Welcome International Students
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Welcome!!

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What if I told you, you are not alone
International Students at UNM

New Students
459 Admitted:
• 184 Grads
• 118 Undergrads
• 127 Exchange/Guest
• 30 Intensive English

Current Students
Approximately 1300:
• 104 Countries
• Top 5 Countries Represented: China, India, Nepal, UK and Iran
Start Your Support Network Now!
ICEBREAKER!!

Find a person you don’t know, who is not from your country:
Introduce yourself and tell them one goal you have for your UNM experience!

Find another person you don’t know, who is not from your country:
Tell them one thing you really like about NM so far!
WELCOME!
Today’s Main Messages

• Make new friends and start your support network now!

• Learn to be a self-advocate

• Take advantage of all of the great resources at UNM!!!
Practical Information

Slides will be at geo.unm.edu
In the “Coming to UNM” section
General Office Hours
Monday – Friday: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Phone Number: 277-4032
Fax Number: 277-1867
E-mail: geo@unm.edu
Web: geo.unm.edu
Emergencies: 277-4GEO
International Advisors

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Walk-in hours to talk to advisors:
Monday and Thursday, 10:00am – 12:00pm
Monday - Friday, 1:00pm – 3:00 pm
Otherwise by Appointment!
GEO IS HERE TO HELP YOU:

• Maintain your legal non-immigrant status
• Identify campus resources
• Adjust to life in the U.S.

Facebook group: UNMGlobal
GEO Requirements after today

• Complete Your Check-in Info at myGEO Student portal:

All missing info (address, Health insurance, I-94, Passport, Visa, I-20/DS-2019)

FINISH BEFORE 8/24/2018!
Information Packets

• Calendar of fun stuff for August!
• Fall calendar of events
• E-packet: Lots of information about health insurance, work, driver’s license and more!!!
Get Involved!!!

A support network is critical to your success!

**Events:** Intlstud-l listserv OR “UNM GLOBAL” Facebook group for reminders

**Workshops:** Academic success, work, culture, taxes and more!

**Volunteer:** Recruit UNM students to your campus OR Join the International Service Corps

**Trips:** Explore NM and the southwest!
Calendar Highlights

FALL ORIENTATION EVENTS – NO SIGN-UP REQUIRED!!
(LOCATIONS ON MAP IN PACKET)

Friday, 8/17
Library Tour: 10:00 am, GEO

Saturday, 8/18
International Welcome Picnic 1:00 – 4:00 pm, Duck Pond (near Zimmerman)

Friday, 8/24
Pool Party 6:00 – 9:00pm @ Johnson Pool
Calendar Highlights
Sign up at Rec Services or online at:
http://recsvcs.unm.edu/getaway/getaway.html

Sandia Peak Trip
August 17th
Taos, NM
September 8th – 9th

Grand Canyon Trip
October 12nd – 14th

Events advertised through the GEO listserve from geo@unm.edu and “UNM GLOBAL” Facebook

Workshops and immigration messages iadvisor@unm.edu
STILL NEED HOUSING??

• Housing is still available on campus

• Off campus housing help is being provided by the ISI community group at the “BSU” at the corner of University Blvd and Martin Luther King (ask at lunch)
Regulations and Rules
you need to know to stay in legal status in the US
TOPICS

- Immigration
- Travel
- Other Rules and Laws
- Work
What do you already know?

What document shows your current legal status in the US?
I-94

What do you need to travel out of the US and return as a student?
DS-2019 with signature, Passport, Visa

How long are you authorized to stay in the US as a student?
Duration of Status – D/S

What rules do you need to follow to be a student?
Enroll full-time and no illegal work
WARNING!!!!!!

It is YOUR responsibility to know the rules!!

• Consequences for violations include deportation and inability to return to the US!

• Don’t let your friends be your immigration advisors!!

• RULES CHANGE, SO PAY ATTENTION IF WE SEND YOU EMAIL WITH INSTRUCTIONS!
WARNINGS!!!!!!

- GEO MUST report to Immigration: your enrollment, change of address, change of major and level, drops below full-time

- So...YOU must inform us of address or program information changes and follow messages from our office carefully

- You won’t remember all the rules but when you forget, ask!!!!

Quiz with prizes coming up, so pay attention!!! AND Read along with your handout!
U.S. Government Agencies

• **DOS** = Department of State: Administers consulates and issues visas

• **DHS** = Department of Homeland Security: Responsible for US immigration rules and benefits
PARTS OF DHS

- **USCIS** = US Citizenship and Immigration Services: Processes applications and provides services to internationals in the US
- **ICE** = Immigration and Customs Enforcement: Enforces immigration regulations (tracks students)
- **CBP** = Customs and Border Patrol: Monitors ports of entry
Student Tracking Program

SEVIS = Student and Exchange Visitor Information System
Tracking program to monitor international students and scholars

Schools must report information in SEVIS to be able to give I-20s/DS-2019s – YOUR SEVIS RECORD HAS TO BE UP TO DATE AND ACTIVE TO STAY IN STATUS!!!