

About Eastern New Mexico University

The Mission

Eastern New Mexico University combines a traditional learning environment with twenty-first century technology to provide a rich educational experience. Eastern emphasizes liberal learning, freedom of inquiry, cultural diversity and whole student life. Excellent teaching and active learning define campus relationships. Scholarship, both primary and applied, cultural enrichment and professional service are also important contributions of the university community.

ENMU, a state institution offering associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees, serves students from New Mexico, other states and other nations. Educational programs are offered at the Portales campus and also by interactive distance education, public broadcast television, and branch/community colleges in Roswell, New Mexico, and Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Eastern's Focus

- Prepare students for careers and advanced study.
- Impart citizenship and leadership skills and values.
- Support and expand the role of education and excellent teaching at all levels.
- Enable citizens to respond to a rapidly changing world.

Vision Statement

Eastern New Mexico University has been a respected center of learning for its region and the state since 1934 and continues to build on its rich heritage. The following Vision Statement conveys what Eastern New Mexico University desires to become:

The University mission is based on the concept of student success, and the people of the University provide student-centered academic and extracurricular programs to fulfill this mission. The institution recognizes the global nature of society and is committed to educating students on both the undergraduate and graduate level to be productive citizens with successful careers and fulfilling lives.

ENMU students pursue challenging academic goals and engage in stimulating classroom experiences, and the University emphasizes individual academic advising and career counseling. Students, faculty and staff engage in intellectual dialog and debate in a collegial environment. In addition, faculty and students are engaged in meaningful research activities to further the academic priorities. The University continues to produce alumni who are good citizens and contributors to society and who can compete with graduates of other institutions.

The Eastern community envisions a university where each faculty and staff member instills in one another and in the students a sense of social and cultural awareness and responsibility. The University accomplishes this by embracing ethnic, racial and cultural diversity as a core value and by actively building greater diversity among students, faculty and staff. This environment facilitates personal and social growth for all members of the University community.

The students are mentored by well-qualified and caring faculty and staff who treat one another with respect and work together to accomplish institutional goals. The faculty and staff pursue professional development opportunities to enhance their skills and knowledge to improve the campus learning environment and to create greater efficiencies and productivity within the University.

Members of the Eastern New Mexico University community understand that education is a dynamic process and requires strategic planning, meaningful assessment and thoughtful strategic decision-making. This process has the input of all of the University members in order to facilitate continuous improvement.

The ENMU Foundation provides exceptional funding for scholarships and program enhancements, and the Alumni Association actively supports institutional goals. Additionally, the University has a supportive and collaborative relationship with the communities it serves.

By realizing this vision of excellence, Eastern New Mexico University continues to serve the region as a center of higher education and life-long learning, providing educational opportunities for an expanding spectrum of learners.

Strategic Planning

The University strategic plan is updated annually, allowing the institution to examine its goals and objectives, to use institutional data for informed decision-making and to address the needs of ENMU students and constituencies. ENMU's strategic plan for 2008–2013 is driven by three strategic goals:

- Goal 1. Enhance academic quality through excellent teaching and effective support services to ENMU students to attract, retain and graduate students.
- Goal 2. Create a campus environment that encourages and promotes excellence for students, faculty and staff.
- Goal 3. Build effective collaborations on campus, within the system and with community, business and educational partners to further the goals of our institution, region and state.
- Overarching Objective: Place student learning at the center of every institutional action and activity.

For more information on the Eastern New Mexico University Strategic Plan, contact the Office for Planning and Analysis by mail at ENMU Station 2, 1500 S Ave K, Portales, NM 88130 or by phone at 575-562-2315.

History

Although the youngest state university in New Mexico, ENMU looks with pride upon its accomplishments since the dream of having a university in eastern New Mexico first arose many decades ago.

The Legislature of 1927 located the University in Portales, and the Legislature of 1929 approved the first appropriation for buildings. Although the first building was constructed in 1931, Eastern's doors were not opened to students until 1934.

The institution operated as a two-year college from 1934 to 1940 when the third and fourth years of college were first offered. ENMU was accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools as a four-year liberal arts college in 1946–47. Graduate work leading to the master's degree was added in 1949, and ENMU is also accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Established in 1948, ENMU-Roswell moved to its present facility (formerly Walker Air Force Base) in the fall of 1967. ENMU-Roswell offers a wide variety of programs for students of eastern New Mexico.

