

International Student Statistics Fall 2025

Background Information

These statistics represent a snapshot of the international student population at the University of New Mexico taken in the Fall 2025 semester and are largely the same as those reported to "Open Doors", the national survey published by the Institute of International Education (IIE).

For purposes of this report the definition of "International students" listed below includes 3 groups: 1) academic degree-seeking students on non-immigrant visas, 2) all intensive English students enrolled in the CELAC program, and 3) all full-time exchange, guest or non-degree students coming from abroad and enrolled at UNM for the Fall 2025 semester. "Exchange/Guest" students are those who are visiting UNM for one semester or one year as a part of an official agreement between UNM and a university abroad. Exchange agreements are bilateral, while Guest agreements only involve students coming to UNM. Non-degree international students listed here are those in certificate programs.

Students are only counted once in this report. For example, if a student is enrolled primarily as an Exchange student, but is taking intensive English classes, they are only included in the Exchange numbers and not in the intensive English numbers. Students on "practical training" are shown in the first chart only. These students are authorized and monitored by an international advisor at UNM to engage in work in their field following completion of their program of study. Practical training students are still on F or J visas sponsored by UNM but are typically no longer attending UNM as full-time students. Please note that these "practical training" students are not included in any other statistics in this report.

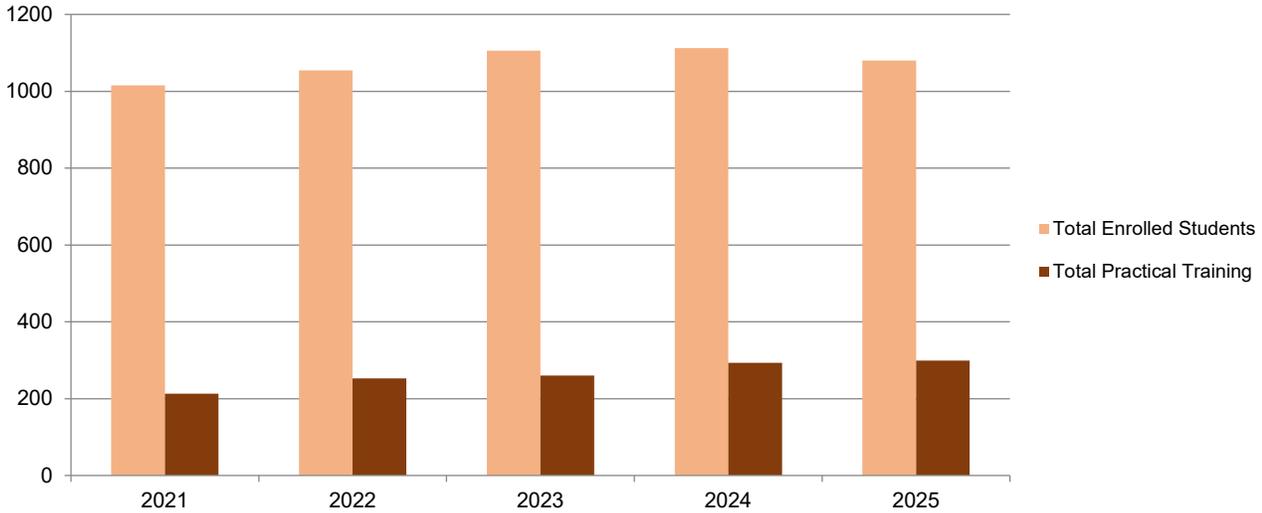
A separate report on international students newly enrolling for Fall 2025 can be requested from the Global Education Office or viewed on our website at: global.unm.edu. For more information, contact Linda Melville, Director, International Student and Scholar Services, 2120 Mesa Vista Hall, Telephone: 505- 277-4032, E-mail: lmelvill@unm.edu

Observations

- The total number of enrolled international students decreased by 2.88% in Fall 2025 from 1112 to 1080.
- Changes over last year (by level):
 - Undergraduate students – increased 10.37%.
 - Graduate students – decreased 7.54% (21.77% decreased in master's students and 3.01% increase in doctoral students).
 - Intensive English students - decreased 15.79%.
 - 'Practical training' students (students on post completion work permission) - increased 2.05%.
 - Exchange/Guest students – decreased 20.31%.
 - Non-degree students – decreased 25%.
- Over the last five years (Fall 2025 compared with Fall 2021), there has been:
 - 28.48% increase in the number of undergraduate students.
 - 5% increase in graduate students (2.42% increase in master's students and 8.72% decrease in doctoral students).
 - 0% decrease in the exchange student population.
 - 33.33% increase in the Intensive English student population.
- Of all International students enrolled at UNM for Fall 2025, 54.54% were Graduates, 38.43% were Undergraduates, 4.72% were Exchange students, 0.83% were Non-degree/Certificate program students and 1.48% were Intensive English students.
- International students comprised 3.78% of the total UNM population (13.68% of all graduate students excluding Medicine and Law schools at UNM and 2.24% of all undergraduates at UNM)
- International students at UNM come from 101 countries; the top 5 countries represented at UNM are: Nepal, India, Vietnam, Bangladesh, and China respectively.
- In terms of region of origin, Asia has the largest representation at 49.81% of international students.
- 48.89% of international students receive more than half of their funding from UNM.
- 51.11% of international students at the University of New Mexico receive most of their support from sources outside of UNM. Thus, international students who pay non-resident rates contribute a considerable number of tuition dollars to UNM each year. Based on reported sources of income and tuition-residency status, the total amount these students spent on tuition this year was approximately 10.3 million dollars.

