

****Required Health Insurance for NMSU Students****

NMSU requires all F-1 and J-1 students to purchase and continually maintain major medical health insurance. You will purchase insurance coverage on either an annual basis or divided into the Fall semester and the Spring & Summer semesters. Health insurance coverage is required for the Summer months even if you do not register for classes.

This insurance is mandatory for all F-1, J-1 students and all dependents on F-2 and J-2 status. Failure to purchase and keep this insurance for the duration of your status in the U.S. is a violation of your visa status.

Health care costs are extremely high in the U.S., and students may not enter the U.S. with a valid visa unless able to show their ability to have appropriate insurance by U.S. law. Therefore, NMSU policy does not allow students to register for classes until insurance coverage is proven each semester for themselves and all dependents.

New students will purchase the NMSU health insurance policy at the Student Health Center during the schedule of orientation activities, and the policy coverage will be explained during the international student orientation.

Student costs** for the policy for 2009-10:	Annual (full calendar year):	\$796
	Fall 2009 only:	\$327
	Spring/Summer 2010:	\$485

**Costs for spouse and children are higher, see policy information (available at link below)

****Do not purchase health insurance until you have attended New Student Orientation****

****Travel insurance purchased in your home country is not acceptable****

Students with awarded graduate assistantships will purchase the same health insurance plan but through their department hiring process.

The insurance plan currently approved for NMSU students through the Student Health Center is through United Healthcare. See plan information at <http://www.nmsu.edu/~shc/Insurance.html>.