International Student Statistics Fall 2020

Background Information

These statistics represent a snapshot of the international student population at the University of New Mexico taken in the fall 2020 semester and are largely the same as those reported to "Open Doors", the national survey published by the Institute of International Education (IIE). For the 2020-2021 Academic year many new students were unable to begin studies at the University of New Mexico and some current students withdrew from the University due to the COVID19 pandemic. The dramatic drop in enrolled students is therefore primarily due to these circumstances and cannot be viewed as an overall trend at this time.

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 2020 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 are in UNM certificate programs.

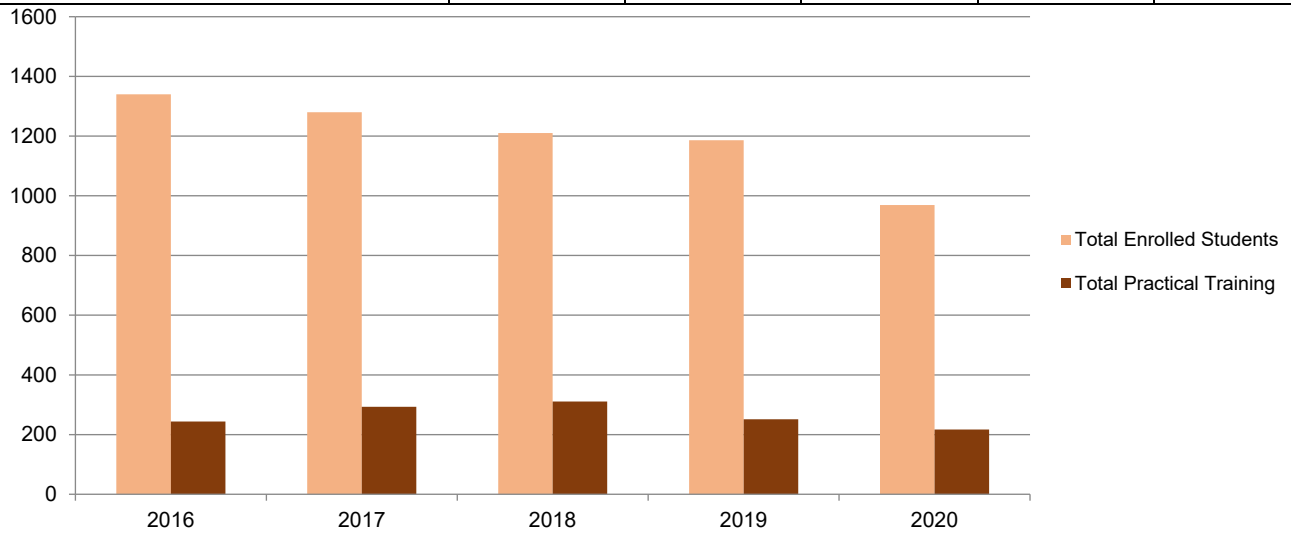
Students are only counted in one group in this report. For example, if a student is enrolled primarily as an Exchange student, but is taking intensive English classes, she is only included in the Exchange numbers and not in the Intensive English numbers. Students on "practical training" are shown in 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 2020 can be requested from the Global Education Office or viewed on our website at: geo.unm.edu. For more information, contact Linda Melville, Director, International Student and Scholar Services, 2120 Mesa Vista Hall, Telephone 277-4032, E-mail: lmelvill@unm.edu.

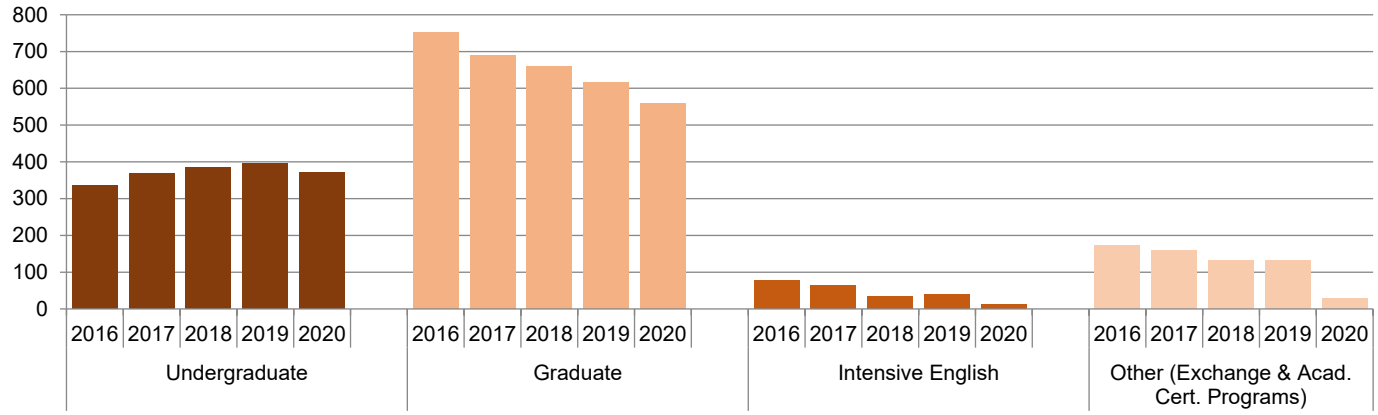
Observations

- The total number of enrolled international students decrease by 18.3% over Fall 2019 (primarily due to COVID19)
- Changes over last year (by level):
    - Undergraduate students - decreased 6.57%
    - Graduate students - decreased 9.24% (15.25% decrease in Master's students and 5.84% decrease in Doctoral students)
    - Intensive English students - decreased 72.5%
    - 'Practical training' students (students on post completion work permission) - decreased 13.55%
    - Exchange students - decreased 83.46%
    - Non-degree students - increased 16.67%
- Over the last five years (Fall 2020 compared with Fall 2016), there has been
    - 10.12% increase in the number of undergraduate students
    - 25.63% decrease in graduate students (38.03% decrease in Master's students and 17.19% decrease in Doctoral students)
    - 87.65% decrease in the exchange student population
    - 85.71% decrease in the Intensive English student population.
- Of all International students enrolled at UNM for Fall 2020, 57.79% were Graduates, 38.18% were Undergraduates, 2.17% were Exchange students, 0.72% were Non-degree/Certificate program students and 1.14% were Intensive English students
- International students comprised 4.25% of the total UNM population (10.37% of all graduates at UNM and 2.29% of all undergraduates at UNM)
- International students at UNM come from 97 countries; the top 5 countries represented at UNM are: China, India, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Iran, respectively
- In terms of region of origin, Asia has the largest representation at 58.72% of international students
- 42.41% of international students receive more than half of their funding from UNM
- 57.59% of international students at the University of New Mexico receive the majority 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 19.3 million dollars.

