



# DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

Dual Enrollment provides access to courses that deliver simultaneous credit toward high school graduation and a post-secondary degree or certificate through purposeful course selection and guided pathways.

APRIL 2022

**¡EXCELENCIA EN ACCIÓN!  
EXCELLENCE IN ACTION!**

**THANK YOU! ¡GRACIAS! TAH-AH!**

Thank you to all our amazing faculty and staff for supporting dual enrollment. Your expertise and dedication continues to be instrumental in the academic success of our students. Our robust dual credit program thrives on the collaboration and partnerships that fuel opportunities for our students.



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UNM-Taos has eligible high school students from nine surrounding school districts, including 11 high schools, charter schools, and homeschooled students. Career interest cohorts and general academic advising provide purposeful selection of general education core and career exploration courses.

## JOIN US!

### SPRING FLING OPEN HOUSE

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH | 10:00AM-2:00PM  
*UNM-Taos, Klauer Campus*

**Mark your calendars for UNM-Taos' Spring Fling Open House!**



UNM-Taos' Spring Fling Open House will feature games, information booths, mock classes, giveaways, and food!

This is a great opportunity for students to visit campus, see all UNM-Taos has to offer, and prepare them to enroll for Fall 2022 semester!

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### Summer & Fall 2022 Registration Information

For inquiries of eligibility, please contact your high school counselor or dual credit liaison. See bottom of pg. 3 for contact information of partner high schools.

#### Summer 2022 Session

Classes Begin: June 6, 2022  
Classes End: August 1, 2022

#### Fall 2022 Session

Classes Begin: August 22, 2022  
End Date: December 17, 2022

**UNM-Taos Dual Credit enrollment applications are due Friday, May 27th!**

**DEAN'S CORNER**

A message from Dr. Randi Archuleta  
UNM-Taos Dean of Instruction

Throughout Northern New Mexico, we engage and encourage youth by creating pathways into higher education. Our diverse course offerings and the expertise of our faculty and staff, afford students the opportunity to be introduced and trained through curriculum that inspires their journey and transition into life after high school.

I recognize the time and energy that goes into making this program a success. A special thanks to Dr. T and Kelsey, our new Dual Enrollment Operations Specialist, for your amazing leadership in the communities we serve. I appreciate the commitment of our UNM-Taos faculty and staff, and the dedication of our dual credit students, parents, and regional high school partners. Together we make a difference!

I hope everyone is having a great spring semester. We look forward to working with you all again in the summer and fall.

**COURSE SPOTLIGHT: ARTH 1120**

**ARTH 1120 | Introduction to Art**  
Instructor: Paula King, MFA



**ARTH 1120: Introduction to Art is available to Dual Credit students during Summer and Fall 2022 semesters. This course satisfies the Arts and Design core requirement for degree completion.**

**Do you enjoy art, history, humanities, and the study of world cultures? This class is for you!**

This foundational course introduces and explores art-making processes, art materials, and techniques used by artists, designers, and architects. Studies feature iconic artists throughout history, major art movements, and a creative project using photography.

Arth 1120 heightens awareness and understanding of our modern visual culture at a personal, societal, cultural, and historical level.

**Paula enjoys Dual Credit students in class and the excitement demonstrated throughout the course!**

**INTRODUCING DR. GUTIERREZ**



**Welcome, Dr. Mary Gutierrez!**

On August 1, 2021, Dr. Mary Gutierrez was named Chancellor for University of New Mexico-Taos.

Dr. Gutierrez has over 25 years of experience and came to UNM-Taos after serving as the Vice President of Instruction at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, California.

When discussing the advantages of Dual Enrollment, she states: *"Dual Enrollment is a great opportunity for high school students to add additional challenge or variety to their high school courses. It offers a chance to try college with little risk and can help students begin to see themselves as college students."*

*Students who start in dual credit can continue at UNM-Taos and then directly enter a career field or transfer to a four-year institution and graduate without debt."*

We are excited to have Dr. Gutierrez at UNM-Taos, advocating for our students and communities!

**FACULTY SPOTLIGHT**

**Benjamin Aguilar**  
UNM-Taos Adjunct Faculty, Criminal Justice

Ben Aguilar has been an instructor at UNM-Taos for the last 18 years and teaches different criminal justice classes. While teaching at UNM-Taos, he also works full-time in the electrical wiring field.

Ben is a faculty favorite among Dual Credit students. He says, *"Students know me as an instructor that will always put them first; the classes I teach are their classes, not mine."* Ben will support students and assist them to achieve their educational goals.

Many of his former students now work in the criminal justice field, including the courts, prosecutors' offices, detention centers, and as federal, state and city police officers.

**UPCOMING FALL 2022 COURSES:**

- CJUS 1140 - Juvenile Justice System
- SOCI 2120 - Introduction Criminal Justice System

**STAFF SPOTLIGHT**

*UNM-Taos' Dual Enrollment program wouldn't be what it is without our Dual Credit partners and liaisons. Thank you for all you do for students and their academic success!*



**Juanita Manzanares**  
Chama Valley Independent School District

Ms. Juanita Manzanares, Coordinator of the Dual Enrollment Program from the Chama Valley Independent School District was awarded

*Excellence in Student Achievement* by the New Mexico School Boards Association in 2021. She has directed the Dual Enrollment Program in Chama for over 10 years and has partnered with UNM-Taos for the last eight years. We are excited to continue our partnership with Ms. Manzanares and Escalante High School!



**Dr. Loyola Bird, Jicarilla Apache Nations**  
Dulce School District

We congratulate Dr. Bird for earning her Ph.D in English from the University of New Mexico in 2021!

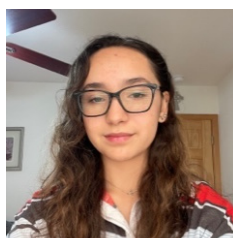
With Dr. Bird's expertise in writing and doctorate from UNM-Albuquerque, she offers two levels of college writing for her students at Dulce High School. With her tribal and family roots in Dulce and the Jicarilla Apache Nations, she is an excellent mentor and role model for all. *Congratulations!*

**DO YOU HAVE A STUDENT OR STORY YOU'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT IN OUR NEWSLETTER?**

**LET US KNOW!**

Email [UNMTaosDC@unm.edu](mailto:UNMTaosDC@unm.edu) to share your story and we will feature it in the newsletter's next edition!

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**



**Autumn Nieto | Taos Academy**  
Autumn has been taking dual credit courses since the start of her sophomore year. She is working toward obtaining her Associates degree in Liberal Arts, and is only 16 credit hours away from achieving this goal. Her dedication and communication skills are an inspiration for our dual credit students.



**Jose Torrez | Escalante High School**  
Jose Torrez, Jr. is a senior at Escalante High School. He is currently on track to obtain his high school diploma and Associate of Science in Pre-Science at the end of spring semester. He is a student athlete, senior class President, and Student Senate President all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

**FALL 2022 SEMESTER**

**FRIDAY EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM**

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Experience campus life and earn tuition-free college credit while in high school.

**Course offerings will include:**

- Psychology
- Sociology
- Criminal Justice
- Public Speaking
- American Studies
- Film and Digital Media

To be eligible, students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA for academic courses and a 2.0 for Career / Technical (CTE) courses.

**FCEP APPLICATIONS DUE FRIDAY, MAY 27**

**UNM-Taos Dual Enrollment Partner Schools 2022**

**Escalante High School**

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