ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Note: Any item in this catalog is subject to modification at any time by proper administrative procedure. Check with Academic Advising or your Program Manager to inquire about potential changes between Catalog Publications.

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.

Associate of Arts Degree

This degree represents the completion of the first two years of most bachelor’s degree programs in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students following the Associate of Arts degree are advised to select courses that fulfill the General Education requirements for a bachelor’s degree programs at New Mexico State University. It is recommended that students plan their elective courses to meet other requirements for their bachelor’s degree. Undecided students are advised to follow this degree plan because it provides flexibility while deciding upon a major. Students are strongly encouraged to schedule an appointment with an Academic Adviser in the Student Services Office to discuss a specific program of study.

Associate of Science Degree

This degree represents the completion of the first two years of several bachelor’s degree programs related to the sciences. Students pursuing the Associate of Science degree are advised to select courses that fulfill requirements for specific programs at New Mexico State University and that transfer to other four-year institutions. Many of the courses are General Education (G) courses. Students interested in the natural sciences (e.g., biology) or fields closely related to the sciences (e.g., allied health science) are encouraged to follow this degree plan. Students are strongly encouraged to schedule an appointment with an Academic Adviser in the Student Services Office to discuss their program of study.

Associate in General Studies Degree

Students who would like to design their own two-year program may do so under the Associate in General Studies Degree program. This program requires the student to:

- complete a total of 60 lower division credit hours (excludes non-credit courses such as any "N" suffix courses),
- complete ENGL 111G Rhetoric and Composition with a grade of C or higher,
- achieve a 2.0 cumulative grade point average, and
- complete the last 15 credits at NMSU.

Associate Degrees in:

- Arts
- Criminal Justice
- Early Childhood Education
- Education
- General Studies
- Pre-Business
- Science
- Social Services
- Business
- Business

Associate of Applied Science Degrees in:

- Automotive Technology
- Computer Technology
- Creative Media Design
- Electronic Publishing
- Region 1 Emergency Medical Services Intermediate
- Welding Technology

Certificates in:

- Automotive Technology
- Building Trades - Woodworking
- Computer Technology
- Drafting and Graphics Technology
- Early Childhood Education
- Game Design
- Health Careers
- Nursing Assistant
- Region 1 Emergency Medical Services Basic
- Southwest Heritage Studies
- Web Fundamentals
- Welding Technology
A Note About Occupation Education Courses
Students planning to pursue a four-year degree at New Mexico State University after completing their studies at NMSU Grants need to be aware that not all occupational-education courses taken at NMSU Grants (usually those with the “OE” or “BOT” prefix) will apply toward a given major at NMSU. The number of NMSU Grants credits that may be counted toward a four-year degree depends on the major selected and any agreements providing for the acceptance of the occupational-education courses.

It is best for students to consult advisers at both NMSU Grants and NMSU early in their associate degree program to insure that the maximum number of credits will apply toward the bachelor’s degree program selected.

Placement Tests
All students should take the Math and English Placement Test to assist in determining skill levels. Some students may benefit by taking developmental coursework in English and/or mathematics to strengthen skill levels in these areas. Although developmental courses do not meet degree requirements, they are certainly of benefit to those enrolled. After completing any developmental courses, new students should take the following courses before taking any other General Education requirements: COLL 101 College/Life Success or CS 110 Computer Literacy, and ENGL 111G Rhetoric and Composition.

Certificate Programs
Students who plan to earn a certificate in one of the Certificate programs are encouraged to schedule an appointment with an Academic Adviser in the Student Services office; the student will be provided with a specific program of study. Additionally, speak with a Financial Aid adviser to ensure the certificate program is eligible for financial aid.

Additional Programs
In addition to Associate Degrees and Certificate programs offered by NMSU Grants, the college also offers additional programs of study that prepare students for Bachelor’s Degrees and certification in several areas.

Students who want to earn credit in Early Childhood development may enroll in the Early Childhood (ECED) courses for CDA certification. Students are encouraged to contact the appropriate State, Tribal or local agency for specific certification requirements.

Service Learning
Service Learning is a form of “hands on” learning that combines service to the community with classroom learning. It has four components:

• Academics;
• Service to the community;
• Reflection of Service; and
• Civic Engagement and Responsibility.

Non-profit organizations, governmental agencies, and educational facilities cooperate with students and faculty to engage that student in a service learning placement that coincides with the material being learned in the class. Courses that include a service learning component will be outlined in the Schedule of Classes.