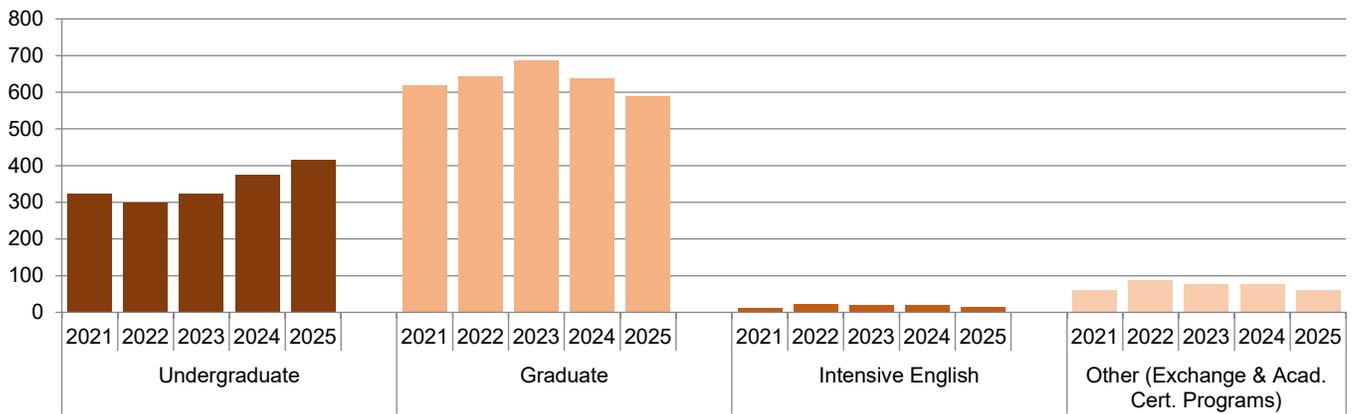
International Student Population Since 2021

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Enrolled Students	1015	1054	1106	1112	1080
Total Practical Training	213	253	260	293	299
Total Students	1228	1307	1366	1405	1379
Population growth over previous year - Total Students	3.54%	6.43%	4.51%	2.86%	-1.85%

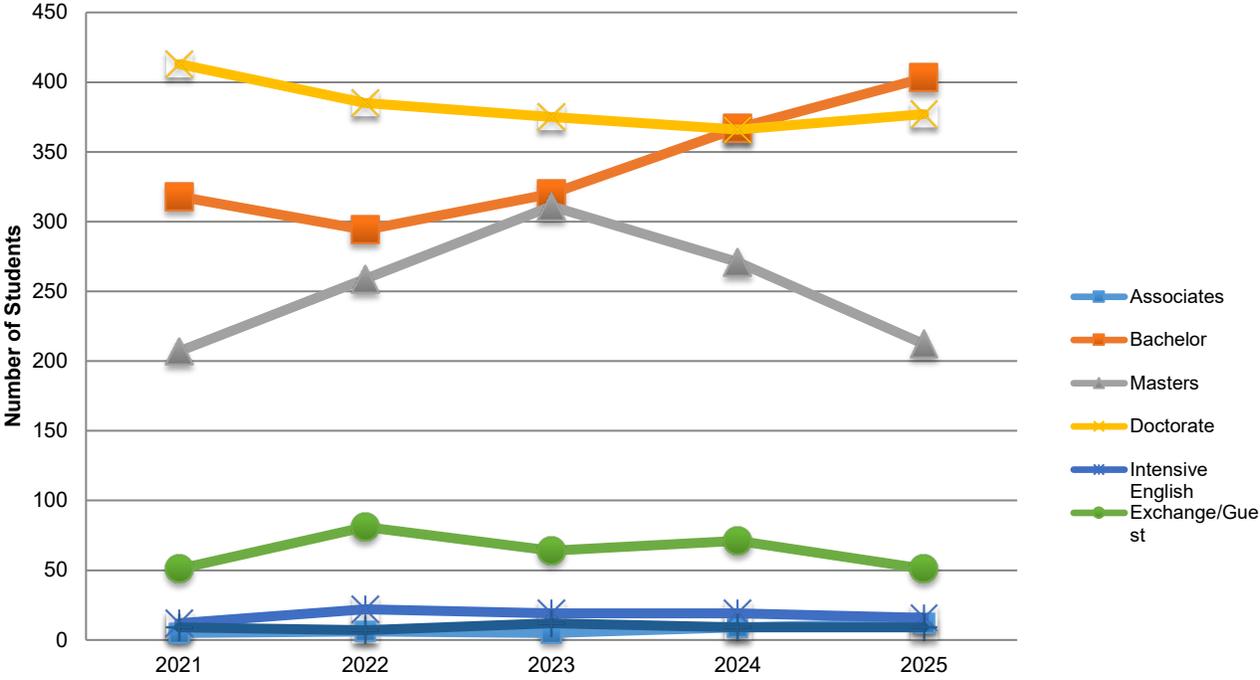
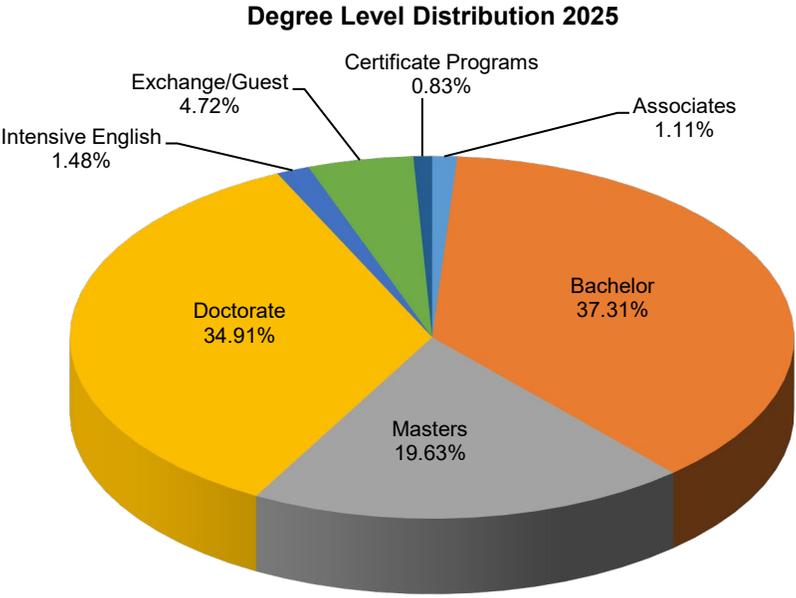


