Welcome to the College of Arts and Sciences!

At the College of Arts and Sciences, our students receive a liberal and practical education that broadens and enhances their lives. We provide a solid foundation on which to build a successful career or continue on to graduate school. Service-oriented research and creative pursuing in the Arts, Humanities, Sciences, and Social Sciences will prepare you for a rewarding future.

Committed to Your Academic Success
The student-oriented faculty and staff in the College of Arts and Sciences guide students as they solidify their academic goals and discover the diversity of options available to them. Whether or not your major falls within one of our 24 departments, you will have the opportunity to be mentored by award-winning faculty through general education and foundational courses across a wide array of disciplines.

Dollars and Sense
Invest in your future with a degree from the College of Arts and Sciences! Financial Aid and Scholarship Services, fa.nmsu.edu, offers resources and advice to help you find the best way to pay for school. Scholar Dollar$, scholarships.nmsu.edu, is a comprehensive scholarship application you should submit every year. The College’s Scholarship Advisor, 575-646-2612, coordinates the scholarships offered by Arts and Sciences.
Fine Arts

Undergraduate Degrees
- Bachelor of Arts
  - Art
  - Theatre Arts
- Bachelor of Fine Arts
- Bachelor of Creative Media
  - Animation & Visual Effects
  - Digital Filmmaking
- Bachelor of Music
- Bachelor of Music Education

Undergraduate Minors
- Art
- Art History
- Museum Conservation
- Music
- Theatre Arts

Graduate Degrees
- Master of Arts
  - Art
- Master of Fine Arts in Studio Art
- Master of Music
Art
The Department of Art supports three tiers of arts-based learning: studio art, art history and museum conservation. Studio majors craft their program of study through training in drawing, painting, printmaking, graphic/media design, photography, ceramics, metals, sculpture, museum conservation and/or 3D modeling. Art history students focus on the cultural context of art through the ages, while museum conservation teaches about the preservation and restoration of art and other cultural and natural objects. For more information, go to artdepartment.nmsu.edu, call 575-646-1705, or email artdept@nmsu.edu.

Creative Media
This dynamic program offers industry-standard education, training students for careers in digital filmmaking or animation and visual effects. Facilities include a state-of-the-art digital projection screening room, post-production and animation labs, and sound mixing and recording spaces. Internship opportunities are available in digital video, animation, visualization and simulation, and industrial and educational video. For more information, go to cmi.nmsu.edu, call 575-646-5671, or email cmi@nmsu.edu.
Music
The Bachelor of Music (B.M.) curriculum is designed to prepare students for performance careers and private studio teaching. In addition, the B.M. degree will provide students the opportunity to pursue advanced degrees in Music (MM, DMA, PhD), leading to additional opportunities as professional performers and potential college or university teaching careers. For more info go to music.nmsu.edu, call 575-646-2421, or email music@nmsu.edu.

Music Education
The Bachelor of Music Education (B.M.E.) is a diversified four- to five-year degree program of teaching, performance, and specialized studies in Music and Education. The goal of this degree is to prepare the student for certification to teach music in the public schools and serves as a foundation for advanced study toward master’s and doctoral degrees (MM, MME, DMA, or PhD). For more information go to music.nmsu.edu, call 575-646-2421, or email music@nmsu.edu.

Theatre Arts
This program provides a challenging overview of all aspects of theatre, with students choosing their areas of emphasis, including acting, directing, design, and technical theatre, which opens up a variety of career opportunities. Students participate in a diverse production season featuring plays, new works, and musicals in a new, state-of-the-art facility. Our accomplished faculty is complemented by visiting guest artists and our ‘Readers Theatre’ provides a venue for students to produce their own work. For more information go to theatre.nmsu.edu, or call 575-646-6000.
Humanities

English
- Bachelor of Arts - English
- Undergraduate Minor
  - Creative Writing
  - English
  - Literature
  - Medieval and Early Modern Studies
  - Rhetoric and Professional Communication
- Master of Arts - English
- Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing
- Doctor of Philosophy - Rhetoric and Professional Communication

History
- Bachelor of Arts - History
- Undergraduate Minor
  - History
- Master of Arts - History
- Public History and Public Administration - Dual M.A. Degree
- Graduate Minor
  - History

Languages and Linguistics
- Bachelor of Arts - Foreign Languages
  - French
  - German
  - Spanish
- Undergraduate Minor
  - French
  - German
  - Linguistics
  - Spanish
- Supplementary Major
  - Latin American Studies
  - Chicano Studies
  - Linguistics
- Master of Arts - Spanish

Philosophy
- Bachelor of Arts - Justice, Political Philosophy and Law
- Bachelor of Arts - Philosophy
- Undergraduate Minor
  - Ethics
  - Justice, Political Philosophy and Law
  - Philosophy
English
English is a rich and versatile major that provides verbal, analytical, and cultural skills needed in many career fields. The wide range of courses to choose from includes literature and creative writing, as well as technical and professional communication. Career options include secondary and post-secondary education, business, government, and law, just to name a few. For more information, go to english.nmsu.edu or call 575-646-3931.

