIRPORT
WITHOUT A TRAVEL SIGNATURE
Travel Requirements

ATTENTION EXCHANGE STUDENTS!

• You have 30 days to travel around the US from the end date on your DS-2019 (grace period)

• If you leave the US during this time OR you want to travel for longer, you will have to take some action! – DO NOT OVERSTAY!!!
Travel Requirements

ATTENTION EXCHANGE STUDENTS!

• If you want to travel around the US for LONGER than 30 days, you have to do one of these things:
  ➢ Leave the country and re-enter on a tourist visa or by registering in ESTA if you don’t need a visa OR
  ➢ Apply for a change of status by paying a $455 fee and mailing an application to USCIS

DO NOT STAY AFTER 30 DAYS!!! WITHOUT TAKING SOME ACTION!!!
Travel Requirements

ATTENTION EXCHANGE STUDENTS!

• If you travel out of the US after you complete the exchange and you will reenter the US before you go home, you MUST reenter as a visitor/tourist:

  ➢ If you come from a “visa waiver” country you will need to register in the ESTA system before you travel (https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/)

  ➢ If you don’t, you will have to have a tourist visa in your passport to reenter.
Tax year: January 1\textsuperscript{st} to December 31\textsuperscript{st}

Taxes due April 15 for previous year

ALL international students must complete US tax forms for each year they are in the US even if they have NO US income!

If you arrived in 2020, you won’t need to do anything until 2021!
Tax system is complex so you will need to devote time to reading and filling out forms.

Tax information session for international students and tax advising in March.

If you want to train as a tax volunteer, see Linda.
Immigration Jeopardy...

• WHERE do I report my address change (Hint: it’s 2 places)???
  *myGEO portal and my.unm.edu*

• If I want my I-20/DS-2019 signed on the same day when do I have to bring it to GEO?
  
  At advisor walk-in hours – M-F 1:00 – 3:00!!!!

• How long can I stay in the US in F1 status after I graduate if I don’t apply for work authorization?
  
  60 days
Immigration jeopardy...

• What is the name of the government system for tracking students?
  SEVIS

• What should I download every time I return to the US?
  I-94

• If I’m an undergraduate student with no amigo and 12 credits, what happens if my professor gives me a grade of “W”?
  You are out of status!!!!!!!
Other Rules and Laws

You need to know
Mentimeter Questions
3rd round
Campus & Cultural Rules

- No alcohol on campus (except Faculty House and Draft & Table)
- Smoking is allowed in designated areas only and almost NEVER inside
- Americans are sensitive to smell - wash your clothes and body often and wear deodorant to avoid judgement from others and embarrassing situations!
Contact Info:
Hokona Hall 1st floor across from Hospital; 277-2241

Safety Escort Service: Takes you from one on-campus location to another

Bike registry on website: May help if your bike is stolen.
UNM Campus Police

Real Police force:
Can make arrests and carry weapons; officers in uniform and without uniform patrol campus and respond to emergency calls
What to do for Emergencies

• **Campus Emergencies**: Call 277-2241
  # is on your Lobo card or use blue emergency phones located throughout campus (just push the button)

• **Emergencies anywhere in US**: Call 911

• **If non medical or criminal emergency after hours**: Call GEO at 277-4GEO (e.g. stuck at a border, consulate, etc.)
Bicycle Safety

• ALWAYS wear a helmet
• Use lights at night!
• Be careful. Some areas are not bike friendly
• Buy U locks for your bike; bike theft is common on campus—available at UNM Bicycle Shop, East Entrance to Johnson Center
• Find bike map at www.cabq.gov
THAT FEELING WHEN

YOUR BIKE GETS STOLEN
BECAUSE YOU BOUGHT THE CHEAP LOCK
Car Regulations and Safety

NEW MEXICO DRIVER’S LICENSE:

• You need a NM driver’s license or Driver Authorization Card (DAC) if you will drive regularly and will live for more than 6 months in New Mexico.

• If you will not drive regularly, an international license should work, but insurance coverage is more expensive (you have to have it).

