

# Landscape Architecture

@ THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

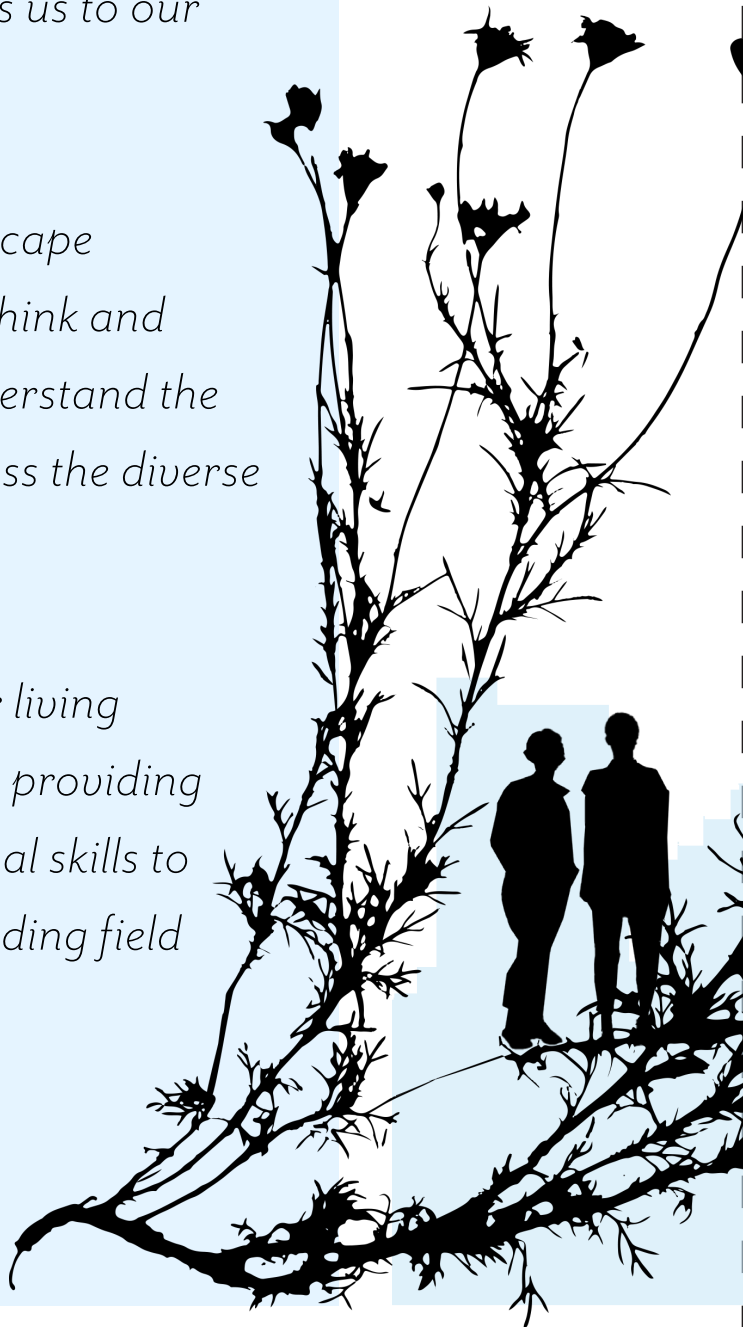
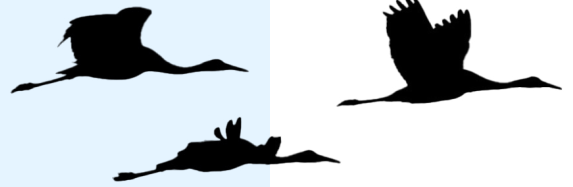


## MISSION STATEMENT

*Landscape architecture is more than just the design of physical outdoor spaces. It is a platform for the cross-pollination of ideas, a tool for positive social and environmental change, and a living narrative that connects us to our surroundings.*

*At UNM, the Department of Landscape Architecture prepares students to think and act critically, enabling them to understand the complexity of our world and address the diverse challenges we face today.*

*We foster curiosity and passion for living environments in our students while providing them with the necessary professional skills to become future leaders in the expanding field of landscape architecture.*



