

# UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS AND ORIENTATION

## Degree-Seeking Students

### How to Apply as a First-Time Student

Requirements for admission as a degree-seeking student:

- Application for admission, accompanied by a one-time \$25 nonrefundable application fee
- Students are required to self-report their high school cumulative grade point average (GPA) on the application. Students can also provide an unofficial high school transcript.
- SAT and/or ACT scores are optional for admission. However, the scores provided will be used for scholarship consideration and for Math and English placement.

All applicants with tentative admission must submit a final, official high school transcript showing a graduation date before a final admission decision is granted. If the student also attended a non-NMSU system post-secondary institution during high school (dual credit/concurrent enrollment), official transcripts from each institution are required. If the institution attended was outside of the United States, a professional foreign credential evaluation from a NACES company is required.

### Freshman Admission Requirements

Students who meet the minimum high school course requirements of the state from which they receive their high school diploma must meet one of the following criteria to be admitted:

- Cumulative high school GPA of 2.75
- SAT score of 1060 or ACT composite score of 21
- Ranked in the top 20 percent of their high school graduating class
- A GED cumulative score of 480 or HiSET cumulative score of 45

Applicants who meet at least one of the above criteria will be admitted to NMSU. An applicant who does not meet admission requirements may be admitted if a review of additional academic information indicates that the student would be successful at NMSU. When reviewing the admissibility of students, Undergraduate Admissions considers many factors, including high school GPA, test scores, dual-credit coursework, leadership experience, community involvement, and other accomplishments. Applicants may be asked for additional information, including a personal statement, to support their application.

Note for students about scholarships: Although home school students only need to submit a high school transcript for admission to NMSU, a New Mexico GED or HiSET may be required to be eligible for state-funded scholarships. Similarly, the SAT or ACT scores are required for out-of-state students for competitive scholarships.

More information about scholarships is available at <https://fa.nmsu.edu/scholarships>

## Aggie Pathway

In the Aggie Pathway program, the NMSU system works together to assist students who do not meet the admission requirements to the university or choose to start at one of the system's community colleges.

Aggie Pathway students begin at one of NMSU's community college campuses. They may transition to the university campus upon meeting the following requirements:

- Successful completion of 24 credits
- 2.0 cumulative college GPA

Students enrolling through NMSU Doña Ana Community College campus also have access to NMSU Las Cruces campus housing and dining.

More information about Aggie Pathway is available at <https://aggiepathway.nmsu.edu/>.