



Register early for online classes at UNM-LA!

Our online classes fill up quickly.

If you plan to take an online class, see an advisor and register for it early.

See Course Schedule for a complete listing of online classes

Information regarding online classes:

Online classes differ from regular classes in several ways:

- You will need regular and frequent access to a computer and to the internet; plan to login to your online class at least 2 – 3 times each week.
- You should be comfortable using a computer, browser, and word processor; some classes will require you to use additional software.
- If you plan to take an online class, you should plan to spend about 3-4 hours per week per credit hour. That's 9-12 hours per week for a 3 credit class, about the same total time you'd spend on a class that you physically attend – and you won't have to commute to campus.
- Reading and writing are the main ways you will communicate with your instructor and classmates, so we recommend that you do not enroll in an online class if you are taking an English course below the 101 level. You will interact with your instructor frequently

in most classes, but it will be mostly via email, written discussions, web conference, phone, or chat, rather than face-to-face.

- You need to be a “self-starter.” You will need to motivate yourself to stay on track with your coursework, without the physical presence of an instructor, and you will need to be able to manage your own time and schedule.
- You can “attend” class anytime, day or night.
- You will need to install special (usually free) software on your computer for some classes.

IMPORTANT! If you register for an online class, watch for email from your instructor. It will be sent to your UNM email address before the semester begins. It will contain information about how to access the course, your textbook, and any special software you will need.

Check the UNM-LA website for more information about online classes.

To contact your instructor: Your instructor’s email address will be listed next to your course in the schedule of classes on the UNM-LA website. If no email address is listed, ask the Office of Instruction for contact information.

Before the first day of classes, you should:

1. Make sure you have a UNM NetID and password. You can get this by going to <http://my.unm.edu> and clicking on “Create a NetID” in the upper left corner of the screen (in gray box). Your UNM email address will be *your_netid@unm.edu* .
2. Order your textbook, if there is one, at <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/unm.htm> or a bookstore of your choosing

On the first day of classes, you should:

1. Login to your online classroom at <http://learn.unm.edu> . Use your UNM NetID and password.
2. Click on your class in the center column. Then follow the instructions on the screen or those included in the welcome letter sent by your instructor.