NOT ONLY DID THE FACULTY PREPARE ME FOR MY CAREER, THEY ALSO TAUGHT ME TO SEE THE WORLD IN A DIFFERENT, MORE VIVID WAY

- *Meredith Ellis, Alumna*

I ACQUIRED A WEALTH OF SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THAT I APPLY TOWARD LANDSCAPE DESIGN, PLANNING, PRESERVATION AND PUBLIC ART

- *Carly M. Piccarello, Alumna*

THROUGH THE PROGRAM I REALIZED THE POTENTIAL FOR DESIGN TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD POSITIVELY AND MY POTENTIAL TO BE AN ACTIVATOR OF THAT CHANGE

- *Christie Green, Alumna*

THE PROGRAM PROVIDES GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, AND TO INTERACT WITH PROFESSORS WHO ARE ALSO PROFESSIONAL PRACTITIONERS

- *Jenn Sandoval, Alumna*



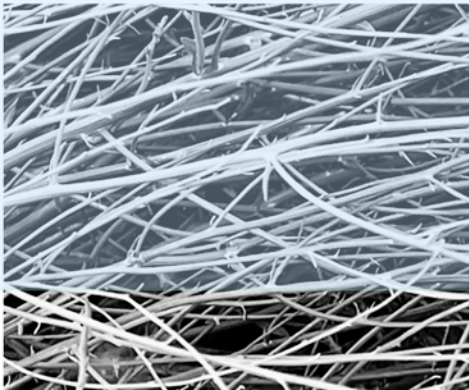


## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

*Students entering the program with non-design majors are required to complete a minimum of 87 credit hours. This will normally require three years of study.*

*Students entering the program with pre-professional or professional degrees in related environmental design disciplines are required to complete 48-57 credit hours with the total number of credit hours to be determined by the Chair on a case-by-case basis.*

*Students entering the program with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree (BLA) will complete a minimum of 48 credit hours of study.*



**3 YEAR PROGRAM OF STUDY** for students with non-architectural design backgrounds | 87 credits

	FALL COURSES	Credits	SPRING COURSES	Credits
YEAR ONE	LA 501 Studio <i>fundamental design</i>	6	LA 502 Studio <i>urban typologies</i>	6
	LA 582 Graphic Communication	3	LA 521 AutoCAD for LA	3
	LA 561 History + Theory of LA	3	LA 581 Landscape Construction	3
	LA 556 Site + Environment	3	LA 558 Plants I	6
YEAR TWO	LA 503 Studio <i>indigenous design</i>	6	LA 504 Studio <i>speculative design</i>	6
	LA 570 Urban Ecology	3	LA 563 Theory in LA	3
	LA 580 LA Technology <i>grading</i>	3	LA 559 Plants II	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
YEAR THREE	LA 505 Studio <i>design competition</i>	6	LA 597 Studio <i>master's project</i>	6
	LA 596 Thesis Prep <i>research methods</i>	3	LA 531 Professional Practice	3
	LA 586 Professional Skills <i>construction documents</i>	3	Elective	3
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**2 YEAR PROGRAM OF STUDY** for students with architecture backgrounds | 48-57 credits

	FALL COURSES	Credits	SPRING COURSES	Credits
YEAR ONE	LA 503 Studio <i>indigenous design or</i>	6	LA 504 Studio <i>speculative design</i>	6
	LA 561 History + Theory of LA	3	LA 563 Theory in LA	3
	LA 580 LA Technology <i>grading</i>	3	LA 581 Landscape Construction	3
	LA 556 Site + Environment	3	LA 558 Plants I	3
YEAR TWO	LA 505 Studio	6	LA 597 Studio <i>master's project</i>	6
	LA 596 Thesis Prep	3	LA 531 Professional Practice	3
	LA 586 Professional Skills <i>construction documents</i>	3	LA 559 Plants II	3
	Elective	3		

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## HERE ARE **TEN** REASONS TO STUDY LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

THE SUBLIME NEW MEXICO LANDSCAPE IS AN IDEAL PLACE FOR STUDYING AND LEARNING PRINCIPLES OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