Education Level Distribution Since 2021

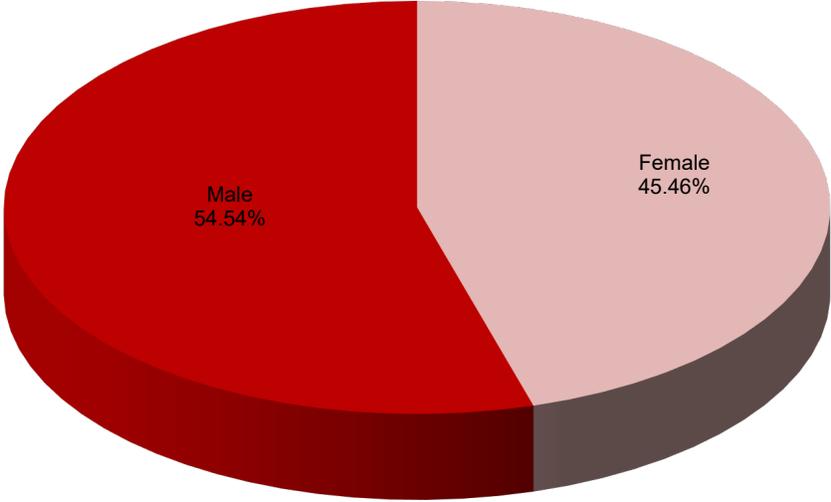
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Undergraduate	323	300	325	376	415
Graduate	620	644	686	637	589
Intensive English	12	22	19	19	16
Exchange/Guest	51	81	64	71	51
Certificate Programs	9	7	12	9	9
Grand Total	1015	1054	1106	1112	1080



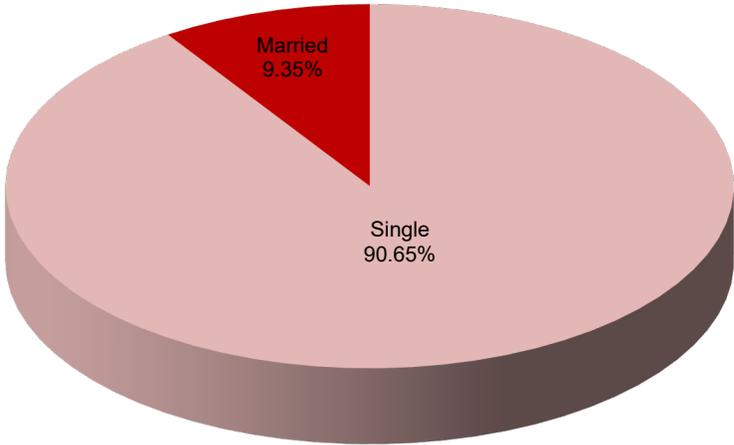
Degree Level Distribution Since 2021					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Associates	5	6	5	9	12
Bachelor	318	294	320	367	403
Masters	207	259	311	271	212
Doctorate	413	385	375	366	377
Intensive English	12	22	19	19	16
Exchange/Guest	51	81	64	71	51
Certificate Programs	9	7	12	9	9
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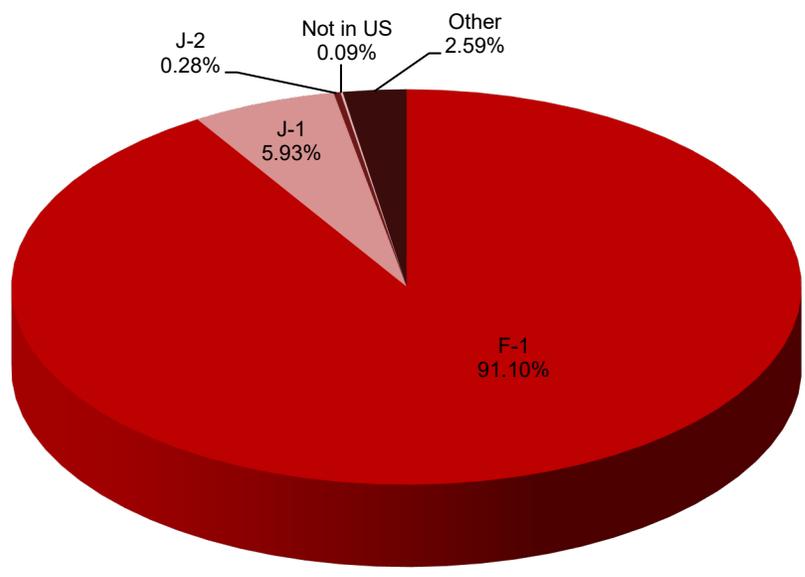
Gender Distribution	
Fall 2025	
Female	491
Male	589
Total	1080