• Driver’s license or state ID is a good idea for everyone as a form of legal identification (info in packet).
NEW MEXICO DRIVER’S LICENSE:

- You need to tell the MVD whether you will apply for a “Real ID” license or a “DAC”
- You will need to bring all of the requested documents
- Read the handout in the e-packet or on our website before you go!
- Come to our car buying workshop if you want to own a car!
Car Regulations and Safety

• You MUST have car insurance when driving

• Pay TICKETS! (Parking, Speeding, etc.)

• Do not make any “special request” if the police officer gives you a ticket!

• **If you are stopped by the police:** Do not get out of the car. Place your hands on the wheel where the officer can see them. Get out license, registration and insurance when asked
TO PROFESSIONALISM.
Car Regulations And Safety

NEVER drink and drive!
USE ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

* Yellow Cab Company
(505) 247-8888

Albuquerque Rapid Transit (ART)

Coming soon!

66 Late Night
(June–Sept)
Consumer Related Issues

- Internet scams: Don’t send anyone money you don’t know!
- No government office or bank will call you on the phone and ask you to provide your SSN or payment
- Buy insurance for any large money transactions (i.e. use Paypal if available)
Housing Regulations

• Information at: geo.unm.edu

• Renters Guide and General Landlord/Tenant Information: www.lawhelpnewmexico.org

• Problems? Contact - New Mexico Legal Aid free hotline: (866) 416-1922
What??? You mean..... NO drinking under 21?????
Drinking Laws

• Have to be 21 to drink in the US
• An ID is required to get into bars and at restaurants if ordering alcohol
• IT IS A FELONY (SERIOUS CRIME) TO GIVE ALCOHOL TO ANYONE UNDER 21!!!
• ABQ Police “Party Patrol” often raids parties in the area near campus; if you are hosting a party with alcohol, make sure guests are over 21!!!
Sex, Drugs, and Guns

- Illegal drugs are ILLEGAL!!!
- Even if drugs are legal by state law, it is a violation of your immigration status!
- It is illegal to own a firearm (gun) if you are in the US on a visa!
- Sexual misconduct is serious in the US. Consent is the most important thing and is not possible if you are not SOBER! You must understand rules in the US!

Legal and Criminal Issues

- Important to know the laws that are problematic
- **Avoid** getting into trouble in the first place!
- Violations impact you financially and may affect your immigration status
- If you are charged with a crime or arrested, seek legal assistance and talk to a GEO advisor to understand the issues
If You are Stopped by the Police, Immigration or FBI*

• Stay calm and be polite. Don’t run or resist. Keep your hands where the police can see them.
• Right of refusal to search. You have the right to refuse unless there is a warrant.
• Ask if you are free to leave. If the officer says yes, calmly walk away. If you are under arrest, you have a right to: remain silent, have an attorney and contact your consulate.
• Do not lie or give false statements and do not sign anything without talking to a lawyer.
Mentimeter Challenge
4th round
Can I Work in the USA?
International Student Work Requirements
Work Eligibility Requirements

- Must meet eligibility criteria for specific type of work permission
- Must maintain legal full-time student status throughout your studies
  - Maintain G.P.A. of 2.5 for undergraduates and 3.0 for graduates
  - Must consult a GEO advisor well in ADVANCE for any off-campus work
Work Types for F-1 and J-1

• ON CAMPUS
  All students are eligible to work on UNM campus at any time during your program of study!!

• OFF CAMPUS
  a) MUST meet eligibility requirements
  b) MUST be related to your major
  c) You NEED authorization from GEO

SPECIAL WORKSHOP ON THIS TOPIC ON JANUARY 31ST
On-Campus Work
How Many Hours Can I work?

• 20 hours per week:
  During the Semester (have to be taking classes)
  (US students can work 30 hours, so don’t get confused!)

