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About Honors

Bringing together students from all majors, the UNM Honors College offers small, discussion-based courses taught by research faculty whose home is in honors. All of our classes are interdisciplinary, which means they combine materials from different fields (like fine arts, paleontology, literature and criminal justice); by connecting ideas across disciplines, including your major, you will learn how to approach complex problems from many perspectives. We want to help students develop their creative and critical thinking skills to address the big challenges and questions of the 21st century, whether globally or right here in New Mexico. Honors provides opportunities for research, internships, and study abroad; we also offer extracurricular activities, too, where you can have fun and make friends. And, because most honors courses satisfy general education requirements, participation in honors may not add extra credits to your degree.

In the Honors College, students experience a supportive, encouraging environment where they can express themselves freely and explore a wide range of disciplines. Dedicated faculty and staff, work alongside students throughout their college journey and join in celebrating student achievements. We provide diverse spaces to learn without limitations, create community, explore creativity, and bring a lively curiosity to bear on big questions about the world.

Applying to the Honors College

In addition to providing some information about your high school, your intended major (it's fine if you don't know yet!), and whether or not you are a transfer student, this application requests that you reflect on why you want to be a part of the Honors classes. We ask you to share written responses (up to 1500 characters) particularly related to our themes of Community, Creativity, and Curiosity. Please take the time you need to respond to these questions before you submit the application.

Deadlines

Fall 2026 applicants are encouraged to apply by the priority deadlines.

- 1st priority deadline: February 1, 2026
- 2nd priority deadline: April 1, 2026

Spring 2026 applications are processed on a rolling basis, and early applications are encouraged.

Tell us about you

First Name *(Please write your preferred name)*

Last Name

Date of Birth *(mm/dd/yyyy)*

Banner ID/Lobo ID *(if applicable)*

Contact Email *(preferably UNM email)*

Confirm Email

Student Status (select one) *If you are a dual credit student, you are welcome to apply to the Honors College as an incoming first year student; however, you are not eligible to take Honors College courses until you start at UNM as an undergraduate degree seeking student.*

- ☐ Incoming First Year Student
- ☐ Transfer Student
- ☐ Current UNM Student

Display this question:

*If Student Status (select one) If you are a dual credit student, you are welcome to apply to the Hon...
= Incoming First Year Student*

Name of High School

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= Incoming First Year Student*

City of High School

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*If Student Status (select one) If you are a dual credit student, you are welcome to apply to the Hon...
= Incoming First Year Student*

State of High School

Display this question:

If Student Status (select one) If you are a dual credit student, you are welcome to apply to the Hon...
= Transfer Student

Which Institution are you transferring from?

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If Student Status (select one) If you are a dual credit student, you are welcome to apply to the Hon...
= Transfer Student

For students transferring from Central New Mexico Community College: Did you complete Honors coursework at CNM?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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If For students transferring from Central New Mexico Community College: Did you complete Honors cour... = Yes

Please list completed CNM Honors course(s) below

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= Incoming First Year Student



High School Graduation Year (i.e. 2021)

Display this question:

If Student Status (select one) If you are a dual credit student, you are welcome to apply to the Hon...
= Incoming First Year Student

High School Unweighted GPA

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= Transfer Student

College GPA

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If Student Status (select one) If you are a dual credit student, you are welcome to apply to the Hon...
= Current UNM Student

UNM Cumulative GPA

Major (it's okay if you are not sure)

Are you an International Student?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Display this question:

If Are you an International Student? = Yes

Country of Residence

Are you the first in your family to go to college?

What term are you submitting an application for? (i.e. what semester would you like to take classes in the Honors College?)

☐ Spring 2026

☐ Fall 2026

Which Honors College academic option are you most likely to pursue? (link to webpage)

This selection is not definitive, and you are welcome to update your selection as often as you need with the Honors College academic advising team

☐ Honors College Certificate (15 Credit Hours)

☐ Minor in Honors Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts (21 Credit Hours)

☐ UNM Honors Scholar Distinction (27 Credit Hours)

☐ Major in Honors Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts (36 Credit Hours)

Why do you believe this Honors College academic option is a good choice for you?

Below are three prompts related to the Honors College themes of Community, Creativity, and Curiosity. **Please respond to two or more of the following prompts for a complete application.** Your responses will help us get to know you and understand how the Honors College fits into your academic goals. Your responses may also be shared anonymously with Honors College faculty for internal reflection and course planning.

Community (required for all applicants): With small classes, a Living Learning Community, many activities, dedicated faculty and staff, student organizations, and a peer mentoring program, the Honors College creates many opportunities for developing a community within the larger university. Please share an example of how you have contributed to a community (family, school, friend group, organization, etc.) and why this is meaningful to you. How might you contribute to the Honors community at UNM? (1500 characters max)

Creativity: The Honors College values and encourages students to explore and express their creativity. What role does creativity play in your life? Your response can be a written response, an example of how you express your creativity, or both. If you would like to share an example of your creativity, it can be in any format that makes sense for you including, but not limited to, research projects, data visualization, coding, a video, essay, poem, art piece, image, or recording. If you choose an alternate format, please place the link where we can access your work. For example, please include a link to a YouTube page or a personal website. (1500 characters max)

Curiosity: The Honors College is a space for students to explore their curiosity about the world around them, to get outside of their comfort zones, and to challenge themselves. Rather than offer Honors sections of classes that already exist on campus, we offer unique interdisciplinary courses taught by faculty from a wide range of academic disciplines for students from different majors from across campus. What role do you see curiosity playing in your college career and beyond? What topics/issues/research do you want to explore through the Honors College and why? (1500 characters max)

Why are you interested in joining the Honors College at UNM? How do you think Honors will contribute to your experience at UNM? (1500 characters max)

Please list any Awards, Honors, Leadership Activities, Jobs, or Family/community responsibilities that you would like to share with us. Please choose one of these and tell us why it is important to you and what it shows us about you.

How did you hear about the Honors College (Click all that apply)

- ☐ Friend/ Family
- ☐ High School Counselor/ Teacher
- ☐ Information Table
- ☐ Letter from Honors College Dean
- ☐ New Student Orientation (NSO-UNM)
- ☐ Presentation by UNM Honors Faculty/ Staff
- ☐ UNM Recruiter
- ☐ UNM Honors College Representative
- ☐ UNM Senior Day
- ☐ UNM Fall Preview
- ☐ UNM Honors College Website
- ☐ UNM Honors College Social Media
- ☐ Other _____

I certify that the information provided on this application for admission is complete and correct.

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