

About Eastern New Mexico University

The Mission

Eastern New Mexico University combines a traditional learning environment with 21st 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 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.

The 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 Friends of Eastern Foundation provides exceptional funding for scholarships and program enhancements, and the Alumni Association actively supports the 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 2004–2007 is driven by three strategic goals:

- Goal 1. Re-envision ENMU's academic culture to advance student success.
- Overarching Objective: Place student learning at the center of every institutional action and activity.
- Goal 2. Attract an increasingly diverse student body and enhance students' successful progress toward their academic and personal goals.
- Goal 3. Build effective collaborations on campus and with community, business, and educational partners to further the goals of our institution, region, and state.

For more information on the Eastern New Mexico University Strategic Plan, contact the Office of Planning and Analysis by mail at ENMU Station 2, 1500 S Ave K, Portales, NM or by phone at (505) 562-2315.

History

Although the youngest state university in New Mexico, ENMU looks with pride upon the 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.

The ENMU-Ruidoso Off-Campus Instruction Center opened in 1991. The Center 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 12,800. 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, swine 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 84 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.

ENMU's Broadcast Center houses three 100,000-watt stations — KENW-TV (Channel 3), KENW-FM (89.5), and KMTH-FM (98.7). Communication majors have hands-on experience in the operation of the stations and work closely with the professional staff. KENW-TV provides both entertaining and educational programming to the general public and to area public schools. The Instructional Television Fixed Service (ITFS) in the center provides college-level classes via closed-circuit cable TV to locations in Clovis, Cannon Air Force Base, Hobbs, Roswell and Ruidoso. The Broadcast Center also maintains a closed-circuit cable system capable of delivering multi-channel video material into each classroom on campus. In addition to the Broadcast Center, a student-operated radio station is located on campus.

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 resident 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 250-seat experimental theatre space. Next to it is the University Computer Center, a newly-developed facility with modern student computer labs and technologically equipped classrooms.

Distance Education

ENMU has been a pioneer in distance education with approximately 30 years of experience in alternative delivery systems for educational programs. ENMU began a distance education program by offering courses in other communities in 1957 and in 1978 began offering instruction through educational television. Today, programs are offered in a variety of communities in southeast New Mexico primarily through interactive instructional television but also by ENMU faculty who drive to distant sites and via the Internet. Programs feature a variety of delivery mechanisms, both across programs and within courses, depending on the nature and content of individual courses.

Currently the most extensive outreach effort involves ENMU's interactive instructional television with approximately 65 courses offered each semester. Interactive instructional television has created a network of classes in communities in the southeast part of New Mexico connected to a classroom on campus. The instructional television program provides one-way video and two-way audio connection to live classes offered on the Portales campus, allowing students the opportunity to participate in class discussions and activities with students at other sites. Through this system, students can pursue degrees or certificates. Faculty who teach on the instructional television system are highly qualified tenure-track and tenured faculty who have been trained to teach in this environment. ENMU's interactive instructional television system uses a trained facilitator at each receive site to assist the faculty member and students. ENMU's commitment to extended learning is campus-wide. Golden Library provides extensive electronic and human support to extended learning students. Campus services, such as advising, financial aid and other support services, are also available.

As part of its commitment to serving the needs of the citizens of New Mexico, ENMU continues to explore new technologies, such as offering courses on the Internet. Further, ENMU supports the "Principles of Good Practice for Electronically Offered Academic Degree and Certificate Programs" of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. These efforts continue a tradition of service to students and communities in New Mexico. For an update on ENMU's distance education offerings, check the Web at www.enmu.edu.

ENMU-Roswell

Established in 1958, Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell is a dynamic, academic and career oriented university. The ENMU-Roswell campus offers 70 certificates and degrees in 41 academic and career/technical programs. Each semester, ENMU-Roswell provides a variety of educational opportunities to close to 10,000 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 through the main campus in Portales. More than 60 upper division and graduate level courses are offered at ENMU-Roswell each semester through ENMU's Interactive Instructional Television System and on-site instruction. 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. Close to 100 courses are also taught online

each semester and ENMU-Roswell also offers complete online Associate of Arts degrees in University Studies and Criminal Justice. An online Associate of Applied Science degree is also available in Computer Application Systems.

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, (505) 624-7149.

Toll-free: 1-800-243-6687. www.roswell.enmu.edu

ENMU-Ruidoso

Established in fall 1991, ENMU-Ruidoso is a “limited” community college offering a two-year academic and vocational curriculum. Academic course work completed in the Ruidoso campus will be fully transferable to ENMU-Portales. The campus focuses on courses leading to the Associate of Arts degrees with majors in business, child development, general studies, studio art and psychology; and Associate of Applied Science in selected vocational majors. The center also offers basic skills courses and some certification programs. Adult basic education, adult literacy and community education courses are also offered, as well as the GED examination and several industry standard computer licenses.

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 (with emphases in Applied Ecology; Botany; Cell, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology; Education; and Zoology)
- Business Administration
- Chemistry (with emphasis in Analytical, Biochemistry, Inorganic, Organic, Physical 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, Reading/Literacy, Secondary Education)
- English
- Mathematics
- Physical Education (with emphases in Sport Administration and Sport Science)
- School Guidance
- Special Education

In addition, the following disciplines 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 (505) 562-2147.

Center for Teaching Excellence

The ENMU Center for Teaching Excellence aims to improve the practice of education in New Mexico. The center strives to identify and encourage effective teaching practices and educational programs statewide. To this end, the center promotes the widespread application of research on teaching excellence through efforts to secure, develop, coordinate, and administer resources and programs to support exemplary teaching at all levels. This is accomplished through action research grants, professional development grants, university collaborator grants, university-initiated project grants and effective university instruction research grants.

The center systematically links the statewide expertise of university faculty in research, content areas, assessment, and dissemination with the expertise of innovative, caring public school educators who are motivated to make a difference for New Mexico students. Materials on topics relevant to improving instruction in grades K–12 and higher education are available and can be checked out. For further information contact the Center for Teaching Excellence, ENMU Station 11, 1500 S Ave K, Technology Building; Room 115, Portales, NM 88130, phone (505) 562-2266 or fax (505) 562-2546.

New Mexico Educational Software Clearinghouse

The New Mexico Educational Software Clearinghouse was established in 1995 to collect and display educational software in support of school teachers in Eastern's service region. This clearinghouse, supported through funds from ENMU, is housed in the Center for Teaching Excellence, Technology building, Room 115. Current holdings exceed 250 programs. The clearinghouse has placed special emphasis on collecting software useful in teaching students with limited English skills and other special needs students. In 1996, Edmark®, publishers of a line of educational programs, authorized the clearinghouse as one of its official software review sites. As a review site, the clearinghouse receives all of Edmark's award-winning software for display. Students and teachers with a valid ENMU ID can now check out materials for review Monday–Friday from 8am–5pm. The clearinghouse also houses educational movies and some computer and statistical software.