International Student Population Since 2016					
	2016	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**
Total Enrolled Students	1340	1280	1210	1186	969
Total Practical Training	244	293	311	251	217
Total Students	1584	1573	1521	1437	1186
Population growth over previous year - Enrolled Students only	**0.64%**	**-0.69%**	**-3.31%**	**-5.52%**	**-17.47%**



Education Level Distribution Since 2016					
	2016	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**
Undergraduate	336	368	385	396	370
Graduate	753	690	660	617	560
Intensive English	77	63	33	40	11
Exchange/Guest	170	153	121	127	21
Certificate Programs	4	6	11	6	7
Grand Total	**1340**	**1280**	**1210**	**1186**	**969**



Degree Level Distribution Since 2016					
	2016	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**
Associates	7	9	15	12	6
Bachelor	329	359	370	384	364
Masters	305	264	236	223	189
Doctorate	448	426	424	394	371
Intensive English	77	63	33	40	11
Exchange/Guest	170	153	121	127	21
Certificate Programs	4	6	11	6	7
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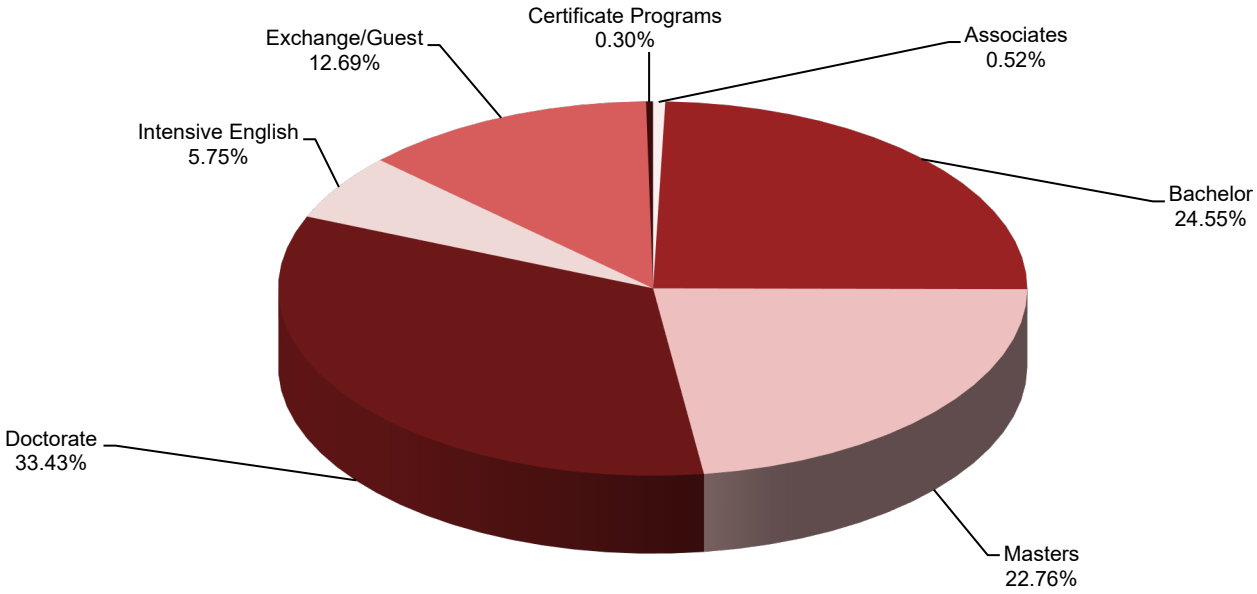
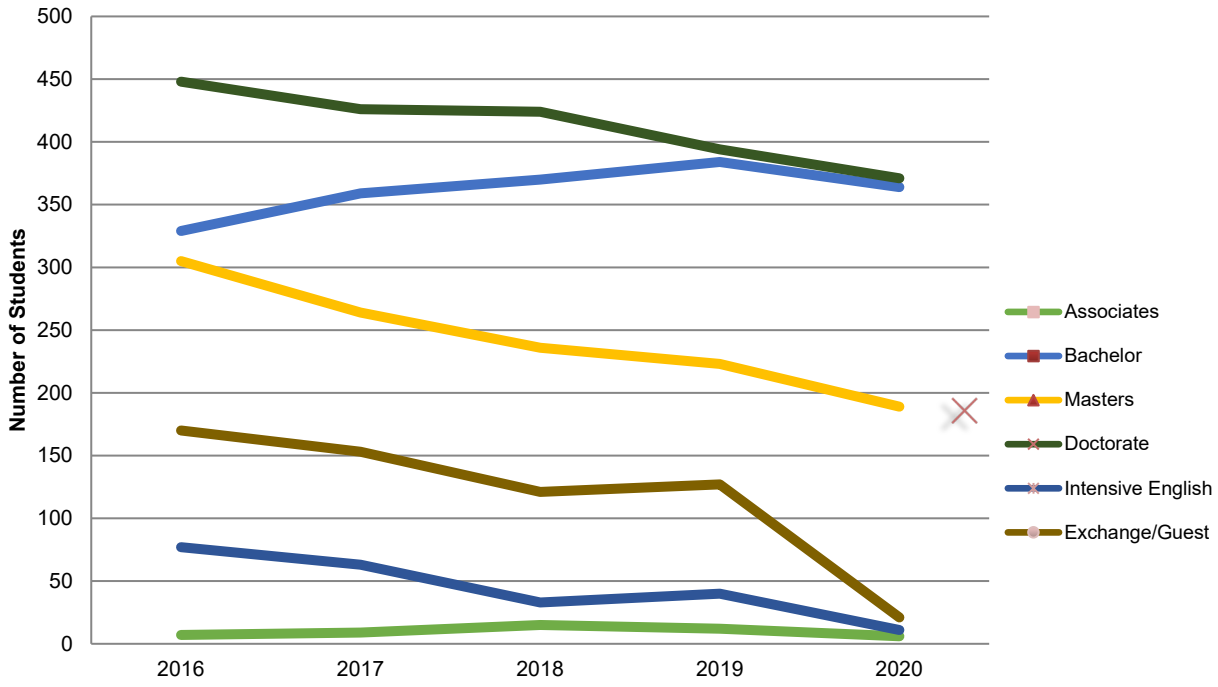
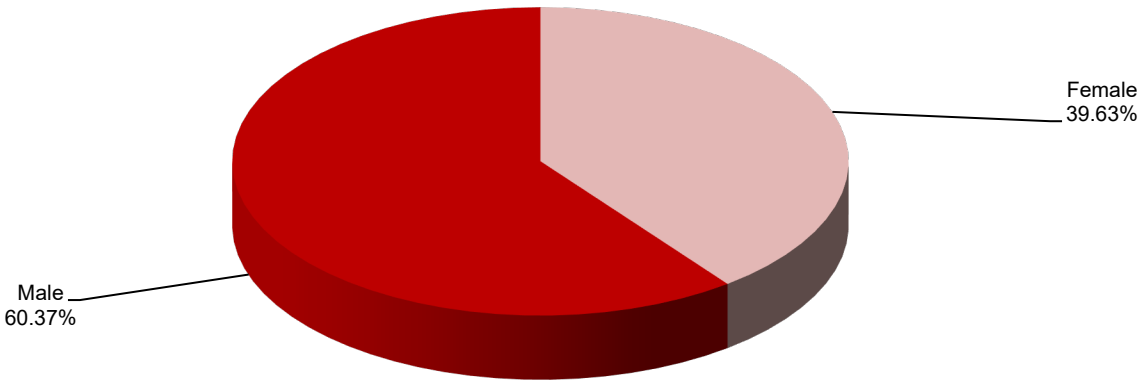
Degree Level Distribution 2020

