THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

SCHOOL OF LAW

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SMALL SCHOOL. BIG VALUE. REAL NEW MEXICAN PERKS.

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"I enjoy collegial relationships with engaged, intelligent, creative classmates. Faculty and staff know me by name and are always ready to help."

Philip Hunteman, Class of 2016

WE'RE SMALL. STUDENT-CENTRIC. A GREAT VALUE.
We focus on what matters. And our graduates prove it.

RELIABLE TUITION, GREAT VALUE. UNM Law has consistently ranked as one of the best educational values in the country. Our tuition is affordable and students graduate to jobs that put their legal training to use.

HIGH EMPLOYMENT RATES.
UNM Law graduates frequently outpace the national rate for securing long-term jobs that require bar passage.

Dedicated Faculty.
Our faculty are dedicated and strongly committed to teaching. They bring real-world experience to the classroom and a healthy diversity of backgrounds, professional interests and outlooks.

Julio C. Romero, Class of 2014

Students and Alumni Rate Us Highly.
Recently Above the Law surveyed law school students and alumni nationwide, UNM Law ranked 4th in the nation.

Small Classes.
First-year research/writing classes: 14-20 students or fewer
Upper division median class size: 12 students or fewer
Clinic class size: 8 students or less per section

HOT JOB MARKET FOR ENTRY-LEVEL ATTORNEYS.
New Mexico is in the second hottest job market for entry-level attorneys, according to a recent study conducted by The National Jurist. The Mountain area—consisting of New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming—has an overall job placement rate close to 80%.

"UNM Law afforded me the most incredible opportunities as a student, such as working closely with faculty on research projects and taking classes taught by respected attorneys and judges."

Julia C. Romero, Class of 2014

"The National Jurist conducted a recent study and UNM Law was ranked by students and alumni as one of the top four law schools in the nation."

UNM Law's graduates frequently outpace the national rate for securing long-term jobs that require bar passage.

"UNM Law is the second best educational value in the nation."
EARN YOUR J.D. & ENJOY YOUR LIFE!
REAL NEW MEXICAN PERKS.

The University of New Mexico occupies 800 acres near Route 66 in the heart of Albuquerque - a metropolitan area dotted by magnificent mesas to the west, the banks of the historic Rio Grande, and the Sandia Mountains to the east. Albuquerque offers a rich blend of year round recreation, culture and cuisine set among breathtaking southwest panoramas.

Open recreational spaces available to the public abound in Albuquerque. Santa Fe, Taos, Red River, and more, are short and easy drives away. It is incredibly easy to walk, hike, bike, ski, golf, run, swim, climb and care for your personal interests, health, and wellbeing as you pursue your degree in a place with over 300 days of sunshine per year. We encourage our students to take advantage of all that New Mexico and our neighboring states of CO, UT, and AZ, for example, have to offer; superior climates, buzzing cities and premier annual events, and outdoor recreation.

DEGREES OFFERED
Juris Doctor (J.D.)
J.D./Master of Arts in Accounting
J.D./Master of Arts in Latin American Studies
J.D./Master of Business Administration
J.D./Master of Public Administration
Master of Studies in Law (M.S.L.)

INDIAN LAW
Learn to assist in the protection of Indian peoples and to represent Native American individuals, communities, and nations in tribal, state, and federal courts and other legal forums.

NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
Gain a more comprehensive understanding of natural resources law, environmental law, tribal resources, and energy law in order to participate in key decisions that affect the environment.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

The Juris Doctor (J.D.) is a full-time day program requiring completion of 86 credit hours in three years.

Our Dual Degree Program allows students to earn the J.D. and a Masters or Ph.D. in an academic field at UNM.

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Top 50 Law Schools Above the Law 2018
Most Chosen By Older Students Princeton Review 2019
Most Diverse Faculty Princeton Review 2019
Bar Passage For First-Time Bar Exam Takers July 2019
Top Law Schools for Environmental Law PreLaw Magazine 2019
Greatest Resources for Minority Students Princeton Review 2019
The UNM School of Law clinical program, one of the oldest in the country, is consistently recognized as one of the top programs in the nation. Unlike students at many other law schools, all students at UNM Law complete a six-credit-hour clinical course as part of the J.D. requirements.

