THE UNIVERSITY of
NEW MEXICO
student success plan
This handbook is designed to help guide you through your academic success throughout your entire college career at the University of New Mexico. You are encouraged to utilize the following sections as helpful tools for your continued college achievement. For more information, e-mail the Student Success Planning Committee at studentsuccess@unm.edu.

**lobo success**

assists you with tracking your business with

- Academics
- Admissions
- Advisement
- Career Services
- Financial Aid
- Records and Registration
- Scholarships
- Student Employment
  
  and other campus resources

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Fast facts that apply to their corresponding section

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**lobo life**

assists you with tracking your involvement with

- Dean of Students Office
- Ethnic Centers
- Greek Life
- Lobo Athletics
- Parking and Transportation
- Research Quest
- Residence Life and Student Housing
- Student Activities Center
  
  and other campus resources

**QUICKTIPS**

Reminders about important dates and resources

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**BEFORE YOUR FIRST SEMESTER**

- Create your Net ID at [netid.unm.edu](http://netid.unm.edu)
  
  My Net ID is: [redacted]
- Register for New Student Orientation
  
  My Orientation Date is: [redacted]
- Complete My Course Placement
- Verify that UNM Admissions has all your necessary documentation.
  - AP credits
  - Transcripts from other colleges (dual/concurrent enrollment credit)
  - Final high school transcript
- Take Compass Placement Exams if needed at [test.unm.edu](http://test.unm.edu)
- Take your language placement exams if you plan to take German, Spanish or French during your first semester
- Obtain a curriculum sheet for your major from University Advisement Center or at [advisement.unm.edu](http://advisement.unm.edu)
- Explore Freshman Academic Choices at [freshman.unm.edu](http://freshman.unm.edu)
- Review your financial aid status
- Check your UNM e-mail regularly at [my.unm.edu](http://my.unm.edu)
  
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- Attend Freshmen Convocation/ Class Crawl
  
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- Review important deadline dates at [registrar.unm.edu](http://registrar.unm.edu)
  
  Enrollment Cancellation
  
  Last day to add/drop classes
  
  Last day to change your grading option
- Visit Student Health and Counseling at [shac.unm.edu](http://shac.unm.edu)
- Sign up for LoboAlerts at [loboalerts.unm.edu](http://loboalerts.unm.edu)
- Sign up for LoboMobile at [lobomobile.unm.edu](http://lobomobile.unm.edu)
- Get involved with one of over 300 student organizations at [sac.unm.edu](http://sac.unm.edu)
- Attend the Explore a Major Fair at [advisement.unm.edu](http://advisement.unm.edu)
- Participate in Research Quest Day at [explore.unm.edu](http://explore.unm.edu)
- Attend Lobo Athletic events at [golobos.com](http://golobos.com)
- Experience Freshmen Week at [dos.unm.edu](http://dos.unm.edu)
- Invite your family to Family Weekend at [familyweekend.unm.edu](http://familyweekend.unm.edu)

**FIRST SEMESTER**

- Familiarize yourself with One-Stop services
  
  - Admissions [admissions.unm.edu](http://admissions.unm.edu)
  - Records and Registration [registrar.unm.edu](http://registrar.unm.edu)
  - Financial Aid [finaid.unm.edu](http://finaid.unm.edu)
  - Scholarship Office [scholarship.unm.edu](http://scholarship.unm.edu)
  - Student Employment [unm.edu/~wsestudy](http://unm.edu/~wsestudy)
- Find out more about nationally competitive scholarships offered through the Center for Academic Excellence and Leadership Development [caeld.unm.edu](http://caeld.unm.edu)
- Advisement
  - Run your LoboTrax Audit from LoboWeb to assist you in planning your class schedule for next semester
  - Create a proposed schedule to bring to your advisement session
  - Visit with your advisor to review courses for next semester and to have your advisement hold removed before the registration date
  - Remember to register for a second 8-week or late starting course if needed
- Familiarize yourself with campus support services
  
  - Center for Academic Program Support (CAPS) [caps.unm.edu](http://caps.unm.edu)
  - Career Services [career.unm.edu](http://career.unm.edu)
  - College Enrichment and Outreach Programs (CEOP) [ceop.unm.edu](http://ceop.unm.edu)
  - Dean of Students Office (DOS) [dos.unm.edu](http://dos.unm.edu)
  - Office of Equity and Inclusion (DEI) [diverse.unm.edu](http://diverse.unm.edu)
  - Office of Student Affairs (OSA) [studentaffairs.unm.edu](http://studentaffairs.unm.edu)
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   Last day to change your grading option
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5. Read the Fresh Fix online freshmen newsletter at [dos.unm.edu](http://dos.unm.edu)

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1. Your Net ID is your UNM e-mail address
   
   ex: lobo@unm.edu
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SECOND SEMESTER