Marital Status	
Fall 2025	
Single	979
Married	101
Total	1080



Visa Types	
Fall 2025	
F-1	983
F-2	1
J-1	64
J-2	3
Not in US	1
Other	28
Total	1080

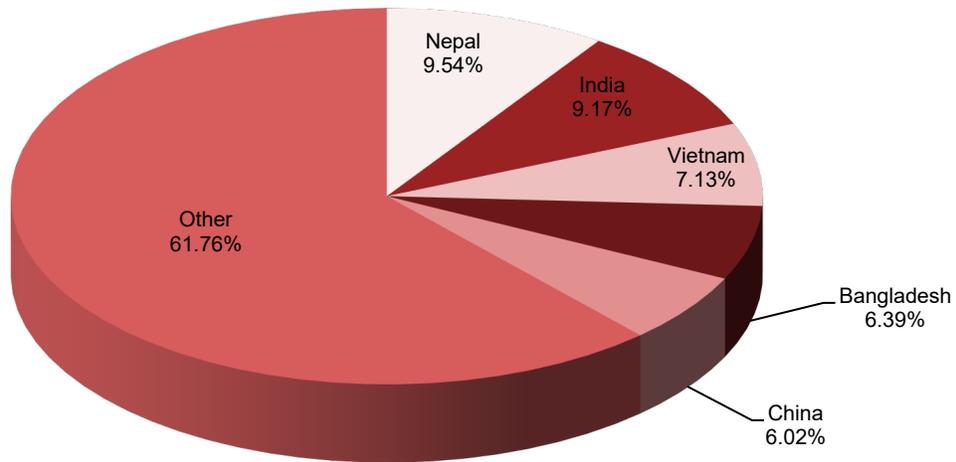


Country of Citizenship

Country of Citizenship	# of student	Country of Citizenship	# of student
Albania	2	Macedonia	1
Angola	1	Madagascar	2
Argentina	3	Malawi	2
Australia	5	Malaysia	1
Azerbaijan	1	Mali	1
Bahamas, The	1	Mexico	48
Bangladesh	69	Mongolia	2
Belgium	3	Morocco	2
Belize	3	Mozambique	2
Bolivia	4	Nepal	103
Botswana	2	Netherlands	9
Brazil	26	Nicaragua	1
Burma	8	Nigeria	36
Cameroon	6	Norway	1
Canada	23	Pakistan	33
Chile	4	Panama	2
China	65	Peru	14
Colombia	20	Philippines	13
Costa Rica	1	Poland	1
Croatia	1	Portugal	3
Czech Republic	1	Romania	1
Denmark	1	Russia	3
Ecuador	9	Rwanda	5
Egypt	7	Saudi Arabia	12
El Salvador	1	Serbia	1
Eritrea	2	Sierra Leone	1
Ethiopia	4	Singapore	3
Finland	2	Slovenia	1
France	16	South Africa	5
Gaza Strip	2	South Korea	27
Georgia	1	Spain	11
Germany	12	Sri Lanka	10
Ghana	40	Sweden	4
Greece	2	Taiwan	7
Haiti	1	Tanzania	4
Honduras	4	Thailand	4
Hong Kong	1	Togo	1
Hungary	5	Turkey	9
India	99	Uganda	2
Indonesia	3	Ukraine	6
Iran	36	United Arab Emirates	1
Iraq	1	United Kingdom	1
Ireland	1	United States	1
Israel	5	Venezuela	2
Italy	15	Vietnam	77
Jamaica	1	Yemen	1
Japan	10	Zimbabwe	1
Jordan	8		
Kazakhstan	1		
Kenya	11		
Kuwait	22		
Kyrgyzstan	1		
Latvia	1		
Lebanon	2		
Libya	2	Grand Total	1080
Lithuania	3	Countries Total	103

**Top Five Enrolling Countries
at UNM – Fall 2025**

Nepal	103
India	99
Vietnam	77
Bangladesh	69
China	65
Other	667
Grand Total	1080

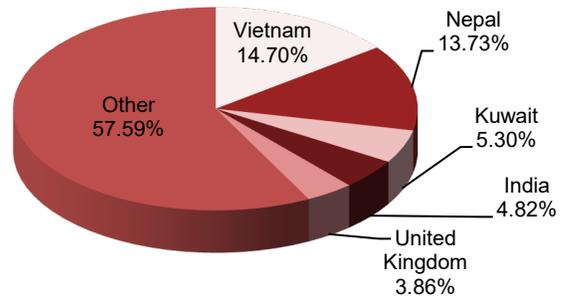


Change in Numbers (Most Popular Countries)

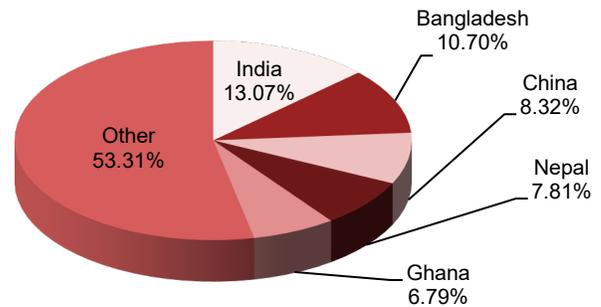
	2020 vs. 2021	2021 vs. 2022	2022 vs. 2023	2023 vs. 2024	2024 vs. 2025
India	+9	+11	+22	-21	-56
China	-26	-30	-16	-2	-27
Nepal	-18	+1	+6	+11	+13
Bangladesh	+5	+13	+4	-4	+1
Mexico	+4	+11	+6	-1	-5