*The University of New Mexico occupies 600 acres along old route 66 in the heart of Albuquerque, a city of 600,000 people. From the ancient volcanoes in the west, past the banks of the Rio Grande, to the majestic Sandia Mountains in the east, Albuquerque is situated within a dynamic cultural and natural landscape. The University of New Mexico offers a campus environment with a unique architectural style and a nationally recognized campus arboretum. The surrounding New Mexico landscape, with its breath-taking natural beauty and fascinating cultural history, provides a unique place in which to live and study.*



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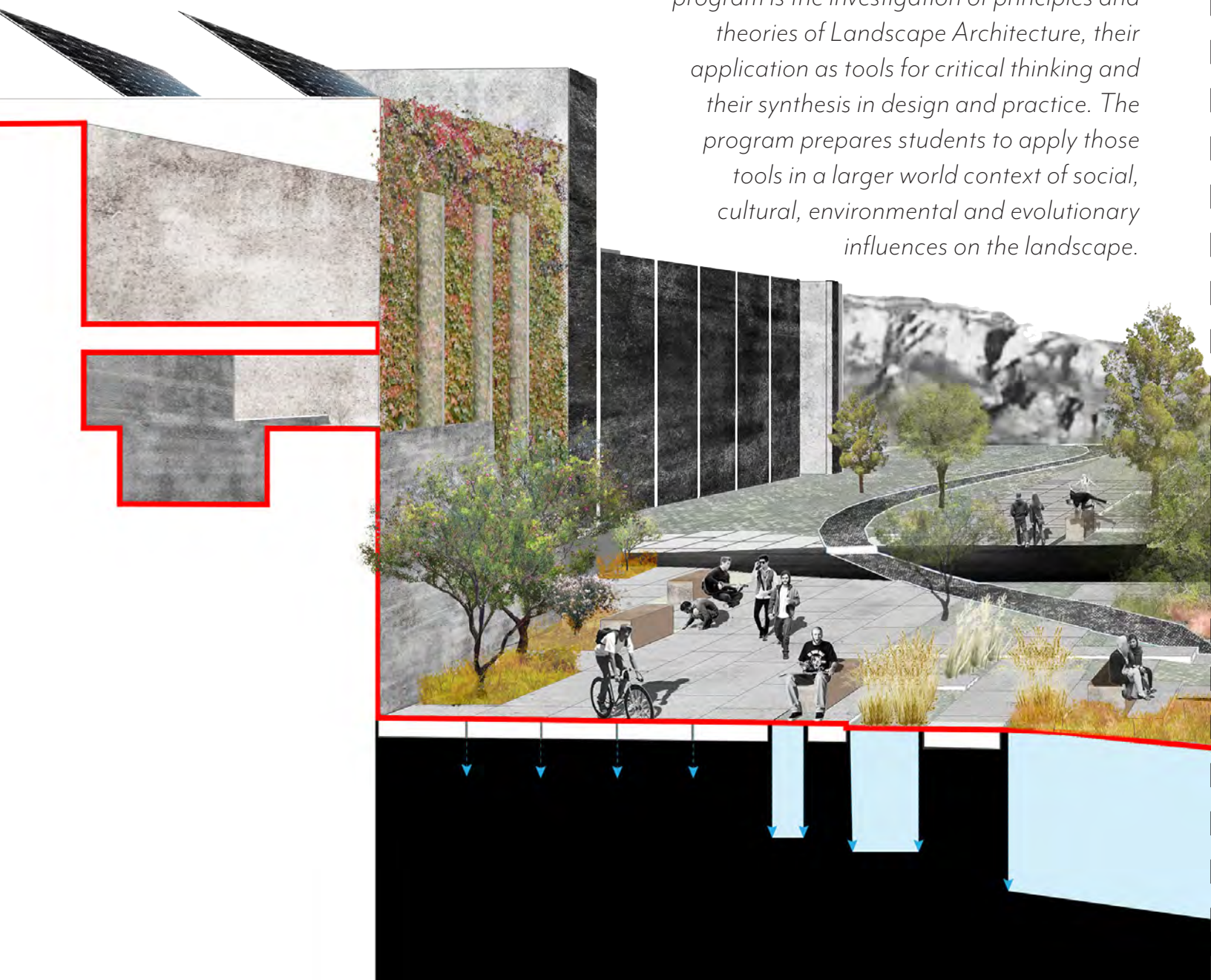
## THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING OFFERS A VIBRANT INTERDISCIPLINARY ENVIRONMENT