- Review your class schedule prior to the first day of classes
  - See an advisor for any changes or additions to your schedule
- Advisement
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  - Create a proposed schedule to bring to your advisement session
  - Visit with your advisor to review courses for next semester and to have your advisement hold removed before the registration date
- Connect with Career Services to learn more about
  - Career/ Major Exploration
  - Summer Internship programs
- Check overall status and eligibility requirements for financial aid at finaid.unm.edu

- Stay fit through one of the fitness, intramural or getaway programs offered through Recreational Services recsvcs.unm.edu
- Renew your housing contract housing.unm.edu
- Get involved
  - Alternative Spring Break dos.unm.edu
  - Lobo Day sac.unm.edu
  - Spring Storm sac.unm.edu
  - Fiestas sac.unm.edu

DID YOU KNOW?
Career Services offers career assessments and resume tips career.unm.edu

LOBO SUCCESS

LOBO LIFE

QUICKTIPS

1. Renew your FAFSA by UNM’s priority deadline of March 1. fafsa.ed.gov
2. Be aware of important dates registrar.unm.edu
   - Grading deadline dates
   - Student registration dates
3. Visit CAPS to prepare for midterms and finals caps.unm.edu
4. Utilize SHAC workshops on test anxiety, health benefits, mental and sexual health awareness shac.unm.edu
5. Read the Fresh Fix online freshmen newsletter mid-semester at dos.unm.edu
Advise
- Run your LoboTrax Audit from LoboWeb to assist you in planning your class schedule for next semester
- Declare a major as soon as possible. Want to declare a major in the College of Arts and Sciences? You may be eligible to transfer now providing you:
  - Completed English, Math and Foreign Language core requirements
  - Earned 26 hours
  - Have a 2.0 GPA or higher
  - Completed 6 to 9 hours in your major
- Check admission requirements for your intended major. You may be admissible by the end of the fall semester.
- Visit with your advisor to review courses for next semester and to have your advisement hold removed before the registration date
- Connect with Career Services
  - Schedule an appointment with a Career Development Facilitator (CDF) to help with your major and career plans
  - Search the Career Services calendar and attend upcoming events
  - Start your summer job or internship search
- Seek tutoring at the Center for Academic Support (CAPS). CAPS offers walk-ins or appointments for almost every subject at UNM. caps.unm.edu
- Check overall status and eligibility requirements for financial aid finaid.unm.edu

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   - Find your registration date for the following semester
3. Connect with faculty within your major
   - Remember; letters of recommendation later on!
4. Find a mentor to assist you through your college career
   - Mentoring Institute UNM Alumni Association Alumni Career Mentor Program

Get involved in one of over 400 student organizations sac.unm.edu
Search within these types:
- Academic/Departmental
- Sport/Recreation
- Ethnic/Cultural
- Religious and more!
- Take a national or international student exchange. National Student Exchange: nse.unm.edu, International Student Exchange: oips.unm.edu
- Participate in the Research and Creativity Conference explore.unm.edu
- Attend at least one campus program or event each month sac.unm.edu

DID YOU KNOW?
You can charter your own club through the Student Activities Center sac.unm.edu.
= senior year =

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- Check out Lobo Career Connection for listing of available internships
- Learn more about the Cooperative Educational Experience
- Look into agencies that help you find jobs in your field (e.g., Americorps)
- Prepare for graduate school:
  - Begin researching possible schools
  - Prepare for graduate school exams
  - Attend graduate workshops with Graduate Resource Center and Career Services
  - Participate in the Ronald E. McNair or the Research Opportunity Program umn.edu/~mcnair
  - Find a summer job or internship
- Check overall status and eligibility requirements for financial aid fnaid.unm.edu

Join professional associations within your major/ career choice
- Explore options at sac.unm.edu
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- Apply for Who’s Who through Student Activities Center
  - Must be junior or senior with minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Enroll in the Student Transition and Engagement Program (STEP) course for the fall or spring semester
  - This course is offered through Organizational Learning and Instructional Technology (OLIT) Program and will guide you through your transition to becoming a successful post-graduate

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Finalize your resume and match your transferable skills to your career choice.
Practice interview techniques by learning the questions most likely asked.
Attend fall and spring career fairs to connect with employers in your field.
Sign up for NM Career Match at career.unm.edu.

Prepare for Graduate School
Take graduate school entrance exams.
Research graduate schools that match your financial commitment and academic needs.
Sign up for your graduation and diploma at commence.unm.edu.
Attend your Commencement Ceremony. Congratulations, Graduate!

Advisement
Run your LoboTrax Audit from LoboWeb to assist you in preparing for graduation.

Gratuation Preparation
Check with your departmental advisor to ensure that you have fulfilled all graduation requirements.
Make sure your college is aware of your intended graduation date.

