Finalizing Your Application

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OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS
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- Submit your final documents – give them to us during orientation week

International Admissions needs:
- Official Transcripts with Spring 2020 grades
- Degree Certificate showing graduation date

You will only get transfer credits when we have your official transcript.
Scholarships

Scholarship Recipients were notified when they were accepted.

Make sure you turn in your Amigo Acceptance form – this is needed to process your I-20.
Deferring

We encourage you to move forward planning on coming to The University of New Mexico in the fall, but if you need to defer it’s a very easy process

- Email Goglobal@unm.edu or fill out our deferment form.
  - You can defer your application up to one year (Fall 2021) without needing to reapply.
  - You will keep your Scholarship
Questions?

- Admission Documents
- Scholarships
- Deferrals

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Coming to UNM

YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT VISAS, IMMIGRATION RULES AND FALL ENROLLMENT AT UNM

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Will I be able to get a visa?

- US Embassies and Consulates worldwide are currently not issuing visas
- Many have appointment times open on the website in the future
- You should try to make an appointment as soon as possible; to do this you:
  - Pay the SEVIS fee
  - Schedule the first available
  - Email the consulate for an expedited appointment if the date scheduled is after classes start

- Hope is that they will add more appointments when the re-open and those already signed up will be contacted first to reschedule for earlier
Will I be able to enter the US?

- Travel restrictions still apply to those coming from China, Iran, EU and the UK in the past 14 days.
- It is unclear when these restrictions will be lifted.
- When they are lifted, it is likely that NM will still ask anyone entering the state to "self-isolate" for 14 days once they enter.
- GEO is working to find out if there is a way to work with testing centers to have students tested on arrival, but current testing only tests for active infection.
Can I take online classes if I come?

- US Immigration Rules for Students normally limit online classes.
- Restrictions were lifted for continuing students for Spring 2020 and Summer 2020, but no new students were allowed to enter to start programs if the classes were online.
- There has been no announcement about fall semester so far.
- Likely that they will allow students who are in the US in student immigration status to continue if classes move online, but we do not know if they will allow students to enter the US if the school switches to entirely online classes.
What is UNM’s plan for fall 2020?

- UNM is planning to offer both Online and In-person classes for fall.
- All classes will have a plan to move to a remote delivery format if there is a resurgence of COVID-19 in the fall.
- Classes that are in-person are being scheduled in ways that will allow for social distancing, e.g.:
  - Fewer students assigned to each classroom
  - Staggered scheduling for enrolled students (students take turns coming to class one day a week)
What are my options?

1. Arrive at UNM for *In-Person* Fall Classes
   - If you are in the US, come to UNM as soon as possible
   - If you are not in the US and you **have** a valid student visa, enter as soon as possible (as soon as any travel restrictions are lifted)
   - If you are not in the US and you **do not have** a valid visa, schedule a visa appointment, and try to get the visa

2. Do the fall semester online from home

3. Defer your admission to Spring 2021 or Fall 2021
What are the financial implications?

1. Arrive at UNM for In-Person Fall Classes
   - You will receive all currently awarded scholarships and/or assistantships
   - Tuition will be charged at the regular fall rate (not yet announced)

2. Do the fall semester online from home
   - Those awarded the Amigo, Leadership or Entrepreneurship scholarship will be able to keep their scholarships.
   - Graduate students will likely NOT be able to keep assistantships if they cannot come to UNM in person (but can pay in-state tuition if they enroll for 6 credit-hours or less)
   - Tuition will be charged at the regular fall rate but there may be a $100 online course fee

3. Defer your admission to Spring 2021 or Fall 2021
   - Those awarded the Amigo, Leadership or Entrepreneurship scholarship will likely be able to defer the scholarship as long as they communicate the deferral of admission by September.
   - Graduate students need to contact their department to find out if they can defer the assistantship
How do I decide?

- Students have to assess the situation based on their own circumstances and the developing situation.
- Read all UNM information in a timely fashion to help you decide
- Respond if required and ask questions if you have them!
- Until you have made a decision, you should keep planning for your arrival at UNM:
  - Make your visa appointment
  - Undergraduates attend orientation and advisement and enroll for classes
  - Graduates continue to follow department information and enroll
What else do I need to do?

- COMMUNICATE! COMMUNICATE! COMMUNICATE! Once you have decided or if you have questions, email GEO at goglobal@unm.edu and iadvisor@unm.edu and tell your advisors/department your plans!

- If you will not pursue UNM classes for fall 2020, and you enroll this summer, you will need to log in to my.unm.edu and withdraw from classes by the first week of class or you will be charged!
AIRPORT PICK-UP

- ISI (International Students, Inc.)
  - free airport pick-up and a temporary home-stay with a local family not to exceed 3 days [ISIABQ@isionline.org]
- Bus #50
- Uber/Lyft/Taxi
- Students from your country
HOUSING

- Short-Term Housing: Air BNB, ISI, or Hotel
- Living on Campus
- Living off Campus
SHORT TERM HOUSING

- Air BnB
- Hotel
- ISI
LIVING ON CAMPUS

https://housing.unm.edu/

Alvarado Hall
Coronado Hall
Hokona Hall
Laguna DeVargas Hall
Redondo Village Apartments
Santa Clara Hall
Student Residence Center
Lobo Rainforest
Private Partner - Casas del Rio
Private Partner - Lobo Village
LIVING OFF CAMPUS

- Zillow
- UNM Off-Campus Housing
Check-in Includes:

- myGEO Portal (US Address, Passport, Visa, I-94, Health Insurance)
- Helpful Information Session with International Student Advisor
- Session days and times: First session is on July 27th – all sessions start at 9:30 AM

Orientation (current)

- Graduate Students: August 7th
- Undergraduate Students: August 13th
OTHER ORIENTATIONS

- Graduate Students
  - Contact your department for orientation requirements and information

- Undergraduate Students
  - New Student Orientation…..To-Go!
    - First-Year Orientation nso.unm.edu
    - Transfer and Non-Traditional
      - First time starting college over the age of 20
LOBO FRIENDS PROGRAM

The University of New Mexico
The Global Education Office (GEO)
2020
The "Lobo Friends" program is a peer mentoring program offered by the Global Education Office at UNM.

