GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

For the baccalaureate degree each student must complete a minimum of 120 credits including at least 48 credits numbered 300 or above. However, to satisfy the requirements of accreditation, licensure, program depth or rigor, or other needs, some majors require coursework in excess of the 120 credit hour minimum.

Each college has its own requirements for graduation listed under its curricula. However, there are certain graduation requirements common to all undergraduate colleges:

- A student must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in all courses taken at NMSU.
- The student will be required to show proficiency in written English in all class work at the University. Any instructor may remand a student to the English remedial laboratory for further training in written English. In each case, the student must complete the remedial laboratory work prior to submitting the application to graduate.
- Each student must complete at NMSU at least 30 of the last 36 credits necessary for the baccalaureate degree. Of these 36 credits, 21 credits must be upper division and at least 12 of these upper division credits must be in the major. Colleges or Departments may require that more than 12 of the upper division credits be from the major, and they may direct that certain of these credits be course specific.
- Curricular requirements for a specific degree may be met by completing all of the course requirements for that degree as set forth in the catalog of matriculation provided that the selected catalog is not more than six years old when the requirements for graduation are met. This rule applies only to the course requirements and number of credits as specified for the degree. In all other cases, the current catalog is effective. The catalog is effective Summer Session I through Spring Semester.
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Special provisions consistent with the NMSU Service members Opportunity College (SOC) and other agreements apply for active military and veterans- see section Military/Veterans and Family Members.

Upon completion of all requirements, multiple majors for a single degree (e.g., B.A.) will be noted on the academic record. Multiple bachelor’s degrees (e.g., B.A. and B.S.) may be granted if all requirements for the degrees have been completed. Multiple degrees may be granted at one commencement if all requirements have been met. Gradation fees must be paid for each degree.

Both designated and undesignated associate degree residency requirements vary with the college awarding the degree. Requirements for the two-year associate degree and for the certificate are found in the section(s) concerning these degrees.

- Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, and Health and Social Services require that at least 15 credits be completed at NMSU or one of its Community College campuses.
- College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences requires that the last 30 credits be completed at NMSU or one of its Community College campuses.

To Graduate with a Certificate
Graduates in certificate programs must demonstrate proficiency in reading, math and English as evidenced by sufficient scores on Workkeys® assessment. Additional remediation may be required.

To Graduate with an Associate Degree
For each of the two-year associate degrees offered at NMSU Carlsbad, the student must complete at least 60 credits (excluding “N” suffix courses), complete ENGL 111G Rhetoric and Composition with a grade of C or better, complete a basic skills course in mathematics and reading (if needed) with a grade of C or better, and have an average of two grade points per credit in all courses taken at NMSU. In addition, the last 15 credits of the degree must be completed at an NMSU campus and all degree requirements must be met. (Service personnel enrolled under the two-year Service members Opportunity College Program may be exempt from this requirement.)

Graduate Outcomes
All students admitted to NMSU Carlsbad will be assessed for the abilities to demonstrate academic achievement and specific competencies and skills as they progress through their programs of study. Every course a student takes will provide instruction that teaches, emphasizes or reinforces one or more of the graduate outcomes.

Upon graduation, students of NMSU Carlsbad will be able to satisfactorily demonstrate:

1. Effective communications skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking.
2. Basic critical thinking skills.
3. The fundamental concepts of mathematics and science.
4. Appropriate technological literacy and skills for personal and professional use.
5. The fundamental concepts for analyzing significant primary texts and/or works of art, including fine arts, literature, music, theatre and film.

CAAP Test Requirement
To evaluate its graduate outcomes, NMSU Carlsbad has chosen the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency Exam “CAAP”. This exam measures students’ proficiency in reading, writing, mathematics, science and critical thinking. All students who are graduating with an associate degree must take this exam in the last semester of their program. Students will be given information about the exam site and date at the time that they apply for graduation.