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Honors College Admission Application

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. For more admissions information, you may review our [Admissions](#) page or email our Honors College advisors at honorsadvisors@unm.edu.

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.

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

Name of High School

City of High School

State of High School

Which Institution are you transferring from?

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

- Yes
- No

Please list completed CNM Honors course(s) below

High School Graduation Year (i.e. 2021)

High School Unweighted GPA

College GPA

UNM Cumulative GPA

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

Are you an International Student?

- Yes
- No

Country of Residence

Are you a first-generation college student?

This means a student whose parents or guardians did not complete college

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

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

The following essay questions will allow the admissions committee to get to know you. Please take a moment to reflect before responding.

Community: Community is an important value in the Honors College. Tell us about a community you have contributed to and why it is important to you. (200-250 words)

50 years from now, your picture is hanging somewhere and someone is looking at it. Where is it, what is it doing there, and who is looking at it? (200-250 words)

Why are you interested in joining the Honors College at UNM? How do you think Honors will contribute to your experience at UNM? (200-250 words)

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.

Choose one of the items on your list, and tell us what you think it shows about you. (150-200 words)

Is there anything else you'd like the admissions committee to know?

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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