We are one of the hidden gems on campus where students have the opportunity to get the same kind of education available at elite liberal arts colleges without the outrageous price tag.

— Miriam Chaiken
Honors College Dean

Dean’s Message
Greetings, and Bienvenidos!

Thank you for your interest in the William Conroy Honors College at NMSU! The Honors College is a small gem within this big and diverse university. Here, students have an opportunity to take courses that fulfill general education requirements in small-group settings with some of the best, most engaging faculty on the campus. Advanced students have the opportunity to continue taking Honors courses in their majors, and complete original senior capstone projects that set them apart from the crowd. Our students excel in every way possible – engaging in creative original research, winning prestigious national and international awards, participating in life-altering internships, service learning projects and outreach activities, and gaining entrance to exciting jobs and graduate programs after leaving the university. We invite you to join us at the Honors College and see what exciting possibilities lie before you.

Miriam Chaiken
Dean of the Conroy Honors College
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Our Classes

As an honors student, you’ll participate in lively discussions and study exciting topics that range from studying the various renditions of the legends of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table to examining cultures from around the world. You will go from understanding conflicts between the Islamic world and the West, to learning about careers in science.

Our dynamic professors and researchers – teachers representing departments from throughout the university – foster collaboration, interaction and personal discovery. With the average class size of 16, you’ll make new friends and create new connections for life.
Discover New Opportunities

The Honors College Living Learning Community offers you an opportunity you will not get anywhere else on campus. Being part of a close-knit community gives you the advantage of exchanging new ideas and gaining new knowledge outside the classroom in a more social environment. The Honors College LLC is housed in the Rhodes Garrett Hamiel Residence Hall.

LLCs offer opportunities for peer advising and mentoring, study groups, interactions with faculty and academic staff, and extracurricular activities and programs.

Crimson Scholar Mentors share their study skills and knowledge through peer advising. In addition, residential mentors and peer advisors are responsible for developing extracurricular social and cultural programs.

Being part of the honors college community has been a rewarding experience. The learning environment is encouraging because students are engaged and professors are passionate about what they teach. Classes offered, spark intellectual curiosity and challenge you to move beyond lessons taught in a traditional classroom. Opportunity to travel and learn in a different country may also add to the course dynamic as it did for me through the Sundt Honors Scholars seminar, The Archeology of Sustainability trip to Yucatan, México.

Sativa Cruz
Major: Environmental Sciences
Sundt Honors Scholar
I am grateful for all the amazing mentors, encouraging faculty and supportive peers here at NMSU. They have all enhanced my undergraduate experience. This goes to show that NMSU has many incredible resources available for students that can help us accomplish our goals.

Chiann-Ling Cindy Yeh
Major: Genetics and Biotechnology
Barry Goldwater Scholarship

Requirements
Students must have a combined ACT score of 26 or above, or have a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.75. A petition process is available for students who do not meet these requirements.

Crimson Scholars
All Crimson Scholars are eligible to take classes in the Honors College. This program offers early registration, extended library checkout privileges, special work-study opportunities and recognition on your transcript.

Graduating with University Honors
Every student, regardless of their major, can participate in Honors courses. Students who complete 18 credits in Honors (nine of which must be upper division), including a senior capstone experience, will graduate with the University Honors designation on their transcript and diploma. This important achievement is recognized in a special ceremony at the Honors College where students receive the Honors medallion that they wear at the commencement ceremony to denote their special status.
The Conroy Honors Center

Students are privileged to take courses in the beautiful Conroy Building, a lovingly restored historic building from the early 20th Century. The Commons Room offers space to study, relax between classes and meet with your study groups. Our classrooms are designed to facilitate discussion and engagement.

Sundt Scholars

Every spring the Honors College teaches the Sundt Seminar, which offers a unique opportunity for experiential learning focused on timely global issues. Recent Sundt Seminars have examined tropical ecology and climate change in Costa Rica, and the issue of resilience and collapse of the Mayan culture of Mexico. These classes, and the students’ travel expenses, are partially subsidized by a generous gift from the Eugene Sundt endowment.

ONSIE

With support from the Office of National Scholarships and International Education, you will discover exciting opportunities to advance your career through graduate or professional school, public service and study abroad programs.

We can help you identify scholarships and fellowships for which you are eligible, assist you in building your qualifications and guide you in crafting a winning application.

Supported by the resources of the Office of National Scholarships and International Education, our students have won more than $1 million in prestigious fellowships and scholarships.

Get started at honors.nmsu.edu/onsie. Be sure to make an appointment to meet with, Dr. Ketelaar, the Director of ONSIE. Email onsie@nmsu.edu or call 575-646-2005.
URCAS

Every spring students from all over the campus participate in the Undergraduate Research and Creative Arts Symposium (URCAS). We learn about the important research, cutting edge scholarship, and innovative creative and performing arts that our Honors students are achieving.

Honors Alumni

“For me, what mattered most was the support that the Honors College provided. Whether it was through mentors like Dr. Elba Serrano, or being able to sign up for classes early, it was always helpful to be supported by the Honors College community.”

— Danielle Miyagishima

“The most memorable thing about being a part of the Honors College was my very first honors course in philosophy with Dr. Cleveland. Taking his course opened my eyes to a whole new field of study, and I eventually majored in philosophy because my interest was sparked by this course.”

— Arthur Tillbrook