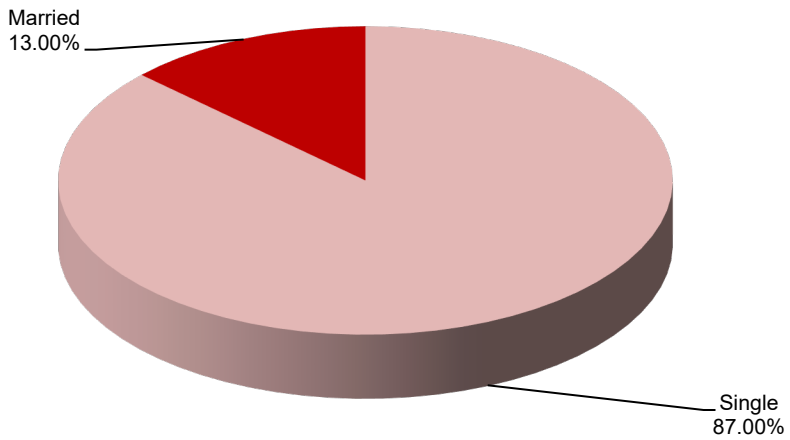




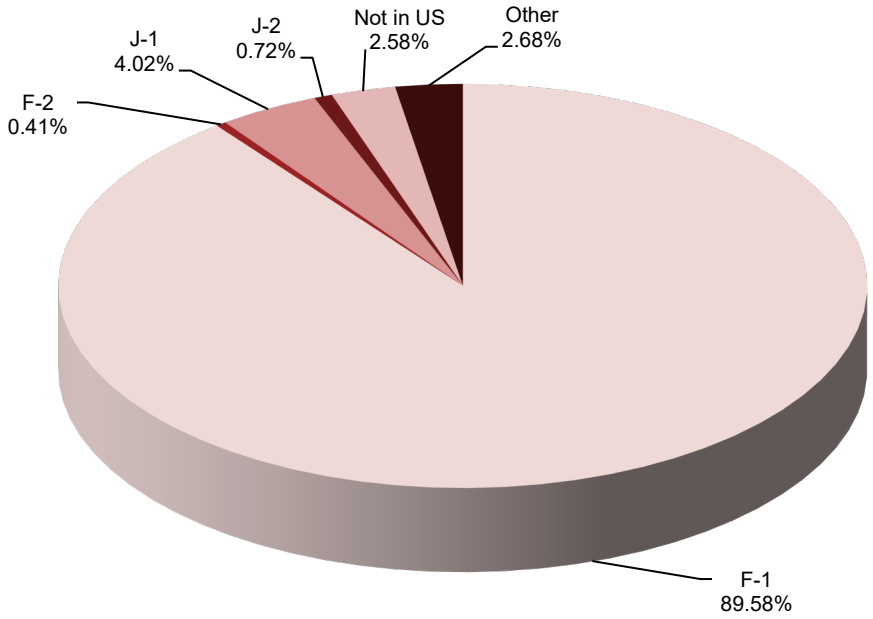
Gender Distribution	
Fall 2020	
Female	384
Male	585
Total	**969**



