

## Graduation Requirements - Bachelor's Degrees

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- Graduation from the University of New Mexico is not automatic. Application for candidacy for graduation is required. During the semester prior to graduation, the application for degree must be completed and returned to the Fine Arts Student Success & Advisement Center, Center for the Arts 1103. For summer or fall graduation, the deadline is April 1. For spring graduation, the deadline is November 1. **If you fail to submit the application by the deadline, your graduation may be delayed.**
- Undergraduate students may graduate under the requirements in the *Catalog* issue in effect at the time of their admission into the college or school from which they are seeking a degree. If students transfer from one degree-granting college or program to another within the University, they must comply with the *Catalog* requirements in effect at the time of their transfer. Notwithstanding the above, the University of New Mexico reserves the right to make changes in the curricula and degree requirements as deemed necessary, with the changes being applicable to currently enrolled students.
- Students who interrupt their degree program and are not enrolled for three or more consecutive semesters (including summer), must comply with *Catalog* requirements in effect at the time of re-enrollment.
- Students are responsible for knowing the rules and regulations concerning graduation requirements and for satisfying all graduation requirements. Advisement at the specific department/program level as well as the college level is strongly recommended to assure timely graduation. Students who take more than 10 years to graduate from the date of their original admission must conform to the *Catalog* in effect in the semester in which they intend to graduate.

Candidates for an undergraduate bachelor's degree must meet the following University minimum degree requirements and are subject to the following University limitations:

1. The student must be admitted to the UNM College from which the degree is awarded at the time of graduation.
2. A **minimum** of 128 semester hours of earned credit is required. Of these, at least 42 hours must be completed in courses numbered 300 or above.
3. Complete the University Core Curriculum.  
See *Catalog* for more details: <http://catalog.unm.edu/catalogs/2015-2016/undergrad-program.html>  
See CFA and departmental sections of the *Catalog* for details on degree-specific core requirements.
4. The student must complete the 3 credit hours U.S. and Global Diversity and Inclusion requirement.
5. **Residence credit requirement:** A minimum of 30 semester hours of credit, exclusive of extension and correspondence (independent study) credit, must be earned at the University of New Mexico. Of these 30 semester hours in residence, 15 semester hours must be earned after the candidate has accumulated 92 hours of earned semester hour credit; these 15 hours, however, do not necessarily have to be the last hours of a degree program. A student may fulfill all or part of this residence requirement by attending summer session.
6. The student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00. Students must achieve a grade point average of 2.00 or higher on all hours attempted while enrolled in the College of Fine Arts.
7. Students must graduate with a **minimum** 2.75 grade point average in their major. However, some degrees may require a higher major grade point average to satisfy graduation requirements. See departmental sections of the *Catalog* for details.

8. The student must demonstrate a minimum competence in English writing by passing ENGL 120 with a “C” or better, or attaining a suitable score on an authorized proficiency test prior to graduation. Students exempt from taking ENGL 110 or 112 or 113 and students who receive a grade of B- or higher in ENGL 110 or 112 or 113 or its equivalent at another institution, may choose to satisfy the minimum competence in English writing requirement through the Writing Proficiency Portfolio program administered in the English Department.
  - If a student is exempt from taking ENGL 110 or 112 or 113 and/or ENGL 120 based on placement scores from ACT or SAT, they must “make-up” the credit hours with college level electives.
9. A maximum of 24 semester hours of pass/fail (CR/NC) grading option courses may be applied toward a baccalaureate degree.
  - Courses that are part of the student’s major or minor (as defined by the major or minor department) with the exception of those courses especially approved for use of pass/fail (CR/NC) grading, cannot be taken for CR/NC grading.
10. A maximum of 40 semester hours of extension and correspondence (independent study) credit may be applied toward a baccalaureate degree and no more than 30 of these hours may be correspondence credit.
11. **Major and minor residence requirements:** at least one half of the minimum number of credit hours required for major study and one-fourth of the minimum for minor study must be class or laboratory work earned in residence at the University of New Mexico. A senior transfer student may satisfy this requirement, with the approval of the major department, with at least one-fourth of the total minimum hours required for the major. Most colleges will not accept Introductory Studies courses or technical courses to satisfy any of these requirements.
  - A minimum of one semester of resident enrollment is required after admission [as a declared major] to the College of Fine Arts; in any case, you must be enrolled in the College of Fine Arts [as a declared major] for your final semester at UNM.
  - A minimum of 12 semester hours must be earned while enrolled in the College of Fine Arts [as a declared major].
12. A student is not permitted to graduate if unresolved incomplete (I) grades or not reported (NR) grades are on the student’s academic record. It is the student’s responsibility to resolve any and all incomplete or not reported grades by the published ending of the semester in which graduation occurs.
13. Once a student has completed academic requirements for a degree (certificate, associate, baccalaureate, master’s, Ph.D.) and has received the diploma and appropriate notations on the official transcript, no modification of the student’s academic record leading to that degree will be made by the University of New Mexico.
14. No more than 4 hours of non-professional physical education (PE-NP) courses may be counted toward a CFA degree.

**For further information, contact the College of Fine Arts Student Success & Advisement Center  
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<http://finearts.unm.edu/index.php/advisement>

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