New Mexico State University Alamogordo (NMSU-A) is situated in the foothills, at the base of the Sacramento Mountains. This vantage point overlooks the city of Alamogordo and the Tularosa Basin. The service area of the college includes Holloman Air Force Base (HAFB), White Sands Missile Range, and stretches beyond the view to include the Mescalero Apache Reservation and approximately twenty villages and towns in Otero County. Much of the south central New Mexico region benefits from the convenient location of the campus.

NMSU-A was established in 1958 with an initial enrollment of 278 students. The classes were held at night on the Alamogordo High School campus. The objective of this post-secondary educational venture was to serve the military and civilian personnel from HAFB, as well as students from the local non-military population.

Over the years enrollment has expanded. At the same time, the number and the character of students’ objectives have also grown. The basic two-year traditional university-credited education has been expanded and enriched. NMSU-A has evolved from offering only two-year traditional education courses to providing career/technical programs and courses for personal enrichment as well as selected bachelor completion programs through New Mexico State University (NMSU) Las Cruces Distance Education.

NMSU-A is a two-year comprehensive community college dedicated to the concept of high-quality, cost-effective education that meets the needs of a diverse community. While some students continue to value the long established core courses, others seek alternatives to the traditional liberal arts education.

Mission of the College
The mission of New Mexico State University Alamogordo is to provide quality learning opportunities for individuals in the diverse communities we serve.

Vision Statement
New Mexico State University at Alamogordo provides support, inspiration, and intellectual challenge for the students in the diverse communities we serve. We prepare students to be critical and creative thinkers, effective communicators, goal-oriented, socially conscious, prepared for academic and career success, and lifelong learners.

Core Values
We Value Excellence in education as a lifelong opportunity to increase productivity, expand visions, and encourage enjoyment of learning.

We Value Integrity in education through responsible teaching and honest interaction with students, colleagues, and community in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

We Value Innovation as it applies to meeting the individual and changing needs of students, faculty, staff, and community.

We Value Diversity and Globalization in education to prepare learners to be effective in a global society.