Marital Status	
Fall 2020	
Single	843
Married	126
Total	**969**

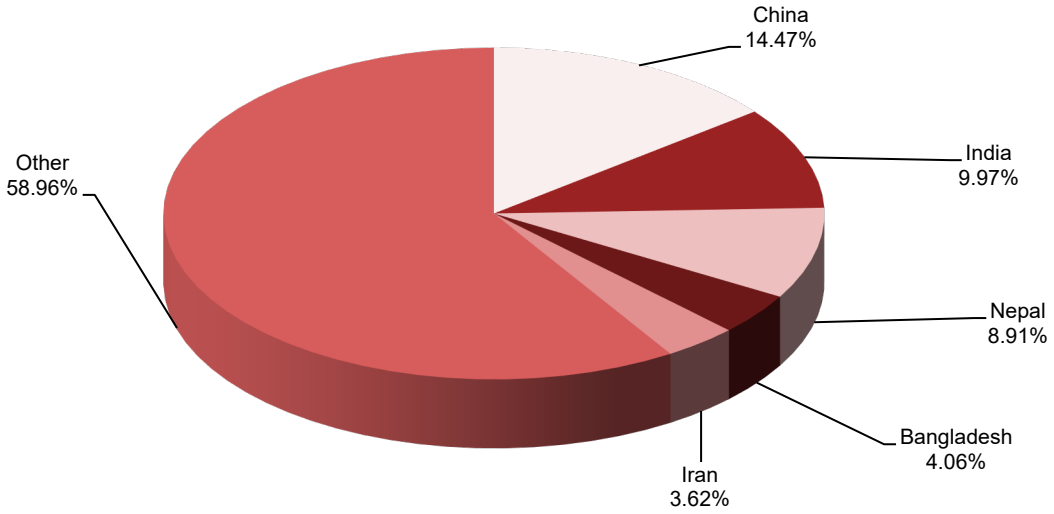


Visa Types Fall 2020	
F-1	868
F-2	4
J-1	39
J-2	7
Not in US	25
Other	26
Total	**969**



Country of Citizenship			
Country of Citizenship	**# of student**	**Country of Citizenship**	**# of student**
Antigua and Barbuda	1	Malawi	1
Argentina	4	Malaysia	2
Australia	12	Mexico	32
Austria	1	Morocco	1
Azerbaijan	2	Nepal	101
Bangladesh	46	Netherlands	3
Belgium	2	New Zealand	1
Belize	1	Nicaragua	1
Bolivia	2	Niger	1
Botswana	1	Nigeria	13
Brazil	19	Norway	3
Bulgaria	1	Pakistan	21
Burma	1	Paraguay	4
Cameroon	4	Peru	5
Canada	21	Philippines	11
Central African Republic	1	Poland	1
Chile	3	Russia	3
China	164	Rwanda	1
Colombia	14	Saudi Arabia	32
Congo (Kinshasa)	1	Senegal	1
Costa Rica	2	Serbia	1
Cote D Ivoire	2	Singapore	2
Cyprus	1	Slovakia	1
Czech Republic	1	South Africa	2
Dominican Republic	1	South Korea	26
Ecuador	14	Spain	16
Egypt	8	Sri Lanka	2
El Salvador	3	Sweden	4
Eritrea	1	Taiwan	14
Ethiopia	1	Tanzania	1
France	4	Thailand	7
Gaza Strip	1	Tunisia	1
Germany	9	Turkey	4
Ghana	8	Turkmenistan	3
Greece	4	Ukraine	2
Guatemala	1	United Kingdom	19
Honduras	2	Venezuela	5
Hong Kong	1	Vietnam	37
Hungary	2	West Bank	1
Iceland	1	Yemen	2
India	113	Zimbabwe	1
Indonesia	2		
Iran	41		
Iraq	3		
Ireland	2		
Israel	3		
Italy	4		
Jamaica	1		
Japan	13		
Jordan	13		
Kazakhstan	3		
Kenya	3		
Kuwait	6		
Kyrgyzstan	1		
Lebanon	2		
Madagascar	2		
Grand Total	**969**	**Countries Total**	**97**

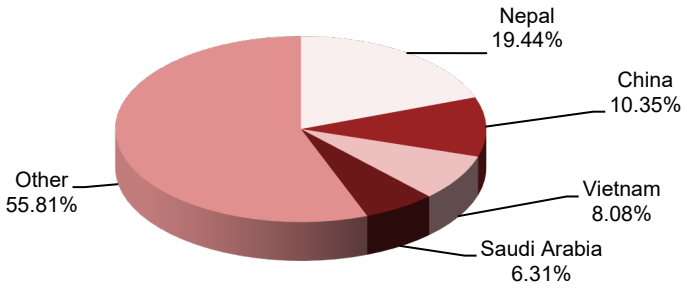
Top Five Enrolling Countries at UNM – Fall 2020	
China	164
India	113
Nepal	101
Bangladesh	46
Iran	41
Other	668
Grand Total	969



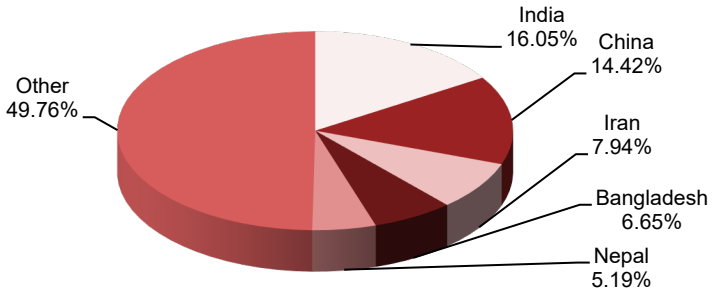
Change in Numbers (Most Popular Countries)					
	2015 vs. 2016	2016 vs. 2017	2017 vs. 2018	2018 vs. 2019	2019 vs. 2020
China	+16	-15	-24	+39	-21
India	-41	-17	-1	+7	-10
Iran	-6	-2	-13	-5	-12
Mexico	-8	-1	-5	-5	-6
Saudi Arabia	-1	-9	-7	-9	-10
South Korea	-13	-1	-14	-4	-23

Distribution by Level and Country

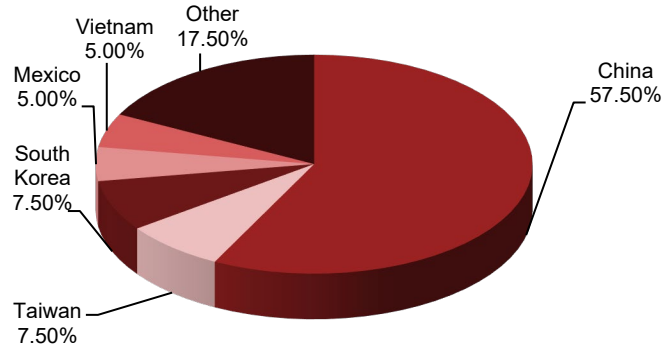
Undergraduates - Top Five Countries	
Nepal	71
China	52
Vietnam	32
India	23
Other	192
Grand Total	**370**