• During semester breaks (summer/winter break)
  IF you plan to continue your studies at UNM
    - 28 hours per week for Student Employment
    - 40 hours per week for graduate students with assistantships
Types of On-campus Work for Students

Assistantships:
Only international students in **graduate degree programs** ARE ELIGIBLE

Student Employment Jobs (**SE**): All International students ARE ELIGIBLE

Work Study Jobs (**WS**): International students are **NOT** ELIGIBLE
Go to the **Student Employment Office** to process paperwork:

**F-1 students** do not need any special permission from GEO to work on campus, but will need to show passport, I-20, I-94 for processing paperwork.

**J-1 students** will need a form from GEO BEFORE they can begin work.

Note: J-1 students must also notify GEO if there is a change of employment. Your employment information is required to be updated and documented in SEVIS.
### Search for Student Jobs

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**Position Summary**

Under the direction of the Director of Residence Life & Student Housing, and the direct supervision of the Senior Marketing Representative, this position plays an integral role in promoting the on-campus housing experience to prospective residents.

UNM Residence Life & Student Housing endeavors to foster inclusive, community-based living environments consciously designed for our residents’ personal growth and academic success in well-maintained facilities.

Ambassadors play a vital role in introducing the experience of living on campus to incoming students and by professionally representing the Residence Life & Student Housing Department and the University of New Mexico. As Ambassadors are enthusiastic and dedicated leaders committed to sharing their residence life experiences with incoming students, in order to show them everything our communities have to offer.

Residence Life Ambassadors represent the department in their interactions with current and prospective students and their families, answering questions and effectively communicating the benefits of living on campus and giving first-hand knowledge of the on-campus living experience while conducting tours of our residence halls to prospective residents and their families. Ambassadors also assist with our retention efforts with current on-campus residents.

Duties and responsibilities of this position include, but are not limited to the following:

- Conduct informational tours of residence hall facilities, provide positive, well-informed information about residence hall living to prospective residents and their families.
- Develop peer-to-peer relationships with current and prospective residents, participate in outreach efforts via in-person presentations, information tabling, and email campaigns.
- Perform oral presentations to large and small scale audiences regarding on-campus housing options, amenities and opportunities.
- Promote community events, activities, and programs through posting to department social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat; as well as other established marketing methods which may include printed promotional materials or broadcasting of electronic promotional slides.
- Promote official UNM on-campus living to other University students and/or constituents.
- Promotes the on-campus residence halls to current and potential on-campus residents, which may include outreach and presentations to high school students, current residents, and other UNM affiliates.
THAT FEELING WHEN

YOU GET AN ON-CAMPUS JOB
3 Types of F1 “OFF- CAMPUS” work:

- “CPT” CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING: during your program of study
- “OPT” OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING: after completing your coursework
- SEVERE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP

ONLY eligible after one academic year of full-time enrollment!

NEVER work off-campus without a GEO advisor’s written authorization! (For F-1s, this is on I-20)
Any off campus work must be authorized here or it is not legal
Off-Campus Work

J-1 Students

1 Type of J1 “OFF- CAMPUS” work:

**Academic Training:**

a) ONLY eligible after one academic semester of full-time enrollment

b) Amount of Time Eligible to Work depends on degree or program and length of study

Your academic advisor must first authorize the employment. Exchange students must get home institution’s authorization PRIOR to starting the job.
J-1 Academic Training
THAT FEELING WHEN

Did you know we host career fairs?

YOU HAVE TO ADULT
F-1 and J-1 students who work MUST obtain a Social Security Number (SSN)

(you can’t get one if you don’t work)

• You will not be paid after two pay periods unless you get the SSN to the payroll office

• YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE, BUT…You must wait until:

  Two weeks after you complete check in and give us your US address
The Social Security Administration is a Government Office that is located **OFF** campus. To apply for a SSN you must have:

- Original passport
- I-20/DS-2019
- I-94
- UNM employment verification form signed by GEO
- Social Security Application

**Note:** Applications are provided at the Social Security Administration Office and at GEO
Need more information?

- Ask an international advisor
  Walk-in Office Hours for Advisors:
  Monday - Friday: 1-3 pm
  Monday and Thursday: 10-12 pm (during semester only)

- Check the GEO website

- Read email messages sent from iadvisor@unm.edu regarding immigration issues!!!!
International Student Contract

• Keep the contract on your agenda for your records.
• You sign that you understand these rules when you log in to the myGEO portal

Be back in your seats in 15 minutes!
Mentimeter Challenge 5th round
Health Care and Health Insurance

Photo by: Susann Kõomägi
YOUR HEALTH IS IMPORTANT!