Distribution by Level and Country

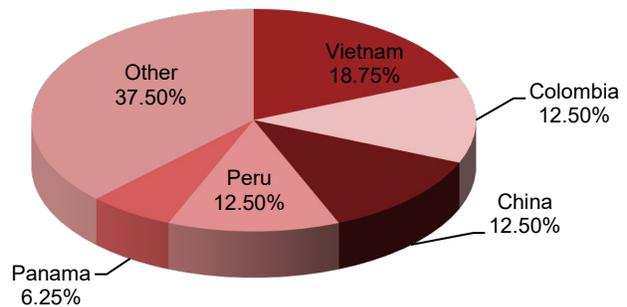
Undergraduates - Top Five Countries	
Vietnam	61
Nepal	57
Kuwait	22
India	20
United Kingdom	16
Other	239
Grand Total	415



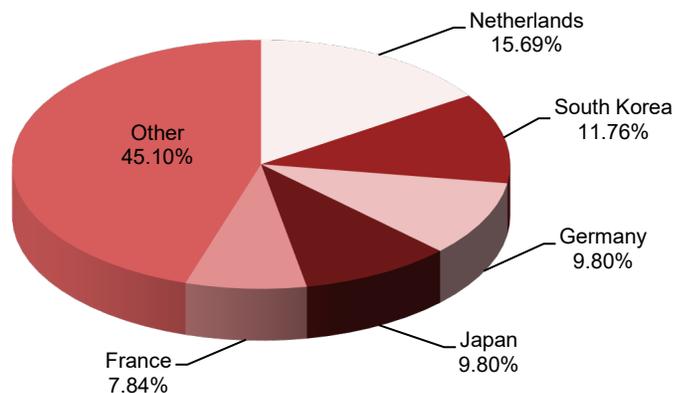
Graduates - Top Five Countries	
India	77
Bangladesh	63
China	49
Nepal	46
Ghana	40
Other	314
Grand Total	589



Intensive English Students - Top Five Countries	
Vietnam	3
Colombia	2
China	2
Peru	2
Panama	1
Other	6
Grand Total	16

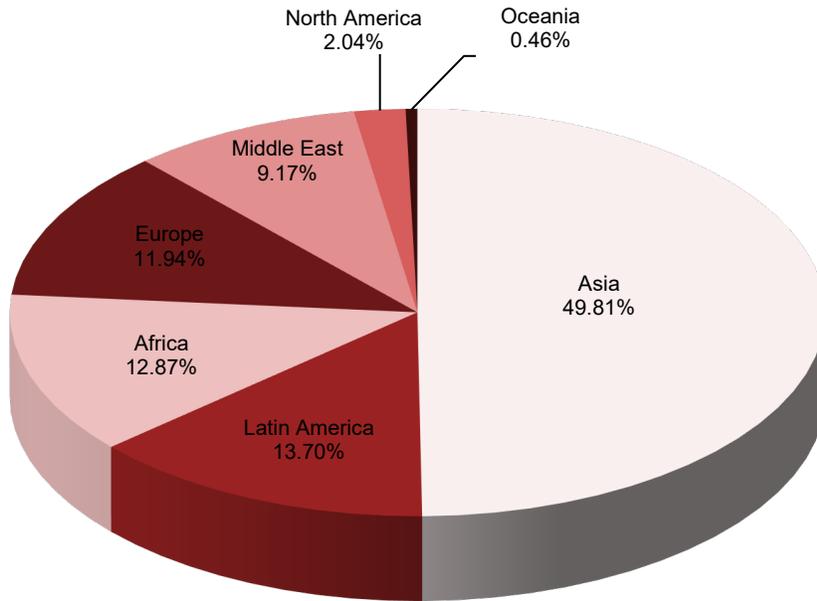


Exchange & Guest - Top Five Countries	
Netherlands	8
South Korea	6
Germany	5
Japan	5
France	4
Other	23
Grand Total	51



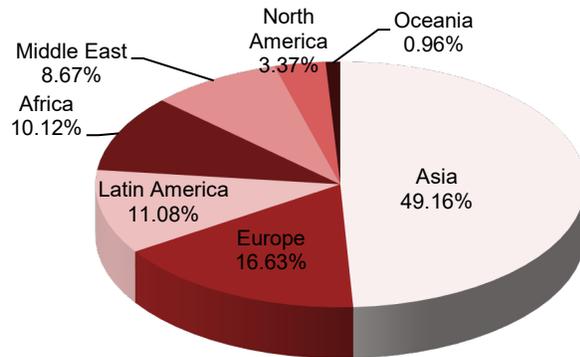
International Students by Region of the World

Asia	538
Latin America	148
Africa	139
Europe	129
Middle East	99
North America	22
Oceania	5
Grand Total	1080