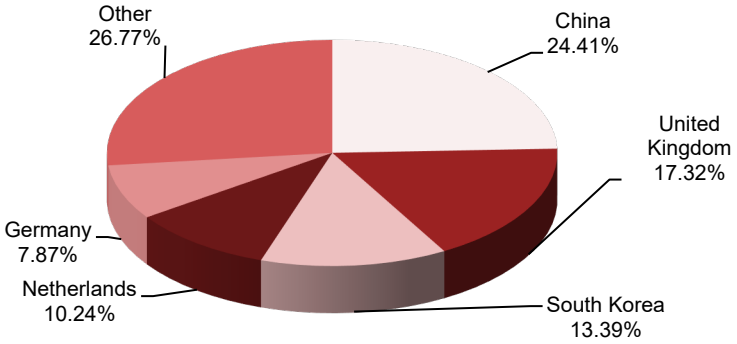
Graduates - Top Five Countries	
India	90
China	87
Iran	40
Bangladesh	39
Nepal	30
Other	274
Grand Total	**560**



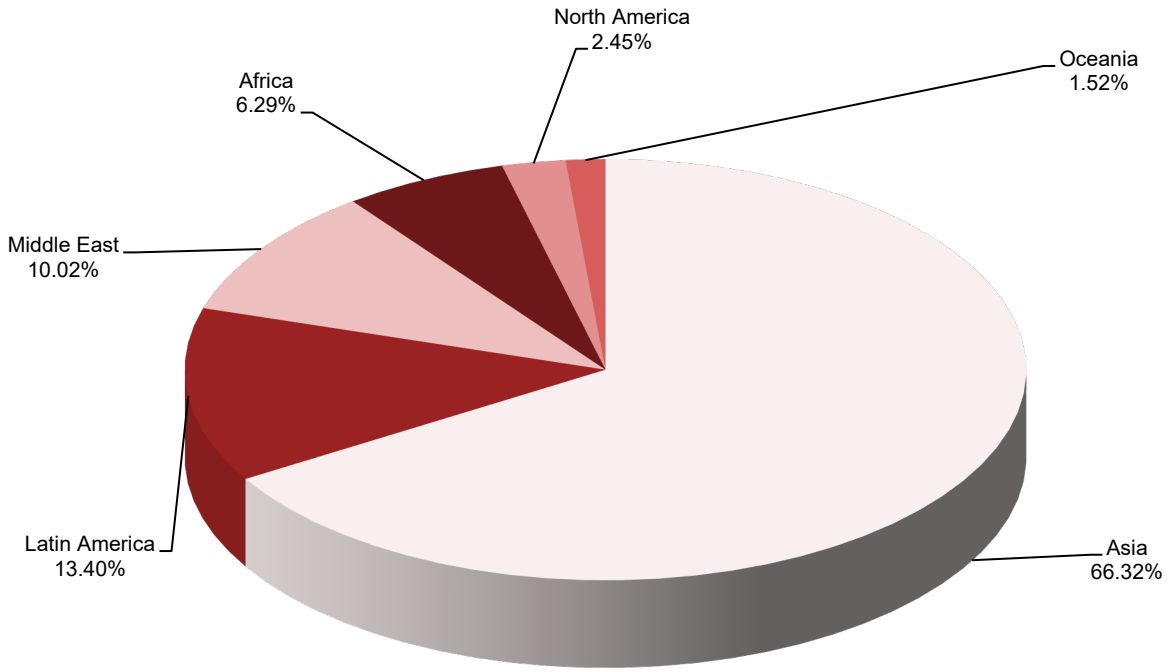
Intensive English Students - Top Five Countries	
China	5
Jordan	2
Saudi Arabia	2
Vietnam	1
Taiwan	1
Other	0
Grand Total	**11**



Exchange & Guest - Top Five Countries	
China	17
Spain	1
Taiwan	1
France	1
South Korea	1
Other	0
Grand Total	**21**

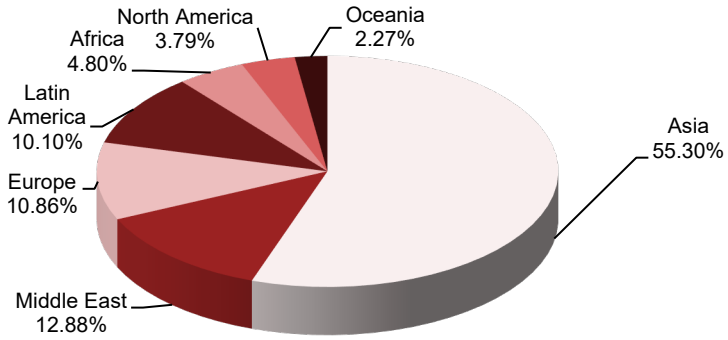


International Students by Region of the World	
Asia	569
Latin America	115
Middle East	86
Africa	54
North America	21
Oceania	13
Grand Total	**969**

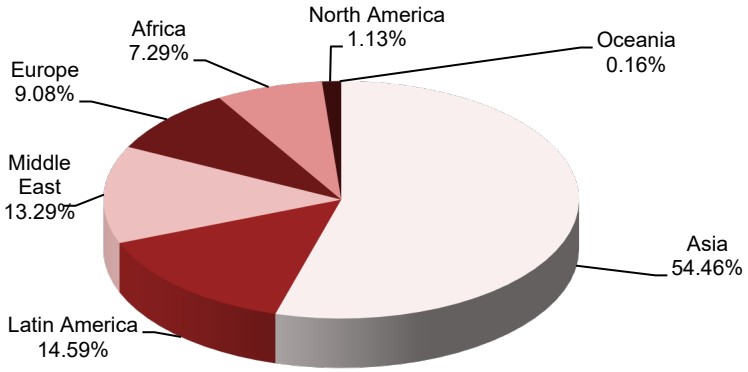


Distribution by Level and Region

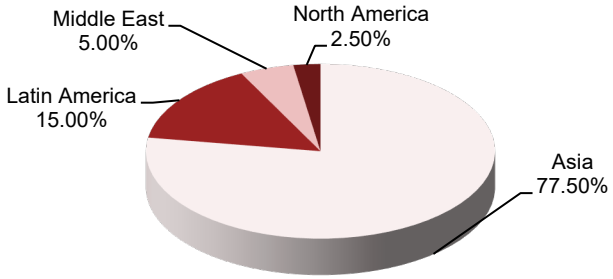
Undergraduates by Region of the World	
Asia	221
Latin America	43
Europe	39
Middle East	29
Africa	18
North America	11
Oceania	9
Grand Total	**370**



