

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The Student Services Office offers centralized academic advising throughout the academic year to meet the needs of its student population. Academic advising is an ongoing, shared partnership between a student and an adviser that focuses on helping the student identify, plan and achieve academic, career and life goals.

Advisers provide academic advising services to all students and prospective students for programs offered at NMSU Grants, as well as advising information for students transferring to NMSU Las Cruces or any other college or university in the state of New Mexico.

In an academic advising session students and advisers engage in:

- Developing an awareness of values, interests, abilities, skills, and potential
- Identifying academic, career and life options and goals
- Choosing an academic program
- Strategically planning out steps toward graduation
- Identifying effective academic study skills and habits
- Solving problems that impede progress toward an academic goal
- Referrals to appropriate campus and community resources
- Learning how to use the my.nmsu.edu (<http://my.nmsu.edu>) portal, the STAR degree audit, and FAFSA online
- Selecting courses
- Registering for courses
- Referrals to scholarships, internships, and employment opportunities

Program managers and faculty are also available for specific program and course questions. Refer to posted office hours to make an appointment with program managers and faculty.

When to Seek Advising

New Students will meet with an adviser and register for courses prior to their first semester. Students with a “hold” will also need to meet with an adviser.

Transfer and readmitted students should meet with an adviser their first semester. Upon transfer evaluation of prior credit, students will also meet with an adviser.

Continuing students should plan ahead and meet with their adviser every semester well in advance of continuing student registration. Students nearing the completion of their certificate or degree should meet with an adviser at least one semester prior to graduation.

Bachelor’s Degree Completion Programs on NMSU Grants campus

- Bachelor of Science (BS) in Elementary Education
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

Applying NMSU Grants Degrees and Credit towards Bachelor’s Degree Programs

Many NMSU Grants courses apply toward Bachelor’s degree programs at NMSU and other universities. When planning to transfer, it is best to consult with advisers at both NMSU and the university you have chosen.

The following programs offered at NMSU Grants articulate with bachelor’s degree programs at NMSU.

- **Associate of Arts Degree** to all departments in the NMSU College of Arts and Sciences
- **Associate of Science Degree** to all departments in the NMSU College of Arts and Sciences
- **Criminal Justice** to the Department of Criminal Justice in the NMSU College of Arts and Sciences
- **Early Childhood and Education programs** to the NMSU College of Education
- **Pre-Business** to all departments in the NMSU College of Business
- **Social Services** to the College of Health and Social Services & College of Arts & Sciences
- **Computer Technology** to the NMSU Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology Department, College of Engineering.