

# THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

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New Mexico State University (NMSU) has a long history of providing formal graduate study. The first master's degree from NMSU was awarded in 1896. In 1921, the NMSU president appointed a committee to oversee graduate study. The Graduate School was formally established in 1956 with a full-time dean, and in the same year, 57 master's degrees were awarded.

The Graduate School mission is to provide affordable access to high-quality educational experiences, new modes of graduate education, and works with dedicated faculty to help students from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds reach graduate school success. Our vision is to empower students to succeed and excel while pursuing a meaningful education. In doing so, we cultivate the collaboration of academic, professional and personal skills while helping students graduate in a timely manner.

## Diversity and inclusion statement

The Graduate School promotes a high-quality learning environment that embraces diversity and inclusion of every background, race, ethnicity, and life experience. NMSU believes that a diverse student body is essential for learning, and NMSU is proud to be one of the few high-research universities that reflects Hispanic, Native American, other American cultures, as well as cultures from around the world. Our rich and diverse community includes international students from Africa, Asia, Central/South American, and Europe. The goal of NMSU and the Graduate School is to be fully inclusive in all forms of diversity, and to provide an environment where all are welcomed and empowered to be themselves and thrive.

## Policies

Since graduate degrees are awarded for attainment in scholarship, the requirements stated in this catalog are to be considered as minimal. The major department or the dean of the graduate school may make additional requirements as deemed necessary for each candidate. Responsibility for securing approval of the proposed program of study rest with the student and is subject to the approval of the respective department head or program director. Frequent consultation with the advisor is essential to satisfactory progress toward degree completion.

## Graduate Degree Programs

For a full listing of the Graduate Programs offered at New Mexico State University; please see the Graduate Admissions webpage <https://apply.nmsu.edu/> (<https://apply.nmsu.edu/apply/?id=1c3c41ea-b5f9-48ef-83c3-b085794ba277>)