*The Landscape Architecture Program at the University of New Mexico complements the Architecture and Community and Regional Planning programs within the School of Architecture and Planning. The strong interdisciplinary relationship between the three programs, in addition to the school's ties with the professional, state, civic, neighborhood and cultural communities of the region, ensures that students are given the opportunity to engage in a diverse and impactful educational experience.*



DESIGNING BEAUTIFUL, RESILIENT  
AND RESPONSIVE PLACES IS AT  
THE HEART OF THE LANDSCAPE  
ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM AT UNM

*The core educational mission of the program is the investigation of principles and theories of Landscape Architecture, their application as tools for critical thinking and their synthesis in design and practice. The program prepares students to apply those tools in a larger world context of social, cultural, environmental and evolutionary influences on the landscape.*





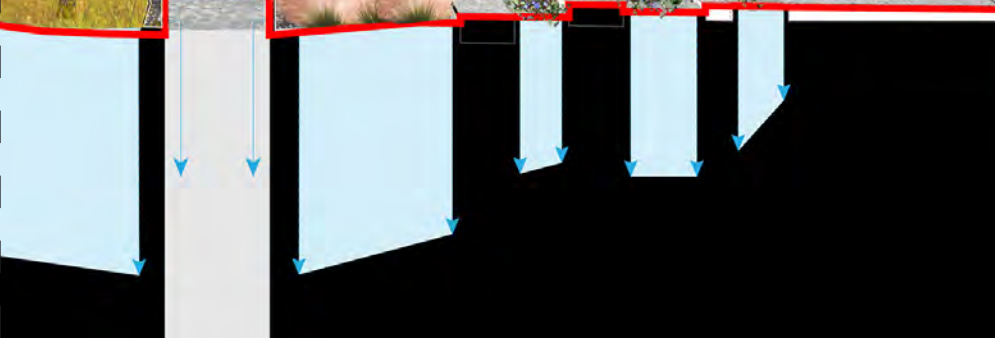
# THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM AT UNM HELPS STUDENTS BUILD ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE



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*The Master of Landscape Architecture degree is a first professional graduate degree that prepares graduates to enter the professional realm of landscape architecture. The 3-year MLA program is perfect for individuals who do not have an environmental design background. The 2-year program is perfect for individuals who hold a design background in architecture.*

*Our students with design and no-design backgrounds come from all over the country and world.*



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## STUDENTS AND FACULTY IN THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM AT UNM WIN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITIONS

*The level of design studio instruction is superb. Students in the Landscape Architecture Program have been recognized for their studio design work locally, nationally and internationally. Since the program began in 2000, over 25 graduate students have won national and international design competitions.*

**First Place!**



Student work

### **HAND + HAND : A DESIGN FOR URBAN HEATH**



PLAY



GROW



CLEAN



MOVE



BREATHE



FARM



MAKE



## THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT QUALITY OF EDUCATION AT A VERY AFFORDABLE COST



The US Department of Education has ranked the University of New Mexico third in affordability among universities that have degrees in architecture and related fields. In addition, the Landscape Architecture Program is able to offer a number of assistantships to non-resident students, allowing them to pay in-state tuition rates during their first year while they establish residency in New Mexico. For international students, UNM offers the Amigo Scholarship. Other assistantships, normally for students in second and third years, are available for research and contract work being carried out by faculty in the program. Annual student awards for various categories of academic achievements are sponsored by the Dean's Office, New Mexico Chapter of ASLA, the offices of local Landscape Architects, and other generous benefactors.