History
The study of history prepares students to be knowledgeable and analytical thinkers, to take part as informed citizens in the life of their community and of the wider world, and to know and appreciate the records and stories of the past that continue to inform our lives in the present. History is entertaining, it is dramatic; it is filled with the evidence of discovery, of epic failures and glorious successes, as well as the tales of ordinary lives lived across the ages and around the world. Many career options are open to students with a degree in History, including the popular field of public history. For more information, please visit our web page history.nmsu.edu or call 575-646-4601.
Languages and Linguistics
Many foreign language majors go into teaching; others elect to use the discipline as an adjunct to fields of study that quality them for success in careers in government, journalism, social services, and travel. Linguistics is the study of the language and its structures and looks at the important role language plays in human interaction on individual and global levels. For more information, go to langling.nmsu.edu or call 575-646-3408.

Philosophy
This major serves as preparation for further graduate study in philosophy and as an area of concentration in a liberal arts program. A philosophy major is appropriate for students planning to attend medical school, as well as for those interested in a career that requires critical reading and argument analysis, including business, theology and law. For more information, go to philos.nmsu.edu or call 575-646-4616.
Sciences

Astronomy
• Undergraduate Minor - Astronomy
• Master of Science - Astronomy
• Doctor of Philosophy – Astronomy

Biology
• Bachelor of Arts - Biology
• Bachelor of Science - Biology
• Bachelor of Science in Conservation Ecology
• Bachelor of Science in Genetics and Biotechnology
• Bachelor of Science - Microbiology
• Undergraduate Minor
  • Biology
  • Conservation Ecology
  • Genetics and Biotechnology
  • Human Biology
  • Microbiology
• Master of Science - Biology
• Doctor of Philosophy - Biology

Molecular Biology
• Undergraduate Minor - Molecular Biology
• Master of Science - Molecular Biology
• Doctor of Philosophy - Molecular Biology
• Graduate Minor
  • Bioinformatics (with Computer Science)
  • Molecular Biology

Chemistry and Biochemistry
• Bachelor of Science - Biochemistry
• Bachelor of Arts - Chemistry
• Bachelor of Science - Chemistry
• Undergraduate Minor
  • Biochemistry
  • Chemistry
• Master of Science - Chemistry
• Doctor of Philosophy - Chemistry

Computer Science
• Bachelor of Arts - Computer Science
• Bachelor of Science - Computer Science
• Bachelor of Science/Master of Science - Computer Science (5 Year Dual Degree BS+MS Program)
• Undergraduate Minor
  • Algorithm Theory
  • Bioinformatics
- Computer Systems
- Software Development
• Master of Science - Bioinformatics
• Master of Computational Data Analytics
• Master of Science - Computer Science
• Doctor of Philosophy - Computer Science
• Graduate Minor
  - Computer Science

Geological Sciences
• Bachelor of Science - Geology
• Undergraduate Minor
  - Geology
• Master of Science - Geology

Mathematical Sciences
• Bachelor of Science - Mathematics
  (Actuarial Science and Insurance)
• Bachelor of Science - Mathematics
  (Applied Mathematics)
• Bachelor of Science - Mathematics
  (General Mathematics)
• Supplemental Major - Applied Mathematics
• Undergraduate Minor - Mathematics
• Master of Science - Mathematics
• Doctor of Philosophy - Mathematics

Economics, Applied Statistics, and International Business
• Bachelor of Arts - Economics
• Undergraduate Minor - Economics

Physics
• Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics
• Bachelor of Arts - Physics
• Bachelor of Science - Physics
• Undergraduate Minor - Physics
• Master of Science - Physics
• Doctor of Philosophy - Physics
• Graduate Minor
  - Physics
Biology
Undergraduates in the Biology department study the uniquely diverse sciences of biology, conservation ecology, genetics, and microbiology. Our students are encouraged to participate in a variety of research opportunities to prepare for future professional careers. Students gain a solid grounding in the scientific principles of the field and also learn about the ethical, political and economic dilemmas that spring from recent discoveries made by scientists. For more information, go to bio.nmsu.edu, call 575-646-2581, or email biomail@nmsu.edu.

Chemistry/Biochemistry
The study of chemistry or biochemistry prepares students for a wide range of careers, including biotechnology, criminal justice, environmental science, genetics and pharmaceuticals. Our students are encouraged to take advantage of research opportunities - some of which may lead to publication of papers in scientific journals or the presentation of findings at scientific meetings. For more information, go to chemistry.nmsu.edu or call 575-646-2505.