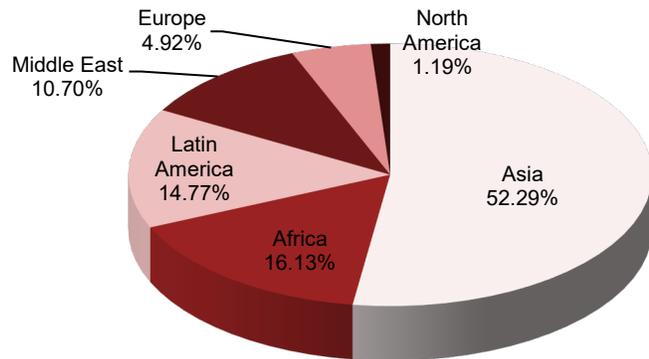


Distribution by Level and Region

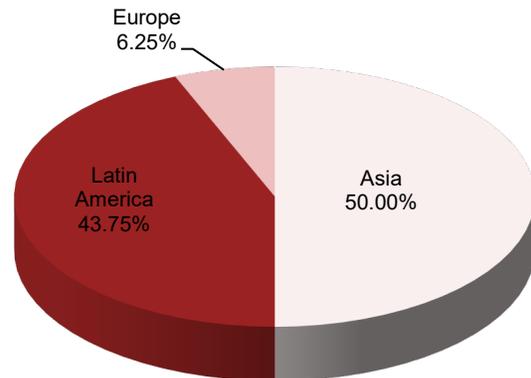
Undergraduates by Region of the World	
Asia	204
Europe	69
Latin America	46
Africa	42
Middle East	36
North America	14
Oceania	4
Grand Total	415



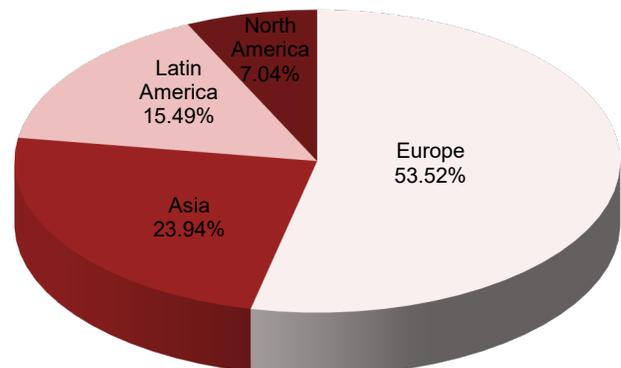
Graduates by Region of the World	
Asia	308
Africa	95
Latin America	87
Middle East	63
Europe	29
North America	7
Grand Total	589



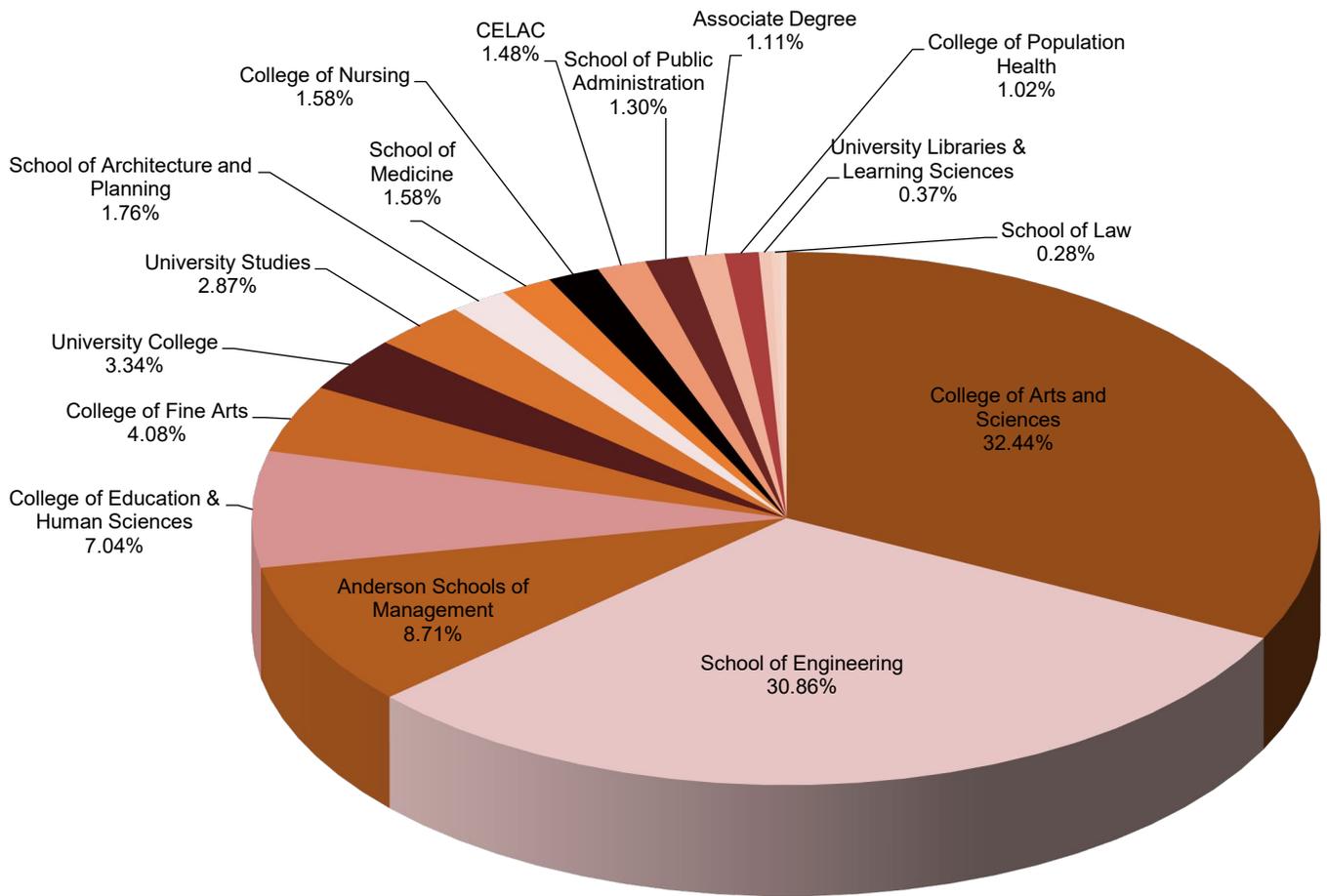
Intensive English Students by Region of the World	
Asia	8
Latin America	7
Europe	1
Grand Total	16



