

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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## Miscellaneous Regulations

### Health Insurance

New Mexico State University (NMSU) requires all F-1 international students studying at NMSU to have health insurance coverage. It is the student's responsibility to purchase and maintain health insurance coverage while enrolled at NMSU. The health insurance coverage must cover the student while they are physically present in the U.S. including summer and winter breaks. NMSU will provide an educative role whereby NMSU will inform international graduate students with their options for obtaining health insurance along with the advantages and disadvantages of each option and allow the students to make an informed decision on their own.

**Canvas Health Insurance Course** - All new international students at NMSU are required to complete the Canvas Health Insurance Course. Students will be sent a link to the course after they have enrolled in classes and activated their NMSU email address. Participation in the course is mandatory. Completion of the course acknowledges that you have been provided with the information necessary to make an informed decision regarding the purchase of your health insurance coverage. It acknowledges that you understand the pros and cons of the plan you selected, including **taxes and potential complications during subsequent change of status procedures.**

1. New international students are not permitted to enroll in classes until all ISSS requirements are met, including attending Aggie Welcome and Orientation, the Mandatory SEVIS Check-in Session, and taking the English Language Placement Test (when applicable, see English Language Proficiency Requirements section). All international students, are required to the campus to which they were admitted. The following are the offices that a student may need to report to:
  - a. Las Cruces campus: International Student & Scholar Services, Suite 101 of the Educational Services Building (575) 646-2834, [iss@nmsu.edu](mailto:iss@nmsu.edu). (Note: Exchange students need to report to the Office of Study Abroad in 132 Garcia Center.)
  - b. Doña Ana Community College: International Student & Scholar Services, Sufficient classroom-based courses are not available to maintain visa status (e.g., courses are online).
  - c. Alamogordo Community College: Office of Student Services, Student Services Building, second floor
  - d. Grants Community College: Office of Student Services, Walter Martinez Building, Main Office Complex
2. Students in non-degree exchange J-1 visa status must be engaged full time in a prescribed course of study. Consult the Education Abroad Office for more details.
3. All international students are required to register at the Aggie Health and Wellness Center within a week of arriving to undergo a TB test or submit results of a current TB test done in the home country within a week of arriving. Guidelines will be provided by the Aggie Health and Wellness Center.

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