RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Crimson Scholars Program: Crimson Scholars is a benefit and recognition program for academically superior students who have a cumulative 3.5 GPA and are taking three or more credits per semester. Crimson Scholars receive a number of benefits, including:

1. automatic eligibility of all Honors Courses,
2. early registration,
3. extended library check-out privileges,
4. special advising,
5. notation on college transcript,
6. recognition in the commencement program, and
7. a lapel pin.

To be eligible for the Crimson Scholars Program, students must be degree-seeking.

• Entering freshmen must have either:
  • a minimum ACT standard composite score of 26 or
  • a minimum SAT score of 1170 or
  • a 3.75 or better high school GPA.

• Currently enrolled students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 for 3 or more credits at NMSU.

• Transfer students must have a 3.5 cumulative GPA from their previous institution(s) or complete 3 or more credits at NMSU for eligibility.

To maintain Crimson Scholar status:

• Freshmen entering on an ACT score must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 and complete three or more credits per semester to continue in the program.

• Sophomores, juniors, and seniors must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 and be currently enrolled in a total of 3 or more credits per semester at NMSU or any NMSU community college to retain their Crimson Scholars status.

• Crimson Scholars whose GPA drops below the required cumulative 3.5 or drops below the three credit minimum will be dropped from the program. If in the following semester, the student’s cumulative GPA and credits again meet the minimum requirement, the student will automatically be reinstated.

1 Does not include I or audit course designations at NMSU.

For an Associate Degree: To be designated in the commencement program as a Crimson Scholar graduate, a student must complete a minimum of 38 credit hours as a Crimson Scholar and must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above. Students who complete 24 credit hours as Crimson Scholars and have a minimum GPA of 3.5 receive a lapel pin. Students who complete 45 credit hours as Crimson Scholars and have a minimum GPA of 3.5 or above at the end of their last semester will have “Crimson Scholar Graduate” printed on their final transcript.

2 Does not include I or audit course designations at NMSU.

Additional information is available from the Crimson Scholars Office, located in the Conroy Honors Center on the Las Cruces campus.

Honors College: The Honors College provides motivated undergraduate students with opportunities to broaden and enrich their academic programs. In small classes taught by master teachers, honors students engage in lively discussion and collaborative investigation of interdisciplinary topics. By taking honors courses, students may also work toward completing general education requirements and disciplinary requirements in their major.

President’s Report of Academic Achievement: Following the close of the semester, each college dean or community college president publishes a list of students who have achieved honor standing in grades for the previous semester. To be eligible, a student must have been enrolled in 12 or more semester credits with a computable grade in each. The top 15 percent of eligible students by college for that semester will be named to the President’s Honor List.

Meritorious Graduate: The designation Meritorious Graduate is awarded to the top 15 percent of the students receiving associate degrees within each college in any one academic year; the students must have completed 45 or more credits with computable grades at NMSU.