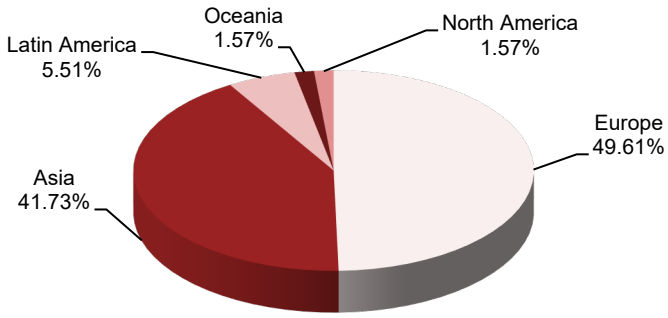
Graduates by Region of the World	
Asia	318
Middle East	78
Latin America	70
Europe	44
Africa	36
North America	10
Oceania	4
Grand Total	**560**



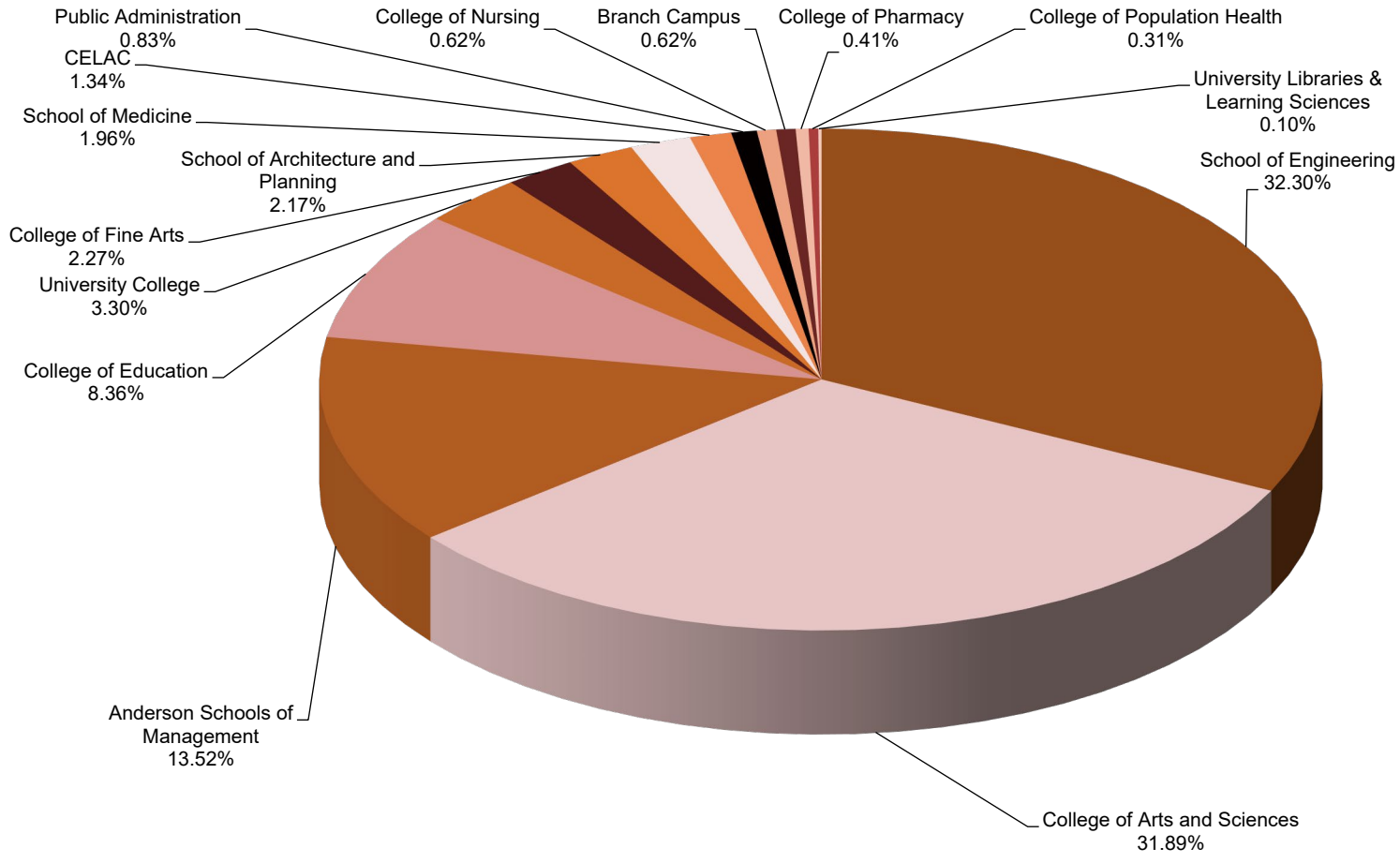
Intensive English Students by Region of the World	
Asia	7
Middle East	4
Grand Total	11



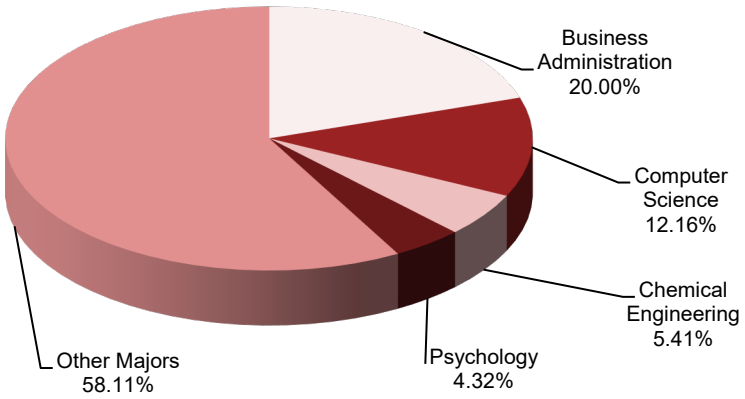
Exchange & Guest by Region of the World	
Asia	19
Europe	2
Grand Total	21