ENMU-Ruidoso opened in 1991 and offers both an academic and a vocational curriculum.

Location and Resources

The ENMU main campus of more than 400 acres is located in Portales on the extreme eastern side of the state, about halfway between the northern and southern boundaries. It is 90 miles northeast of Roswell, 120 miles southwest of Amarillo, Texas, and 120 miles northwest of Lubbock, Texas.

Portales, the county seat of Roosevelt County, has an elevation of about 4,000 feet and a population of about 11,300. The climate is considered one of the best in the United States. The winters are dry and mild, and the summers are pleasant with cool nights. Like most of the Southwest, Portales enjoys bright sunshine all year. Daytime high temperatures in summer are in the 90s, while winter lows are in the 20s. Annual precipitation is about 16 inches, most of which comes in summer thunderstorms.

The valley in which Portales is located is a fertile area excellent for farming and ranching. The entire eastern part of the state produces crops such as Valencia Peanuts, wheat, grain sorghum, corn, alfalfa, Irish and sweet potatoes, and cotton. Dairy and cattle production are principal industries in the county. Petroleum-related industries, grain alcohol distilling, soft drink canners, grain storage and shipping, and trucking are also present in Roosevelt County.

Eastern New Mexico has an interesting and romantic history, including highly significant archaeological aspects. One of the world's most important Paleoindian archaeological sites lies on the plains of eastern New Mexico just seven miles north of Portales. An abundance of artifacts has been found in this area, and it is the consensus of archaeologists that these discoveries tell of life 11,000 to 11,670 years ago. In connection with this area, known as Blackwater Draw Locality No. 1 site, ENMU operates and maintains both the Blackwater Draw National Historic Landmark and the Blackwater Draw Museum. Students learn aspects of museums, museum work, museum studies, archaeology and anthropology through experiential work here. Eastern also houses the Roosevelt County Museum, the Fred Miles Geological and Archaeological collection, and a natural history museum.

The physical plant of the ENMU Portales campus has approximately 56 buildings and structures centered about a pedestrian mall. Scientific research activities are conducted in Roosevelt Hall where both transmission and scanning electron microscopes are available for use by faculty and students.

The Broadcast Center is a part of the Communication Building and home to Eastern New Mexico University's state-of-the-art digital television studios. Students studying in the field of communication have the opportunity for hands-on experience in the operation of the University's broadcast stations, where they can work closely with the professional staff in creating programs for both radio and television. KENW-TV provides both entertainment and educational programming to the general public, to area public schools and to homeschoolers. During the regular school year, KENW-TV produces at least five different weekly TV programs as well as nightly newscasts. The newscasts are produced entirely by students under the direction of the KENW-TV news director. Students also assist with other KENW-TV productions. The station is an affiliate of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) and the National Educational Television Association (NETA). With the new digital technology, KENW-TV is able to broadcast three channels of programming 24/7/365. Digital Channel 3-1 is the station's High Definition channel; Channel 3-2 is a Standard Definition Channel (SD) that feeds programming to some 25 cable companies in Eastern New Mexico and parts of West Texas, as well as to DirecTV and Dish Network that carry the station's programming to most of the State of New Mexico; Channel 3-3 (SD) is KENW-TV's Children/Encore service, with programs for youngsters being broadcast from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and encore programs for adults from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. the next morning. Students also assist in the operation of KENW-FM, an affiliate of National Public Radio (NPR), American Public Media (APM), and the Beethoven

Satellite Network (BSN). The FM station can be heard throughout the entire Eastern side of New Mexico and parts of West Texas. To accomplish this wide coverage, KENW-FM has five full-power FM transmitters and over a dozen translators scattered throughout the Eastern half of the State of New Mexico.