• No one expects to get sick!

• If it happens, you need to understand the US system, where to go, and how to use your insurance
THAT FEELING WHEN

YOU NEED MEDICAL ATTENTION
VIDEO

Overview of the US Health System and Health Insurance

http://www.internationalstudentinsurance.com/
HEALTH INSURANCE AT UNM

Health insurance is MANDATORY for international students at UNM!!!


- If you have other insurance, it will be secondary to this policy

- This policy still requires you to pay the deductible and file claim forms before it will cover expenses
Health Insurance at UNM

Two Types of Plans Available for degree-seeking students who have to buy:

“Emergency” or “Illness – only” Plans designed for International Students (i.e., the one bought by Exchange Students)

OR

US Marketplace Plans sold at healthcare.gov (Obamacare/ACA) – NOT MEDICAID!
International Student Plans

International Plans DO NOT:

• Cover pre-existing conditions
• Cover preventative care
• Have unlimited benefits
• Have their claims processed directly by the UNM Student Health Center
• Cover things that are not medically necessary

International Plans DO

• Cover new illnesses and injuries
• Cover medical evacuation and repatriation of remains (required for J1 visa holders)
• Have limits on how much they will cover and what they will cover
• Require you to file claim forms if you visit the UNM student health center and want them to pay
• Charge more for those over 24
US Marketplace Plans **DO NOT:**

- Allow you to sign up at any time (You have to have a qualifying life change, like moving to the US)
- Have an easy sign up process
- Have a guarantee of continuing beyond this year

US Marketplace Plans **DO**

- Allow pre-existing conditions
- Allow coverage for preventative care (medical only – no dental or vision)
- Provide subsidies to students according to income
- Cover an illness without a dollar limit
- Require you to file a tax return at which time you MAY have to pay back some of the subsidy!
Health Insurance

To Decide: Read the information, THEN

Think about your personal situation:

• Are you over 24? Are you married?
• Do you have any current or recurring medical issues (aka “pre-existing conditions”)
• Do you take any regular medications?
• How much are you willing to RISK a huge financial bill?
• Are you prepared to return to your home country for care if you need to?
• Are you willing to take the time and go through the hassle to apply for the US Healthcare marketplace insurance?
• Are you prepared to file taxes and pay back some of the subsidies if you have to?
HEALTH INSURANCE

If you have not selected insurance you are required to attend:

Friday, January 17th
Health Insurance Help and Q&A
12pm to 4:30pm
Lobo Lair Computer Lab

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THIS SESSION IF YOU DON’T HAVE INSURANCE!!!
HEALTH INSURANCE

After you buy your regular coverage:

1. **Upload coverage info at myGEO portal** - one easy page that has your name and the dates of coverage (NOT ALL PAGES)

2. **Print an insurance card** – Carry this in your wallet!

3. **Do not have a gap in your health insurance** (even if you will leave the US for vacation). If you have a gap your policy is considered NEW and NOT continuing which is a problem.

4. **Fill out claim forms for any charges within the time limit** (usually 2 months) – Do this even for health center charges so that you are adding up dollars toward meeting your “deductible”
THAT FEELING WHEN

YOU HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE AND YOUR CARD
SO... WHERE SHOULD YOU GO WHEN YOU GET SICK?
STUDENT HEALTH & COUNSELING

Monday - Thursday
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Friday
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

(505) 277-3136
FOR ROUTINE CARE GO TO SHAC!!!