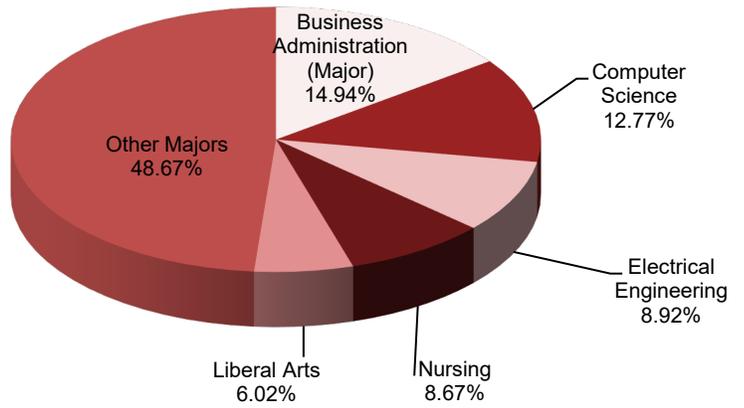
Exchange & Guest by Region of the World	
Europe	38
Asia	17
Latin America	11
North America	5
Grand Total	71



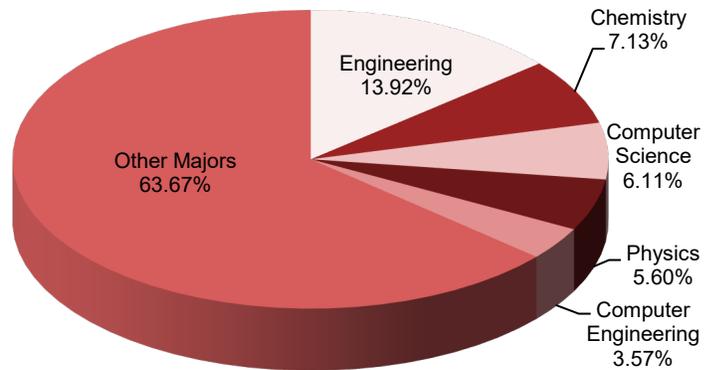
College Enrollment	
College of Arts and Sciences	350
School of Engineering	333
Anderson Schools of Management	94
College of Education & Human Sciences	76
College of Fine Arts	44
University College	36
University Studies	31
School of Architecture and Planning	19
School of Medicine	17
College of Nursing	17
CELAC	16
School of Public Administration	14
Associate Degree	12
College of Population Health	11
University Libraries & Learning Sciences	4
School of Law	3
College of Pharmacy	2
Graduate Programs	1
Grand Total	1080



Top Five Undergraduate Majors	
Business Administration	62
Computer Science	53
Electrical Engineering	37
Nursing	36
Liberal Arts	25
Other Majors	202
Grand Total	415



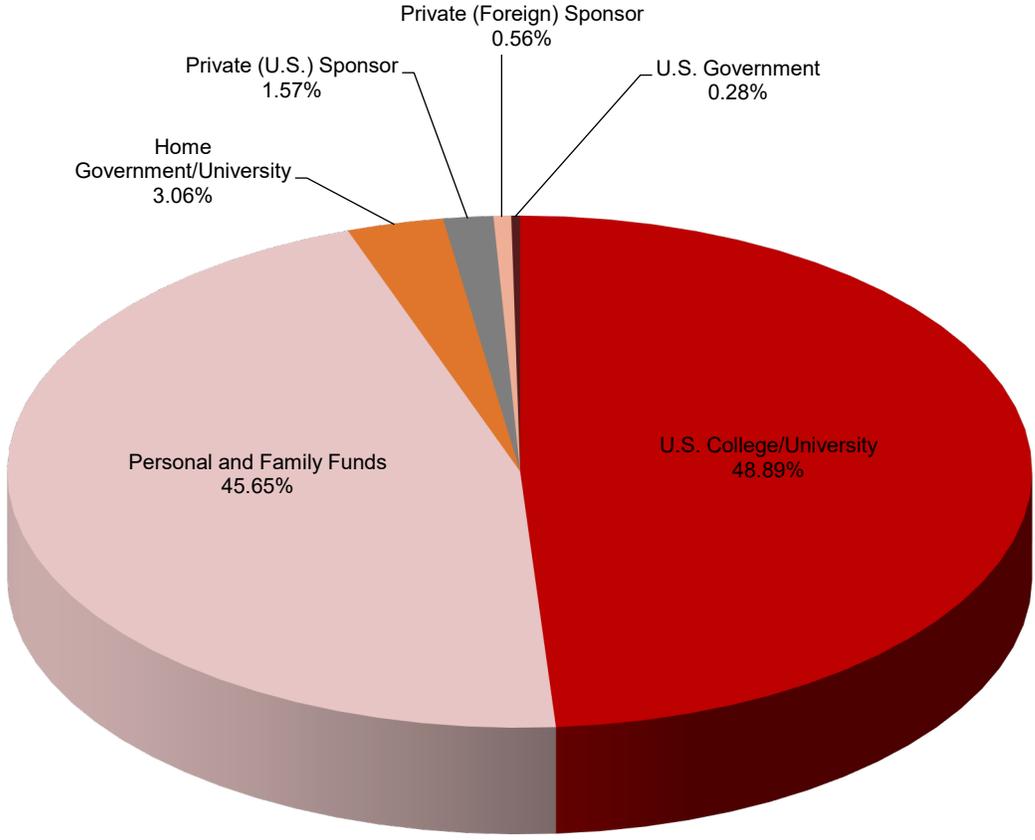
Top Five Graduate Majors	
Engineering	82
Chemistry	42
Computer Science	36
Physics	33
Computer Engineering	21
Other Majors	375
Grand Total	589



*UNM classifies all PhD students in engineering disciplines as “Engineering”, regardless of individual discipline within Engineering.