Clinic sections include:
- Child and Family Justice Clinic
- Community Lawyering Clinic
- Economic Justice Clinic
- Natural Resources and Environmental Law Clinic
- Southwest Indian Law Clinic

.externships
Externs gain valuable practical skills in a real-world setting while working with a supervising attorney. As an extern, you confront actual legal problems and analyze the various roles that lawyers or legal institutions play in their communities.

- Agency Externships
- Judicial Externships
- Alternative Dispute Externships
- Semester in Washington D.C.

Competitions and Journals
Learn to control the courtroom by participating in academic competitions.
- Hone your skills for a career as a trial lawyer by participating in the National Mock Trial competition
- Most court competitions are designed to teach students how to produce a cohesive brief, master the argument, and argue well.

UNM publishes three law student-edited journals, each embodies a key area of expertise within the school.
- New Mexico Law Review
- Tribal Law Journal
- Natural Resources Journal

Professor Serge Martinez quoted in CNN Money
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Krista Garcia (Class of 2016) worked with colleagues from all over the world to help prosecute genocide and war crimes. She was the first American and the only intern at the United Nations Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals in The Hague, The Netherlands. Garcia says her UNM Law School education prepared her to analyze complicated issues and apply international statutes, relevant case law, and different liability theories. She adds that UNM Law School prepared her “to compete with the top legal professionals in the world.”
EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Study intellectual property or patent law at The University of New Hampshire School of Law. This exchange program assures that interested UNM students will have access to the knowledge and skills that will advance a vibrant and growing part of New Mexico’s business community.

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HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
Experience a unique exposure to Howard’s legal programs, take advantage of opportunities in Washington, D.C., and benefit from a strong and supportive UNM alumni community in the D.C. area.

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STUDY ABROAD

MADRID SUMMER LAW INSTITUTE
The Madrid Summer Law Institute is a four-week, five-credit summer law program in Madrid, Spain. Classes meet only Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., giving students ample opportunity to experience life in Europe.

The U.S. administration of the program takes place at the School of Law at The University of New Mexico, and all classes are offered at the Facultad de Ciencias Jurídicas y Sociales at the Universidad Rey Juan Carlos.

The Madrid Summer Law Institute offers classes on European Union law and international and comparative law. Courses are taught in English by faculty from both UNM School of Law and Universidad Rey Juan Carlos.

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“...the program inspired me to pursue a career in international trade law. The faculty and guest speakers covered subject matter ranging from international commercial transactions to the European Union political structure and the impact of Brexit. The classes included site visits to the European Union Parliament and Madrid Bar Association, visits from alumni in Spain and Spanish luminaries, and interactions with fellow students and faculty during weekend trips, traditional Spanish meals, and cultural events.”

RACHEL WISNIEWSKI, 2019

SEMESTER IN D.C.
Work full-time for credit at a governmental agency or non-profit organization in D.C. and take a seminar taught by UNM Law School faculty, where you learn from and interact with judges, practitioners, and national political leaders.

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SMALL HIKES. BIG SIGHTS.
New Mexico has five national forests, 55 parks and monuments (20 have lakes), 25 scenic byways, and 21 wilderness areas.

SMALL PEPPERS. BIG HEAT.
In the fall, the smoky, sweet smell of fresh roasted green chile permeates the air. All year long, our state question is, "Red or green?"

SMALL TOWNS. BIG TRAILS.
New Mexico’s eight alpine and three Nordic ski areas provide exceptional skiing and riding and a wide range of enjoyable dining and shopping.

SMALL TRAIN. BIG BIRD.
The Rail Runner Express connects Albuquerque with Santa Fe and all the art, food, recreation, and culture to be enjoyed along its route.

SMALL BASKETS. BIG BALLOONS.
Albuquerque hosts the world’s largest hot air balloon fiesta in October. Balloon festivals across the state offer year-round adventures.

SMALL TOWN. BIG INNOVATION.
Innovate ABQ, formed by UNM and partners, is the catalyst for a new downtown hub of entrepreneurship and innovation.

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With over 300 days of sunshine each year and a mild climate, Albuquerque is perfect for hiking in the Sandia Mountains, biking along the Rio Grande River, taking a ride on the tram, and strolling through the plazas. Our museums, galleries, performance spaces, sporting events, cafes and restaurants, wineries, breweries, and concerts ensure there are abundant ways to enjoy life beyond the classroom.
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Want to be part of a supportive, small school with a close-knit legal community that offers reasonable tuition rates and is one of the best educational values in the country? We’d love to hear from you.
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