- All currently enrolled students can be seen at SHAC
- Cost is MUCH lower than elsewhere and will be billed to your student account at UNM
- Care is offered by experienced doctors, advanced practice providers, and nurses
- Same-day appointments are available
MANY SERVICES

- Medical Appointments: Advanced & Same-Day
- Counseling Services
- Women’s Health
- Men’s Health
- Pharmacy
- Laboratory & X-Ray

- Allergy & Immunization
- Travel Health Clinic
- Specialty Clinics
- Physical Therapy
- Massage
- Acupuncture
- Health Education
THAT FEELING WHEN

YOUR FRIEND TAKES YOU TO SHAC
STUDENT HEALTH & COUNSELING (SHAC)

Best place to go when you get sick!!! BUT NOT OPEN ON WEEKENDS!
Where to go if SHAC can’t help

• If SHAC is closed and you have an urgent need, you will need to go to an “Urgent Care” facility or the hospital Emergency Room.

• Check your packet, the Health Care section of our website and the wallet card we gave you for options.

• Contact your insurance provider to go somewhere “in network” for the cheapest price.
When to Use the Emergency Room

Note: DO NOT USE AN EMERGENCY ROOM IF IT IS NOT AN EMERGENCY!!! – CHARGES ARE OUTRAGEOUS!!!
When to Use the Emergency Room

• Heart Attack
• Fractures/broken bones
• Seizures
• Severe pain
• Stroke
• Uncontrollable Bleeding
• Unconsciousness
• Childbirth
When to Use Urgent Care

- Allergies
- Sinus infections
- Cold
- Cough
- Flu-like symptoms
- Sore throat
- Dizziness
- Ear aches
- Fever
- Insect bites
- Minor cuts
- Back pain
- Minor Burns
- Sprains
- Strains
- Rashes
- Upset Stomach
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
Mental Health Issues

What to remember

• Please seek help if you need it!
• There is no shame in needing someone to talk to while away from home!!!
• It’s confidential
• Most resolve their issues!!!

What to do:

• Go to Student Health and Counseling (SHAC)
• Seek an individual consultation
• Attend one of the self-help workshops
Mentimeter Questions
Final Round
Again: What do I do if I get sick?

• Unless it is a medical emergency, you should always seek help from SHAC first

• If SHAC can’t help go to an In-Network provider for your insurance for the lowest cost

• Students are responsible for their insurance “deductible” and any “co-insurance”

• You will have to fill out a “claim form” if the provider does not take your insurance
Again: What do I do about insurance?

Do your research on your own and come to our help sessions:

**Hands-on Sign-up Help:**
January 17th 12 – 4:30 ONLY!!!

**THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO GET HELP WITH INSURANCE ON CAMPUS!!!**
A Word on Cultural Adjustment

IT HAPPENS TO EVERYONE!!!

Experiences and Advice from your fellow students
Culture-Specific Issues at UNM

- Many cultural issues arise for international students: Academics, Bureaucracy, Communication Styles, Expectations, Interpersonal relationships, etc.
- Cultural adjustment is a process. There will be lots of ups and downs!
- One cultural issue that is important is appropriate conduct in sexual relationships. Make sure you understand CONSENT so that you don’t get into trouble!
- SO JUST TO MAKE THE POINT AGAIN...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eS5wYFtfaeU
How to Overcome Culture Shock

CULTURE SHOCK IS FINITE!!!! YOU WILL RECOVER!!!

• Realize that everyone who moves to a foreign culture experiences culture shock
• Expect ups and downs (extremes in feelings)
• Make American friends as well as international friends
• Learn all you can about the culture and language and think about the parts you really like
• Do the things that make you feel good at home
• Keep a sense of humor and be ready to laugh at yourself
• Keep busy and active; take time to socialize, play sports, do hobbies!
JOHNSON CENTER
FACILITIES

Weight and Cardio Room

Gymnasium

Olympic and Therapy Pool
Johnson Pool
JOHNSON CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED IN THE SPRING OF 2020

Johnson Center will remain open during construction. Please use West Entrance across from Popejoy.
FITNESS CLASSES

Yoga,
Pilates,
Personal Defense,
Circuit Training,
PiYO,
Fit Life,
Aqua Jogging,
Personal Training,
and more!