The mission of the program is to foster communication and friendship between U.S. and international students.
LOBO FRIENDS PROGRAM

- Over 178 International & International Mentors
- 186 Mentees
- Over 40 countries represented
- Age ranges from 18-50+
- Very accommodating and intentional with matching process
GET INVOLVED
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE CORP

- 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*
FOR MORE INFORMATION

ZRIBIG@UNM.EDU

https://isss.unm.edu/calendar-events/activities/lobo-friends.html
Social Activities
GEO Social Events
SPRING BREAK TRIP

MARCH 15TH-17TH, 2020

SEE THE SPECTACULAR WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT, EXPERIENCE THE INTERNATIONAL UFO MUSEUM, AND DESCEND INTO THE BEAUTIFUL CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATIONAL PARK.

INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION FROM UNM CAMPUS, 7 MEALS, GUIDES, ACCOMMODATIONS AND NATIONAL PARK FEES

https://recweb.unm.edu/register/geo-getaways Code: GASEGO

SANTA FE & MEOW WOLF

2/18/20 9:30-9:30

JOIN US ON A JOYRIDE TO SANTA FE AND EXPLORE THE SURREAL AND IMMERSIVE ART AT MEOW WOLF MUSEUM!

Enjoy a tour of the Santa Fe Plaza, a visit to the Meow Wolf Museum, transportation, and a delicious lunch at Upper Crust Pizza.

Register at: https://recweb.unm.edu/register/geo-getaways Code: GASEGO Cost: $10

PAJARITO SKI TRIP

FEBRUARY 22nd - 23rd

PACKAGE A - $137.00
- HOTEL - 1 NIGHT
- MEALS (2)
- TRANSPORTATION
- LIFT TICKET

PACKAGE B (BEGINNER) - $198.00
- HOTEL - 1 NIGHT
- MEALS (3)
- TRANSPORTATION
- LIFT TICKET
- LESSONS
- EQUIPMENT RENTAL

PACKAGE C - $159.00/$162.00
- HOTEL - 1 NIGHT
- MEALS (2)
- TRANSPORTATION
- LIFT TICKET
- RENTAL OF SKIS OR SNOWBOARD (1 DAY)

SIGN-UP AT:
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“The quality of life is determined by its activities”
-Aristotle
New Undergraduates for Fall 2020

IMPORTANT ORIENTATION AND ENROLLMENT UPDATES

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Complete NSO as soon as possible!

- Sign up here for the soonest session possible: https://nso.unm.edu/resources/how-to-sign-up-for-nso.html
- Read all information and plan to manage your time from Friday through Wednesday of the next week to finish all requirements on time!
- You will have to attend parts of the orientation on US Mountain time
- You will have to complete parts of the orientation on your own before Tuesday at 7pm Mountain Time
- You will meet with an advisor virtually to select classes
Academic Advisement

- You need to ask questions and communicate during your advisement meeting.
- If there is no time to do this at the orientation, take the email of the advisor and communicate via email after the orientation.
- You will be placed in classes based on your SAT/ACT, prior college coursework or Accuplacer test results.
- Your advisor is suggesting a schedule, but you are allowed to ask to change things.
Selecting Classes

- If you are not sure you will be able to get a visa and enter the US, we highly recommend that you tell your advisor that you want to select online classes (currently called “Online Max” on the schedule).
- You should try to make a final decision about coming to UNM by the week of July 7th - 10th.
- If you will be able to come, you need to contact your advisor about switching to all *in-person* classes.
- If English is not your native language and you are signing up for English 1110, please ask your advisor to ask that you be added to the section for non-native English speakers (Section 001).
Free Bridge Classes

➤ There will be free “Bridge” classes offered online in summer as preparation for UNM, Math, Engineering, etc.
➤ Please ask your advisor during orientation if you can sign up for one or more of these free classes.
➤ The dates will be:
  - June 15 – 26
  - July 6-17
  - July 20-31
Classes for New Freshmen

- Look at: https://firstyear.unm.edu/
- Classes that help freshmen explore interests and learn more about UNM.
- Descriptions of some of the courses on video presented by instructors here: https://firstyear.unm.edu/about/index.html
- Preparing for the Accuplacer and other freshmen prep: https://firstyear.unm.edu/programs-course-schedules/academic-foundations/academic-placement-testing.html
If you enroll but will NOT attend

If you enroll but cannot begin classes either online or in person…

1. Log in to my.unm.edu and withdraw from all UNM classes or you will be charged!!!

2. Email goglobal@unm.edu and iadvisor@unm.edu to defer withdraw your admission.

3. Ask at iadvisor@unm.edu for the $75 orientation fee to be removed once you have withdrawn from all classes.
Housing Information

1. There is no Freshman living requirement for Fall 2020!!
2. We will send you updates when we have them, but reference housing.unm.edu
3. If you reserve, you may lose your deposit.