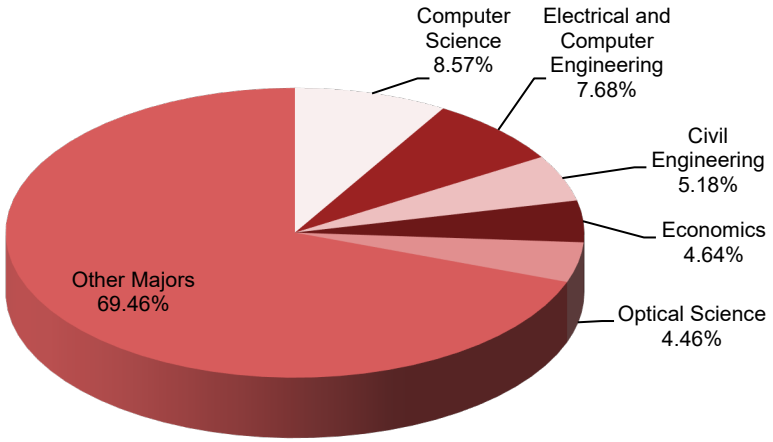
College Enrollment	
School of Engineering	313
College of Arts and Sciences	309
Anderson Schools of Management	131
College of Education	81
University College	32
College of Fine Arts	22
School of Architecture and Planning	21
School of Medicine	19
CELAC	13
Public Administration	8
College of Nursing	6
Branch Campus	6
College of Pharmacy	4
College of Population Health	3
University Libraries & Learning Sciences	1
Grand Total	**969**



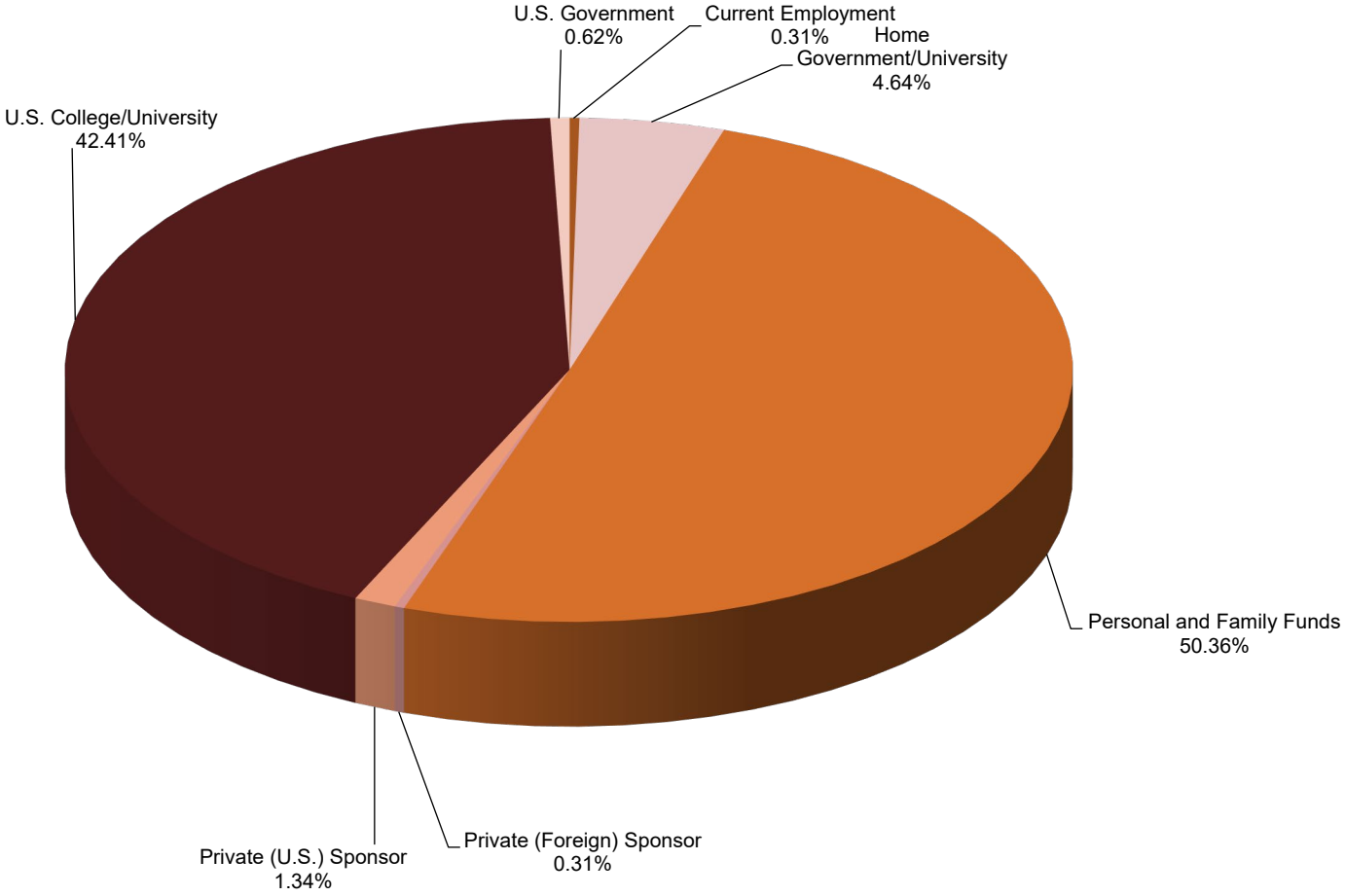
Top Five Undergraduate Majors	
Business Administration	74
Computer Science	45
Chemical Engineering	20
Psychology	16
Other Majors	215
Grand Total	**370**