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STUDENTS ARE ENGAGED,  
CHALLENGED, AND IMMERSED IN  
DESIGN THROUGHOUT THE STUDIO  
SEQUENCE, EXPLORING AND  
EXPERIMENTING WITH VARIOUS  
MEDIA



*The School of Architecture and Planning computing lab features a robust collection of hardware and software, and full printing and plotting services. The school also has a state-of-the-art fabrications laboratory (FabLab) offering a balance of cutting-edge technology and traditional tools. The Lab supports students and faculty in the exploration and investigation of materials research and methods of making.*

# LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS ARE GLOBAL LEADERS IN RESPONSIBLE DESIGN OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

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*Graduates of the Landscape Architecture program at the University of New Mexico continue to shape the built environment in a variety of fields. In addition to the degree program, which prepares students for a career as a practicing Landscape Architect, the school also offers certificate programs and concentrations for those who want to apply a design-based approach to different real-world challenges.*

*For example, the certificate program in Historic Preservation and Regionalism (HPR) explores preservation issues and techniques informed by regional traditions, cultural landscapes, and historic landscape preservation. The program requires eighteen hours of coursework, nine of which may overlap with the Master of Landscape Architecture program of study.*

*The newly developed Indigenous Design and Planning Concentration educates and informs indigenous design and planning by engaging faculty, students, professionals and community leaders in culturally responsive and sustainable practices.*

*Our alumni have careers in:*

▣ Professional Practice as Landscape Architects

- + in firms
- + for the National Park Service
- + for the Forest Service
- + for local government

▣ Design Build

▣ Cultural Landscape Planning

▣ Urban Farming

▣ Landscape Ecology

▣ Landscape Architecture Education (the list goes on!)

UNM'S LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
PROGRAM IS THE ONLY ONE IN THE  
COUNTRY THAT HAS A DEDICATED  
INDIGENOUS DESIGN STUDIO.

*Beyond land acknowledgment, the Landscape Architecture Program has cultivated a strong working relationship with UNM's Indigenous Design + Planning Institute (iD+Pi) over the past decade. Through studios and student employment, we offer immersive experiences working with Diné (Navajo) and Pueblo communities on service-learning projects that challenge traditional Western perspectives of the profession, place, and our relationship with the more-than-human world.*

*From these experiences, students develop a deeper appreciation and respect for the connections and contributions of Indigenous place-based cultures by listening, unlearning, and walking the land. As we build relationships through reciprocity, we acknowledge the past, apply our skills and gifts to empower communities today, and cultivate stronger relationships for the future.*



OUR PROGRAM IS SMALL AND MIGHTY. THE STUDENT /EDUCATOR RATIO IS EXCELLENT. CLASSES ARE COMPOSED OF STUDENTS FROM NEW MEXICO, ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, AND FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

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*We value the diversity and lived experience that each student brings to the table. We see education as a collaborative endeavor where we grow and learn together through design, research, making, experimentation, humility, courage and curiosity.*

*The faculty have diverse backgrounds, research interests, and expertise in professional practice skills. Several of our part time faculty members are licensed landscape architects and partners in local firms. The firms, professors, students and alumni compose a tight-knit community that is deeply dedicated to the expanding field of landscape architecture and the belief that design has the power to make the world a more beautiful, just and sustainable place for all inhabitants.*



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAM AND GETTING YOUR GRADUATE DEGREE IN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE HERE:

<https://landscape.unm.edu/>

*The Master of Landscape Architecture degree program at the University of New Mexico is committed to providing a comprehensive graduate education designed to prepare graduates to enter the profession of Landscape Architecture as private, public or academic practitioners; and to promote research and inquiry that contributes to knowledge in the discipline. The program is fully accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board.*

*The program has strengths in the following areas:*

- *Urban Ecology and Design*
- *Indigenous and Community Design*
- *Water Systems in Arid Lands*
- *Art and Ecology*
- *Cultural Landscapes*
- *Historic Preservation*

TALK TO THE CHAIR OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE:

*Catherine Harris: [cphunm@unm.edu](mailto:cphunm@unm.edu)*

TALK TO A GRADUATE ADVISOR:

*[saapadvise@unm.edu](mailto:saapadvise@unm.edu)*

TALK TO A CURRENT STUDENT

*We will connect you with a student to share their experience and answer any questions you may have about the program.*





BEST CONSIDERATION DEADLINE: **JANUARY 15TH**  
APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL: **FEBRUARY 15TH**