Eligible for Tuition Remission!
# Intramural Sports

## Recreational Services

### Fall 2019 Intramural Sports Schedule

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**UNM FALL BREAK: OCTOBER 10-11**

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**Pre-registration deadline:** Those interested in participating must register prior to event deadlines. Online registration is required for most single day events and for Fall League Events. Registrants can register online at [recreservices.unm.edu](http://recreservices.unm.edu).

**Regulations:** All intramural sports programs and events are subject to any local, state, or federal policies, procedures, and guidelines in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes, but is not limited to, restrictions on gathering sizes and social distancing. Participants must adhere to all safety and hygiene protocols outlined by the University and state and local authorities. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary actions, including suspension from the program.

**Attention:** All intramural sports programs, events, and activities are subject to change due to weather, facility closures, or other unforeseen circumstances. Participants are encouraged to check the Recreational Services website or contact the Intramural Office for the latest updates.

**Emergency Contact:** For immediate assistance, contact the Recreational Services Office at 505.314.0061. In case of an emergency, call 911 immediately.

**Compliance:** Compliance with the Intramural Sports Program policies and procedures is mandatory. Violation of these policies may result in disciplinary actions, including suspension from the program.

Recreational Services makes no guarantees of any kind for the intramural sport activities, whether in the field or facilities. Recreational Services is not liable for any injuries, illnesses, or property damage that occur while participating in intramural sports activities.

Recreational Services is a department of the University of New Mexico, which is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and educator. It is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and inclusive environment for all students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

Recreational Services encourages all participants to adhere to the University’s policies and procedures to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

For more information, contact the Intramural Office at 505.314.0061 or email intramural@unm.edu.

**UNM Johnson Center Intramural Facility:** To be completed in 2021.
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**Ski, snowboard, and bike rentals!**
GETAWAY ADVENTURES

Hiking adventures, cultural events, relaxation days, overnight explorations, and more!

Eligible for Tuition Remission!
UNM RECREATIONAL SERVICES

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UNM Recreational Services
@unm_rec_services

VISIT OUR OFFICE AT 1102 JOHNSON CENTER, UNM

(505) 277-0178
recservices.unm.edu
How to Register for GEO Getaway Adventure

Go to [http://recweb.unm.edu/register/#geo-getaways](http://recweb.unm.edu/register/#geo-getaways) and select an adventure.
Fill out the Participant Registration form. Use the code GAGEO to participate in a GEO only event.
Acknowledge that payment must be submitted within 24 hours of registration or participant may be dropped.
Click the “Pay Now Online” button to complete online payment.
Select quantity 1 and proceed.
Then enter the full name of the participant.
Enter payment information and complete purchase. You will receive an email confirming registration and payment.
Social Activities
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Are you interested in working with the Albuquerque Community?

Would you like to build more connections with local organizations?
• Build meaningful connections for future career opportunities in your field.
• Build your resume by becoming a member of the international service corp.
• Receive a Certificate of Appreciation at the end of the semester**
• The goal is to enhance intercultural interaction between students and the Albuquerque Community

Is your spouse in the US with you? Invite them to join!
Lobo Friends
Spring 2020 Events

- Friend Thursday Meet Up
- Welcome Lobo Friend Hour 6:00pm
- GEO Pool Party
- May 2nd Hiking Trip
- Super Bowl Party
- Super Bowl Party
- May 2nd Hiking Trip
- GEO Pool Party
ACADEMIC LIFE AT UNM

LUNCH AND DISCUSSION BY PROGRAM LEVEL
Reminders!!!
(locations on map and events on calendar in red packet)

TODAY!!! GEO Night Out at Kelly’s, 5-7:00 pm 3222 Central NE
Friday, 1/17 Health Insurance Help, 12-4:30 SUB Computer lab
Friday, 1/24 Welcome Dinner @ Hokona Cellar 6pm (come at 5 if you have a Lobo Friend)
Saturday, 1/25 Amigo scholarRship lunch

WELCOME TO THE LOBO FAMILY!
Graduate Students
Go to break room 1030
welcome to UNM from CAPS
What is CAPS?
How can CAPS help you?
LEARNING CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

we’re an award-winning certified
CAPS supports the courses you are taking.
Get better grades Graduate faster
we're open
9AM - 10PM
one-on-one consultations
online support
SI & study sessions
Questions?