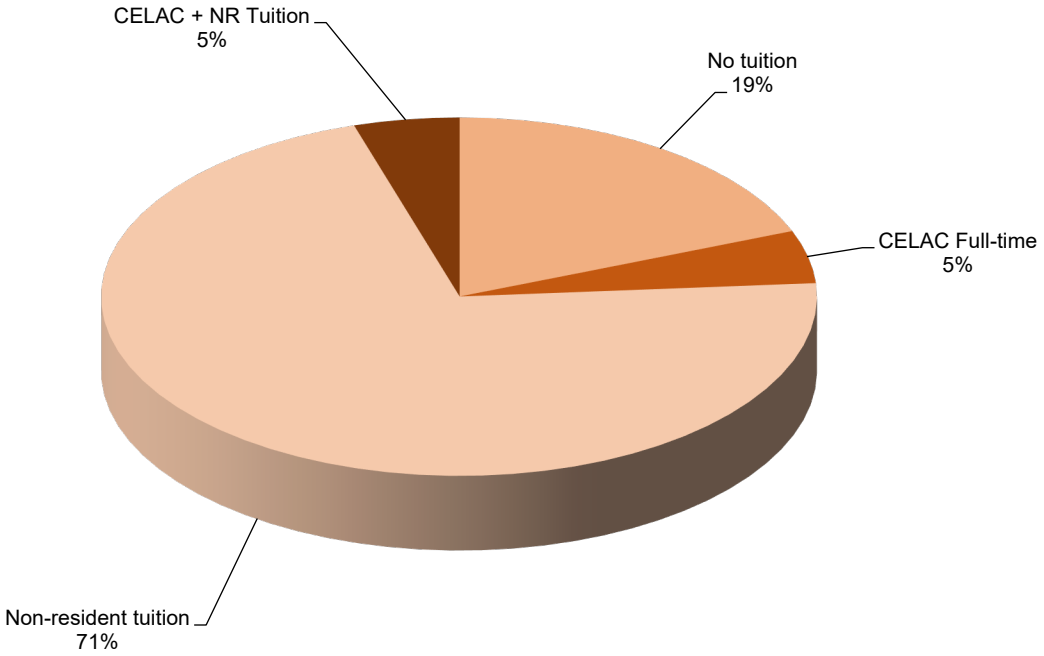
Top Five Graduate Majors	
Computer Science	48
Electrical and Computer Engineering	43
Civil Engineering	29
Economics	26
Optical Science	25
Other Majors	389
Grand Total	**560**



International Student Sources of Funding	
Current Employment	3
Home Government/University	45
Personal and Family Funds	488
Private (Foreign) Sponsor	3
Private (U.S.) Sponsor	13
U.S. College/University	411
U.S. Government	6
Grand Total	**969**

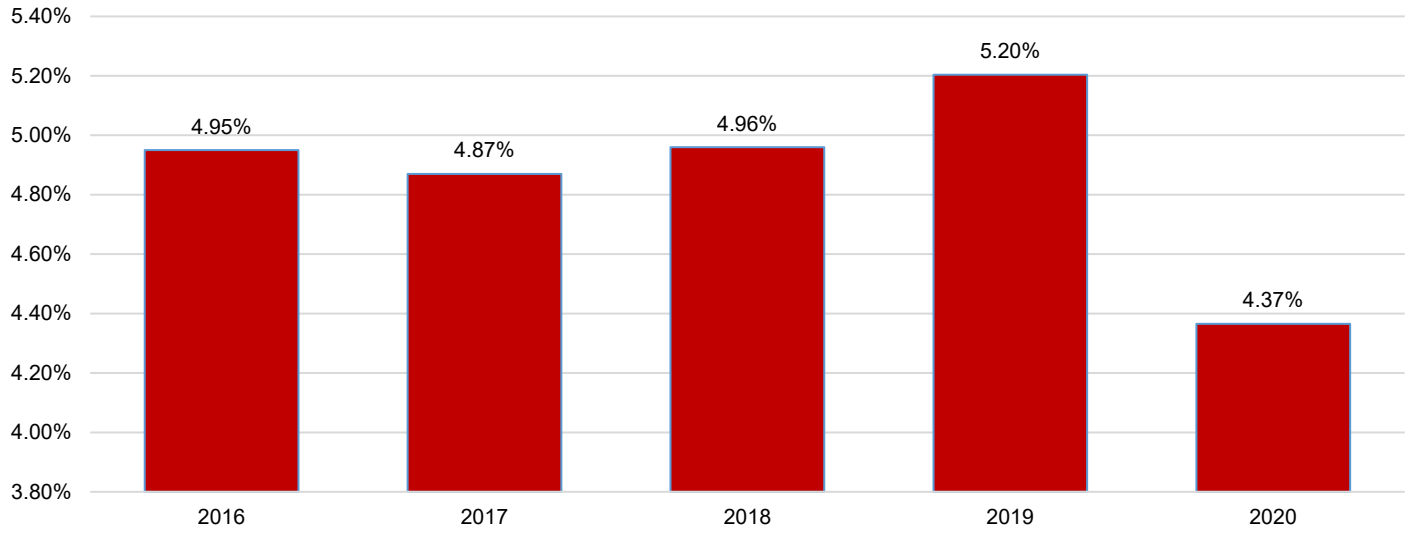


Categories of "Exchange/Guest" students with Payment Types	
No tuition	4
CELAC Full-time	1
Non-resident tuition	15
CELAC + NR Tuition	1



Comparison of International Student Population and Total UNM Population

	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
International	**1340**	4.95%	**1280**	4.87%	**1210**	4.96%	**1186**	5.20%	**969**	4.25%
Total UNM	**27,060**	100.00%	**26,278**	100.00%	**24,393**	100.00%	**22,792**	100.00%	**22,197**	100.00%



Undergraduate and Graduate Enrollment

	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
International Undergraduates	1.71%	**336**	1.95%	**368**	2.22%	**385**	2.28%	**368**	2.35%	**370**
Total UNM Undergraduates	100%	**19,648**	100%	**18,913**	100%	**17,321**	100%	**16,170**	100%	**15,718**
International Graduates	12.60%	**753**	11.76%	**690**	11.57%	**660**	12.78%	**690**	10.10%	**560**
Total UNM Graduates	100%	**5,976**	100%	**5,867**	100%	**5,702**	100%	**5,399**	100%	**5,545**

Gender Distribution -- Fall 2019

Total UNM Students		
Male	9467	42.56%
Female	12777	57.44%
Total	**22,244**	**100.00%**
International Students		
Male	585	60.37%
Female	384	39.63%
Total	**969**	**100.00%**