

# GENERAL INFORMATION

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This catalog is the student's guidebook to earning a degree or other academic credential. The catalog contains three important parts: (1) the official listing of NMSU-DACC's academic programs and their requirements, (2) a listing of the courses offered at NMSU-DACC with descriptions and prerequisites, and (3) other information essential for student success including many of the rules and regulations that govern the student's academic journey at NMSU-DACC.

As with any other journey, advance planning is essential. To avoid wrong turns and lost time, each student must chart their own path, with the help of their academic advisors and this guidebook. Each student is responsible for planning an academic program of study in compliance with university, community college, college and departmental requirements as set forth in the Catalog. In addition, each student is obligated to abide by the Academic Rules and Regulations as set forth in the Catalog, as well as the Student Social Code of Conduct, as set forth in the Student Handbook (available through the Dean of Students website).

Upon proper application, students will be awarded academic degrees and designations when the completion of the academic program requirements is verified by the relevant NMSU-DACC academic unit. Degrees and designations may be awarded under any catalog in effect on the date of degree or designation completion, provided that the catalog year is the same or subsequent to the year in which the student was first enrolled.

The academic program requirements of each catalog are effective for a period of eight academic years. This 2025-26 Catalog is effective summer 2025 through spring semester 2033. All other catalog content, including rules, regulations, course descriptions and prerequisites are effective only for the catalog's denoted academic year. While content changes are typically implemented between Catalog years, the catalog does not represent a contract and NMSU-DACC reserves the right to make modifications to the catalog at any time.

Academic programs at the New Mexico State University System are available to all students without regard to age, ancestry, color, disability, gender, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation or veteran status.

NMSU-DACC is transforming lives through discovery. With the help of your advisors, you can chart your own transformational journey, using this catalog as your guidebook.

This publication focuses primarily on academic matters. Candidates for degrees and certificates may elect to fulfill requirements as outlined in the catalog in effect at the date of initial enrollment (provided the catalog is not more than eight years old) or any subsequent catalog in effect during their dates of registration at Doña Ana Community College. Readers should be aware of the following:

- The *DACC Catalog* is not a complete statement of all procedures, policies, rules, and regulations that might apply to a student in all circumstances. It may be necessary to consult other documents, such as the *DACC Student Handbook*, as well.
- DACC reserves the right to change at any time and without notice any item contained in this publication, including program offerings and content, course offerings and descriptions, procedures, policies, and regulations.