THANK YOU

we’ll see you @ CAPS
ACADEMIC LIFE SPRING 2020: REQUIREMENTS FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Nao Fukami, Inbound Exchange Program Assistant
GEO Education Abroad Team
1. ARRIVAL FORMS

• **Arrival Forms/Learning Agreement** from your home universities - Forms that need to be signed as proof of arrival.

• **Walk-in Hours:** GEO can sign and stamp the forms during Walk-in Hours from Monday to Friday at 1pm to 3pm (Or, make an appointment at exchange@unm.edu).

• Please come to see us at GEO as soon as possible to have your arrival forms signed!
2. TUITION AND FEES

- **Tuition exemption**: If you have any charges you feel are not correct on your account, let us know.

- **Fees you need to pay**:
  1. COURSE FEES (see your online course schedule on myUNM)
  2. Mandatory IT Fees
  3. Immigration Processing Fee
  4. Late fees, on-campus housing (if any)
2. TUITION AND FEES (CONTINUED)

- **Pending Payment:** Clear Bursar’s account. You will not receive an official transcript from UNM!

- **Fee Payment:** Visit the Bursar’s Office, Pay online using myUNM, or International money transfer by UNM Flywire. [https://bursar.unm.edu/billing-payments/international-payments.html](https://bursar.unm.edu/billing-payments/international-payments.html)

- **Late Course Registration Fees:** “Semester Deadlines”!
3. UNM HOUSING ISSUES

- **Fall-only exchange:** MUST read the contract well and fill out special papers to **CANCEL YOUR CONTRACT before the semester ends** or you will be charged a $500 fee!!!

- **Two-semester exchange:** MUST continue to live in the dorms – you cannot cancel the contract.

- **Lobo Village or Casas del Rio** – In December/May, find someone else to take over your lease if you do not want to break contract.

- **Issues with your roommate:** Contact your Resident Assistant (RA) know immediately. Please come to GEO if you do not get help from the RAs.

- Do you still need a place to stay? Talk to us after the orientation 😊
4. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

• Do I need to order an official transcript by myself? Cost? – No!
  GEO automatically send one official transcript to your home university after February 1st for Fall term (if you are end in fall) and June 15th for Spring term (if you end in spring). It is for free, and you do not have to order at GEO.

• How does my home university receive transcripts? – E-Link
  (Unless your school requests paper copy,) an electronic transcript will be sent. International offices at Your home institution will receive a link for e-transcripts and a password by email in Feb and Jun.

• Can I order a second copy for my own record? – YES! But…
  You have to wait until all grades have been posted. Please go to registrar.unm.edu and order on-line by Parchment. You can order a paper or electronic version for USD10 per copy.

Be sure to pay any fees before you leave
Or, you will not receive your transcript!!!
5. CLASS REGISTRATION

• Add/drop course: You can add/drop courses during the first two weeks of the semester for free. Those changes will not show on your transcript.

• “Class is full.” - Get yourself on the waitlist and try to contact the professor via email or go to class on the first day to explain that you are an exchange student trying to add.

• “Error occurs due to prerequisites.” – Talk with department academic advisors. They can look up your transcript in “On-Base” to see if you have the equivalent prerequisites (or you can show them a paper copy). You may need a course description from your home institution.
Follow UNM Study Abroad on social media!

Follow us to receive information, updates, and to connect with other Study Abroad students. Tag us or use #GloballoBos to get reposted!
ACADEMIC ADVISORS PANEL

- Anderson’s School of Management
- College of Arts and Sciences
- School of Engineering
PANEL QUESTIONS:

1. Please introduce yourself and your college/departments at UNM?
2. What are the best things about your department?
3. If students are having trouble registering for classes in your department(s) what should they do?
4. Do students need to bring transcripts and course descriptions if they are having trouble getting into classes?
5. Do you have any advice about buying textbooks and other materials?
6. What is the most important piece of advice you have for exchange students?
THAT FEELING WHEN

YOU FINISH CHECK-IN AND ORIENTATION