Computer Science
Our computer science majors go on to careers in research, software production, hardware manufacture, and system design and implementation. Using state-of-the-art software and hardware, students learn the science of computation, and study the nature and limits of computers and programs. For more information, go to cs.nmsu.edu/wp/ or call 575-646-3723.
**Geological Sciences**
The Mesilla Valley and Chihuahuan Desert provide excellent laboratories for students of geology. Plus, our mild climate means field studies can be conducted year-round. Student enjoy a broad curriculum that prepares them for graduate school or careers with environmental and hydrology firms, government agencies, or in the mineral and energy industries. For more information, go to [geology.nmsu.edu](http://geology.nmsu.edu), call 575-646-2708, or email geology@nmsu.edu.

**Mathematical Sciences**
As an essential component of science, technology, business, and the humanities, the study of mathematics offers a great deal of flexibility in career choice. The Bachelor of Science in Mathematics has three emphases: General, Applied Math, and Actuarial Science and Insurance. Our graduates find rewarding work in the chemical industry, electronics business, aerospace, utilities, government, and education, as well as in research and consulting. For more information, go to [math.nmsu.edu](http://math.nmsu.edu), call 575-646-3901, or email math@nmsu.edu.

**Physics**
Physicists study the basic principles and laws which govern the natural world. As a physicist you can tackle today’s scientific and technological challenges, do cutting-edge research, or compete for high-tech jobs on multi-disciplinary teams. The Physics Department offers research opportunities including research in world class facilities at national labs, and offers degrees both in Physics and Engineering Physics. For more information, go to [physics.nmsu.edu](http://physics.nmsu.edu) or call 575-646-3831.
Social Sciences

Anthropology
- Bachelor of Arts - Anthropology
  - Undergraduate Minor
- Anthropology
- Native American Studies
- Sustainable Development
- Religious Studies
- Master of Arts - Anthropology
  - Graduate Minor
- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Food Studies
- Native American Studies
  - Graduate Certificate
- Cultural Resource Management
- Museum Studies

Communication Studies
- Bachelor of Arts - Communication Studies
- Undergraduate Minor
  - Communication and National Security
  - Communication Studies
- Master of Arts - Communication Studies

Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Criminal Justice
- Undergraduate Minor
  - Child Advocacy Studies
  - Forensic Science
- Undergraduate Supplemental Major
  - Law and Society
- Master of Criminal Justice

Geography
- Bachelor of Science - Geography (Geographic Information Science & Tech)
- Bachelor of Science - Geography (Human/Environment Relationships)
- Undergraduate Minor
  - Geographic Information Systems
  - Geography
- Master of Applied Geography
- Graduate Minor
  - Geographic Information Systems
Government
- Bachelor of Arts - Government
- Undergraduate Minor
  - American Government and Politics
  - Comparative Politics
  - Government
  - International Relations
  - Political Theory
  - Public Administration
  - Public Law
- Supplemental Major - Law and Society
- Master of Arts - Government
- Master of Public Administration
- MPA-MA Public History Program - Dual Degree
- MPA-MCJ Program - Dual Degree
- Graduate Minor
  - Security Studies

Interdisciplinary Studies
- Bachelor of Applied Studies
- Bachelor of Arts - Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Bachelor of Individualized Studies
- Undergraduate Minor
  - Gender and Sexuality Studies
- International Studies

Journalism and Media Studies
- Bachelor of Arts - Journalism and Media Studies
- Undergraduate Minor
  - Journalism and Media Studies

Psychology
- Bachelor of Arts - Psychology
- Undergraduate Minor
  - Psychology
- Master of Arts - Experimental Psychology
- Doctor of Philosophy - Experimental Psychology
- Graduate Minor - Psychology

Sociology
- Bachelor of Arts - Sociology
- Undergraduate Minor - Sociology
- Master of Arts - Sociology
Anthropology
Anthropology is the study of humankind, a multidisciplinary endeavor involving the social sciences, the humanities, and the natural sciences. Anthropologists study the human species and the human condition in all its diversity. Anthropology students might study, for example, our distant human ancestors from the African plains, the historic Camino Real, Native American languages, archaeology of the American Southwest and Mesoamerica, or contemporary issues in applied anthropology. For more information, go to anthropology.nmsu.edu or call 575-646-2725.

Communication Studies
Communication Studies provides theoretical and practical knowledge applicable in areas like public affairs, public relations, social media, law, management, human resources, diplomacy, marketing, political campaigns, and health-care careers. Students learn to communicate effectively in interpersonal, intercultural, organizational, political, and technology-mediated contexts (websites, blogs, etc.) while solving common communication problems in relationships, organizations, and other everyday situations. For more information, go to commstudies.nmsu.edu or call 575-646-7101.

Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice is best understood as a broad-based, interdisciplinary social sciences field. Our graduates are well-prepared for careers in both the private and public sectors throughout the criminal justice profession. Many students elect to either go on to law school or obtain post-graduate degrees in criminal justice, criminology, justice studies or political sciences. For more info, go to crimjust.nmsu.edu, call 575-646-3316, or emailjustice@nmsu.edu.
Geography
Students of geography seek to understand the Earth and the interactions of humans with the natural environment. Our program emphasizes sustainable solutions through exploration of spatial characteristics and patterns of relationships across the surface of the Earth, and within and among human societies. Graduates are prepared for careers in government, business and education. For more information go to geography.nmsu.edu or call 575-646-3509.

Government
The Government program of study gives students the knowledge and skills they need in order to understand political issues and effectively participate in public affairs. With expertise in political science, public policy and administration, and international relations, graduates have their choice of a variety of academic, business or government career paths. For more information go to deputofgov.nmsu.edu or call 575-646-4935.

Journalism and Mass Communications
The Department of Journalism and Mass Communications teaches both theory and practice that will prepare students for careers in media, including journalism, broadcasting, photojournalism, and strategic communications (advertising and public relations). Students will learn how to gather, evaluate, and disseminate information for a variety of platforms, and gain necessary multimedia and social media skills. For more information, go to journalism.nmsu.edu, call 575-646-4403, or email nmsujournalism@gmail.com
Psychology
Students benefit from broad training in mental processes and behavior, with opportunities for hands-on experiences in research and field placements. Psychology graduates, pursue careers in areas such as mental health, interface design and usability, psychological research, law enforcement, government service, and human resources. Our faculty’s research interests include: Human Development, Learning and Memory, Relationships, Emotion, Evolutionary Psychology, Visual and Auditory Perception, Sex and Gender, Social Cognition, Engineering Psychology, Human-Computer Interaction, and Cognitive Neuroscience. For more information go to psychology.nmsu.edu or call 575-646-2502.

Sociology
Sociology analyzes the relationship between the larger society and individuals. It critically examines how society impacts individuals and in turn gives people the tools needed to evaluate the world we live in and use these tools to succeed in life at both the personal and professional level. For more information, go to sociology.nmsu.edu or call 575-646-3448.

Women’s Studies
Drawing from many different disciplines, Women’s Studies explores gender, race, class, sexuality and other categories of identity and difference. Our program emphasizes critical thinking and understanding social structures, diversity, and global perspectives, and prepares our students for a wide range of careers in education, health, science, the arts, politics and law, justice, and social work. For more info, go to genders.nmsu.edu or call 575-646-4396.
Bachelor of Individualized Studies
The most flexible degree on campus, the Bachelor of Individualized Studies degree provides students the opportunity to work closely with an academic advisor to develop their own degree programs appropriate to their unique education and career goals. For more information, go to idsas.nmsu.edu or call 575-646-4396.

Bachelor of Applied Studies
Designed for community college graduates with technical and applied degrees from an accredited institution, the Bachelor of Applied Studies offers a flexible pathway of study focused on meeting students’ educational goals while maximizing transfer credits. For more information, go to idsas.nmsu.edu or call 575-646-4396.

Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)
NMSU offers both Air Force and Army ROTC programs. Students in ROTC can choose to complete the minor in Aerospace Studies (Air Force) or the minor in Military Science (Army). For more information about Air Force ROTC, go to airforcerotc.nmsu.edu or call 575-646-2136. For more information about Army ROTC, go to armyrotc.nmsu.edu or call 575-646-4030.

Pre-Health Professions Advising
Pre-Health Professions Advising (PHPA) guides NMSU students interested in healthcare professions (Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, etc.) as they explore, prepare for, and apply to graduate healthcare programs. PHPA assists students in preparing a competitive application for graduate health school admission based on the accomplishments of the individual student. For more information, go to prehealth.nmsu.edu.
Life at NMSU
When it’s time for a break from the books, you’ll find plenty to do at NMSU. There are more than 200 student organizations, an activity center and aquatic center, and many different cultural venues that offer theater, music, art, film, and dance performances. There are also many opportunities to expand your experiences beyond campus by participating in Study Abroad, National Student Exchange, and Internships. For an overview of campus activities and a list of student organizations, go to campusactivities.nmsu.edu

Tour Aggie Country
Check us out! Explore our vibrant campus, meet current students, visit the residence halls and food venues, and talk with faculty and advisors about how NMSU can help you achieve your academic and personal goals. To schedule a tour, go to admissions.nmsu.edu/visit or call 575-646-3123 or 1-800-662-NMSU (6678). To apply to NMSU, go to admissions.nmsu.edu