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Plan to stay connected to UNM after graduation
Become involved with Alumni Relations Office.
Join the Young Alumni Association.
Check out the Alumni Career Center at unmalumni.com.

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Convocation Freshmen Convocation
This ceremony welcomes all incoming freshmen and their families. Convocation takes place the Sunday before classes start in the fall.

Ethnic Centers
African American Student Services (AASS), American Indian Student Services (AISS) and El Centro de la Raza offer key services such as academic advisement, tutoring, computer labs, access to scholarships, etc.

Greek Life Fraternities and Sororities
The Greek community has many chapters of fraternities and sororities to join to get involved.

IT Information Technologies
Provides access, support, privacy and security to UNM students, staff and faculty.

La Po La Posada Dining Hall
On campus dining hall facility for residence hall residents. La Posada offers convenient hours to meet the needs of student schedules.

ASUNM Associated Students of the University of New Mexico
ASUNM is the undergraduate student government. This includes an elected student President and Vice President as well as 20 senators, the Judicial branch and seven agencies.

CA Community Association
Each Residence Hall has its own Community Association. They meet regularly to address student concerns, fund hall projects, and better their living environment.

CAPS Center for Academic Program Support
CAPS is a free-of-charge educational assistance program available to UNM students. The main office is located on the Third Floor of Zimmerman Library.

CDF Career Development Facilitator
You can walk in or make an appointment to meet with a CDF at Career Services to receive help in choosing or changing your major, writing a resume or cover letter, and more.

The Cellar Game room and venue in Hokona Hall
Located on the north side of Hokona Hall, The Cellar has a game room with pool, foosball and air hockey tables, dance floor, movie area, and space for hanging out.

Lobo Lair Student Organization Offices
Many student organizations have office space in the Lobo Lair, located on the Plaza level of the Student Union Building (SUB).

Lobo ID Card UNM identification card
Your Lobo ID card is used to access UNM services. Your firstLobo ID card will be issued to you at orientation.

LoboWeb UNM online account
LoboWeb is located under the Student Life tab of myUNM. You can access your account with your NetID to register for classes, check your financial aid status, update your personal information and more.

LoboTrax Interactive Course Planning Tool
This report will tell you what courses you have already completed and what you need to take to complete your declared degree.
**StudentInfo** *Online information*
You can visit studentinfo.unm.edu to search for answers to your questions or to chat with an expert in the department pertaining to your inquiry.

**SUB** *Student Union Building*
The SUB acts as a community center with eateries, student organizations, a computer pod, game room and various services.

**UAC** *University Advisement Center*
UAC is the entry point for every freshmen student with the exception of BAMD and the School of Engineering. UAC is located on the first floor of the University Advisement and Enrichment Center (UAEC).

**UAEC** *University Advisement and Enrichment Center*
UAEC is the building where you can take care of business with the One Stop, Bursars, Career Services, Cashiers, Dean of Students, University Advisement and more.

**WebCT** *Learning Management System*
WebCT Vista is an online learning management system utilized by students and faculty to facilitate course work.

**Alma Mater**

New Mexico, New Mexico
We sing to honor thee
This golden haze of college days
Will live in memory.
This praise we sing will ever ring
With truth and loyalty.
New Mexico, your fame we know
Will last eternally.
- Craig Summers, Adopted in 1947

**Alumni Logo**
Adaptation of the 1889 University of New Mexico logo.

**Carrillon Bells**
Located in the Alumni Memorial Chapel, the bells chime on the hour and play tunes at noon and 5:00 p.m.

**Electric U**
A large illuminated “U” was placed atop Hodgin Hall in the 1920s and lighted when the Lobos were victorious.

**Fiestas**
A spring celebration, begun in 1948.

**Fight Song**
Hail to thee, New Mexico,
thy loyal sons are we.
Marching down the field we go,
fighting for thee.
RAH! RAH! RAH!
Now we pledge our faith to thee,
ever shall we fail.
Fighting ever, yielding never.
HAIL! HAIL! HAIL!
- Music by Dean of Women Lena Clauve, lyrics by George St. Clair, 1930

**Hanging of the Greens**
A celebration in early December when the campus is decorated with luminarias.

**Homecoming**
Held each fall to welcome back alumni.

**Lobo Day**
A celebration for the founding of the University. February 28, 1889.

**Lobo Mascot**
Originally, the athletic teams were named “University Boys” or “Varsities.” In 1920, the UNM Weekly editor suggested lobo, Spanish for wolf.

**Nizhoni Days**
Held in the spring, this event recognizes various Native American cultures.

**School Colors**
In the 1890s the school colors were black and gold. In 1897, cherry and silver were officially adopted to reflect the evening glow of the Sandia Mountains and the sheen of the Rio Grande as a silver ribbon winding through the valley.

**Welcome Back Days**
Originated in the 1960s to welcome returning students back to school, a weeklong period during which faculty, staff and students publicize their activities.