Golden Library, with a collection of books, videos, CDs, and United States and New Mexico government documents, serves as a resource to the entire region. Automation and networking agreements provide access to many journals and to the resources of most of the world's libraries. The library computer lab provides students with word-processing and presentation software as well as Internet access. Special Collections contains the University Archives, historical photographs, oral histories and the world-famous Jack Williamson Science Fiction Library. This library features the books, magazines, and manuscripts of science fiction writer Jack Williamson, as well as the works of other authors. Golden Library is the repository for the papers of New Mexico's Congressman Harold Runnels. The Library houses over 300 works of art and is used as a laboratory for students learning to mount exhibits and operate an art gallery.

The University Theatre Center houses a 420-seat proscenium theatre and a 150-seat experimental theatre space. Next to it is the University Computer Center, a facility with modern student computer labs and technologically equipped classrooms.

ENMU-Roswell

Established in 1958, Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell is a dynamic academic and career oriented university. The ENMU-Roswell campus offers 76 certificates and degrees in 41 academic and career/technical programs. Each semester, ENMU-Roswell provides a variety of educational opportunities to more than 6,000 students through a variety of credit and non-credit classes and numerous community partnerships. Selected bachelor's and master's level degree programs are also available online and on-site from the main campus in Portales. A full range of career advising services are available, in addition to a customized training program (Center for Workforce and Community Development) for business and industry and a unique program for students with disabilities. More than 100 courses are taught online each semester. ENMU-Roswell also offers several online degrees: Associate of Applied Science in Police Science, Associate of Arts in Business Administration, Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice, Associate of Arts in University Studies, and Certificate of Completion in Allied Health Education.

Accreditation

ENMU-Roswell is accredited as an operationally separate campus by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Extended degree courses offered on the Roswell Campus are accredited through the main campus in Portales.

Further information regarding ENMU-Roswell and catalogs can be obtained from the Office of Admissions, ENMU-Roswell, P.O. Box 6000, Roswell, NM 88202-6000, phone 575-624-7149. Toll-free: 1-800-243-6687. www.roswell.enmu.edu

ENMU-Ruidoso

The college in Ruidoso was established in 1991 as an Off-Campus Instruction Center, offering Lincoln County residents access to college level academic and career technical courses. In July 2005, the Ruidoso Campus was legislatively approved as a branch of ENMU becoming the 18th two-year college in New Mexico. ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College is a comprehensive two-year college offering Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees as well as numerous Occupational Educational Certificates of Completion. Upper level undergraduate and graduate course work offered through ENMU's distance education program may be completed in Ruidoso and is fully transferable to the Portales campus. ENMU-Ruidoso offers community education classes, customized training workshops and adult basic education courses, and operates a One-Stop Career Center providing free employment services for employers and those seeking career information.

For additional information about ENMU-Ruidoso programs and services call toll free 800-934-3668. Catalogs and admission information are available from the Student Advising Center, ENMU-Ruidoso, 709 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345, phone 575-257-2120 or www.ruidoso.enmu.edu.

Graduate School

Graduate study was instituted at ENMU in 1948 and has been accredited since 1953. Graduate degrees are offered with majors in the following:

- Anthropology
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Communication
- Communicative Disorders (with an emphasis in Speech-Language Pathology)
- Counseling
- Education (with emphases in Bilingual Education, Education Administration, Educational Technology, Elementary Education, English as a Second Language, Pedagogy and Learning, Professional Technical Education, Reading/Literacy, and Secondary Education)
- English (with an emphasis in Literatures and Cultures of Migration)
- Physical Education (with emphases in Sport Administration and Sport Science)
- School Counseling
- Special Education

In addition, the following disciplines may intermittently offer graduate courses: accounting, agriculture, art, computer information systems, computer science, economics, family and consumer sciences, finance, French, geography, geology, Greek, Hebrew, history, humanities, management, marketing, music, music education, philosophy, physical sciences, physics, political science, psychology, religion, sociology, Spanish, statistics, technology education, theatre and vocational education.

The programs of study have been carefully selected to serve the purpose of two distinct groups of post-baccalaureate students: (1) those who wish to study for various masters degrees, and (2) those who wish to pursue graduate work without intending to apply credits toward an advanced degree. All inquiries regarding admission to the Graduate School or requests for Graduate Catalogs should be addressed to the Graduate School, ENMU Station 24, 1500 S Ave K, Administration Building Room 216, Portales, NM 88130, phone 575-562-2147.