

## **Transfer of Credits at NMSU**

NNMSU Las Cruces evaluates courses from postsecondary institutions that are regionally accredited or are candidates for regional accreditation. Transfer students will receive full credit for coursework completed with a grade of C or better, provided the classes are similar or equivalent to courses offered at NMSU. A transfer student may, on the basis of an evaluation of his/her transcripts, receive credit for courses taken at other institutions in which a grade of D was received. However, NMSU does not accept the transfer of courses with D grades which satisfy basic academic competency (basic skills) in English and mathematics. NMSU will not accept transfer credit for four-credit basic skills courses (such as ENGL 111G and CCDM 114N) when the incoming course carries less than three credit hours.

Grades earned in courses taken at other institutions are not included in the calculation of NMSU grade point average.

## **Evaluation of Credits**

Once a student has been admitted to NMSU, an evaluation of credits from accredited institutions only is done on a course-by-course basis to determine general transferability to the university.

## **Transferring Courses to Fulfill the New Mexico**

General Education Common Core During the 2005 New Mexico Legislative session, Senate Bill 161, consistent with requirements of state law (Chapter 224 of the Laws of New Mexico, 1995 as amended) was signed into law to further enhance and facilitate the articulation of general education courses among New Mexico's colleges and universities. In accordance with policies established by the New Mexico Higher Education Department, designated general education core courses successfully completed at any regionally accredited public institution of higher education in New Mexico are guaranteed to transfer to any New Mexico public institution. Students who have decided on a major and/or an institution at which to complete their studies should consult with an academic adviser at that particular institution to determine the most appropriate course selections. Students enrolling for the first year of study at a New Mexico college or university and considering possible transfer into a certificate and/or degree program at another institution are encouraged to take the courses approved for transfer during their freshman and sophomore year of study. The core matrix of approved courses guaranteed to transfer and meet general education requirements at any New Mexico college or university can be found on the New Mexico Higher Education Department web site at <http://www.hed.state.nm.us>. Courses are listed by institution, whether university or community college, under each of the five general education areas. The courses for New Mexico State University are listed in the required courses section of this catalog.

## **Student Responsibility**

Planning for effective transfer within maximum efficiency is ultimately the student's responsibility. Responsible transfer planning includes early and regular consultation with the intended degree-granting institution to assure that all pre-transfer course work will meet the requirements of the desired degree.

## **Transfer Credit Appeal Process**

All New Mexico public post-secondary institutions are required to establish policies and practices for receiving and resolving complaints from students or from other complainants regarding the transfer of course work from other public institutions in the state. A copy of NMSU's transfer credit policy may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar or from the Deputy Secretary for Academic Affairs, Higher Education Department, 2048 Galisteo St., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-2100.