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.

Special provisions consistent with the NMSU Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC) and other agreements apply for active military and veterans - see section Military/Veterans and Family Members (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/grants/military-veterans-programs-mvp).

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. Graduation 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 degrees and for the certificates are found in the section(s) concerning these degrees.

- Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, and Health and Social Services require that the last 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.

NMSU GRANTS: To earn an Associate degree at NMSU Grants, a student must:

- Complete a minimum of 60 semester credits (some majors require up 66 credits) and have an average 2.0 GPA in courses taken at NMSU;
- The last 15 semester credits must be taken at a NMSU campus. Exceptions to this policy will need to be directed to the Vice President for Academics;
- Courses must be lower division.

Courses with an “N” suffix do not apply to any degree

Attendance at Commencement

The academic colleges will confirm eligibility to participate in the commencement exercises held at the close of the fall and spring semesters. Eligible candidates (registered for final degree requirements, as certified by the college deans) and degree recipients from the previous summer session will participate in the fall ceremony. Students who complete degree requirements in the spring must attend the spring ceremony. Bachelor degree candidates wishing to participate in a spring commencement ceremony prior to completing degree requirements in summer school must meet the following conditions:

1. Receive permission from appropriate Dean
2. Show a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.0
3. Lack 12 or fewer credit hours to complete degree requirements
4. Remaining credit hours must be offered in the upcoming summer schedule of classes
5. Submit degree application and approved petition form (available in the Dean’s office) by the last day to apply for a degree in the spring Semester.

Commencement is a symbolic ceremony. Participation in commencement does not, in itself, mean that a student is considered an NMSU graduate. In order to be awarded a degree, a student must fulfill university requirements as determined by academic colleges. The degree will reflect the graduation date from the application for degree in which all degree requirements were determined by the academic colleges.

Diploma

Diplomas will be mailed to graduates approximately eight weeks after final grades have been processed by the Registrar’s office, concluding a final degree audit by the individual Colleges. The diploma will be mailed to the address specified on the degree application, unless an address change has been requested before the end of the semester.

The name on the diploma will reflect the student’s current official NMSU records. Name changes are processed only for currently admitted students. The degree title and major(s) will be printed on the diplomas, in accordance to the degree application award, determined by the academic colleges. Academic honors will also be printed on the diplomas below the degree and major(s).

All fees and bills owed the university must be paid in full before a student may receive a diploma or transcript of credits.

Filing Notice of Degree Candidacy

Degree candidates are required to file an Application for Degree and pay graduation fees for each degree sought. This fee ($25 for certificates, $25 for associate, $25 for bachelors, and $35 for graduate degrees) will be included in the total cost for the semester or session in which the candidate anticipates completing degree requirements. If degree
requirements are not completed during the semester or session, the student must reapply and pay the appropriate fees. The Application for Degree form is available online through the MyNMSU website. It must be completed and submitted by the designated deadline for that semester. A $25 late fee applies to applications received after the application deadline, and no applications will be accepted after the posted deadline date.

A student must specify choice of catalog as indicated under Graduation Requirements.

The latest date for substitution or waiver of required courses for candidates for degrees is two weeks after the last date of registration for regular or summer terms.