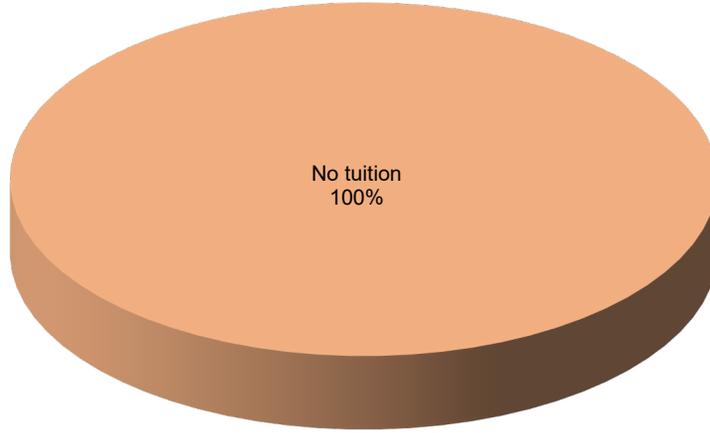
International Student Sources of Funding

U.S. College/University	528
Personal and Family Funds	493
Home Government/University	33
Private (U.S.) Sponsor	17
Private (Foreign) Sponsor	6
U.S. Government	3
Grand Total	1080

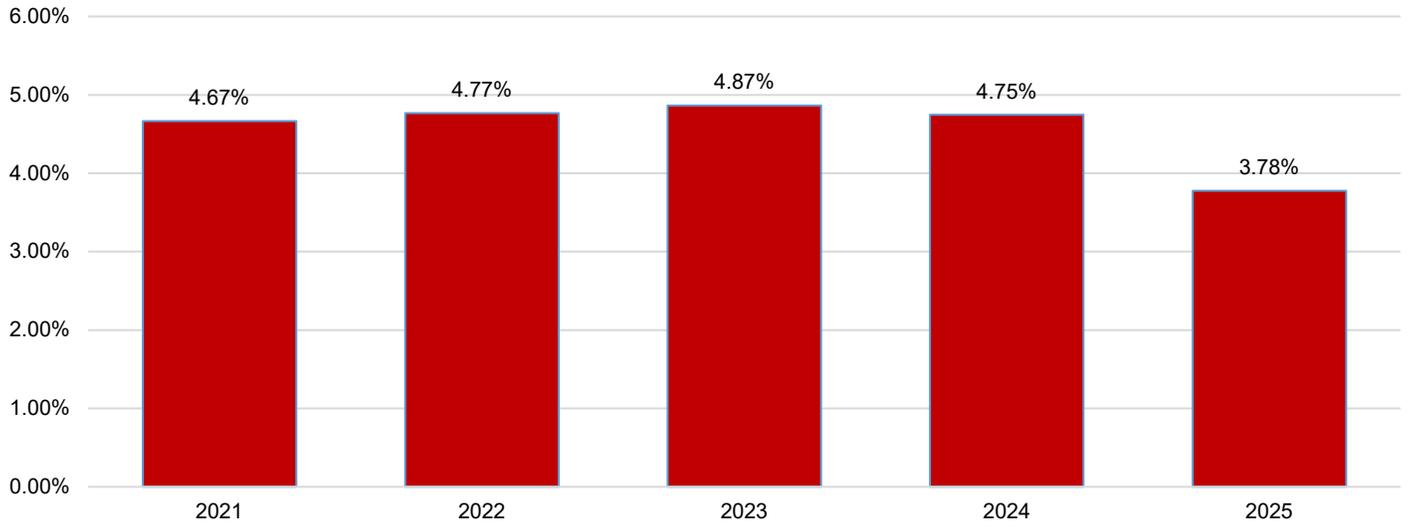


Categories of "Exchange/Guest" students with Payment Types

No tuition	51
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Comparison of Main Campus International Student Population and Total UNM Population										
	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
International	969	4.37%	1010	4.67%	1048	International	969	4.37%	1010	4.67%
Total UNM	22,174	100.00%	21,638	100.00%	21,982	Total UNM	22,174	100.00%	21,638	100.00%



UNM Main Campus Undergraduate and Graduate Enrollment										
	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
International Undergraduates	2.12%	318	1.88%	294	1.93%	320	2.12%	367	2.24%	403
Total UNM Undergraduates	100%	15,031	100%	15,625	100%	16,559	100%	17,274	100%	18,029
International Graduates	12.08%	593	13.34%	619	14.81%	659	14.16%	612	13.68%	589
Total UNM Graduates	100%	4,908	100%	4,639	100%	4,451	100%	4,321	100%	4,306

UNM Main Campus Gender Distribution -- Fall 2025		
Total UNM Students		
Male	10,237	42.73%
Female	13,644	56.96%
Unknown	74	0.31%
Total	23,955	100.00%
International Students		
Male	598	55.99%
Female	492	46.07%
Total	1068	100.00%