

UNM as an HSI, MI, and MSI

A **Hispanic Serving Institute (HSI)** is one eligible for Title V grants from the U.S. Department of Education as defined by the [Higher Education Act of 1965 Section 502\(a\)\(5\)](#) which requires applicants to have an enrollment of undergraduate full-time equivalent students that is at least 25 percent Hispanic at the end of the award year immediately preceding the date of application. According to the [U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education](#), the University of New Mexico is an HSI university. As of the Fall 2017 semester, *47.3% of the full-time equivalent undergraduate students* are Hispanic. UNM is also eligible for Title III, Part F, HSI STEM grants per [20 U.S.C. § 1067q\(2\)\(B\)](#).

Per the [U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education](#), the University of New Mexico is one of nine Research I universities that are Hispanic Serving Institutes. Below is a breakdown of these universities including their percent of Hispanic undergraduate full-time equivalent students.

University	% Hispanic UG FTE
Florida International University	64.7%
The University of Texas at Arlington	28.1%
University of California-Irvine	26.5%
University of California-Riverside	39.8%
University of California-Santa Barbara	26.3%
University of California-Santa Cruz	30.0%
University of Houston	30.9%
University of Illinois at Chicago	30.8%
University of New Mexico-Main Campus	47.3%

The U.S. Department of Education defines a **Minority Institute (MI)** as an institution of higher education whose enrollment of a single minority or a combination of minorities exceeds 50 percent of the total enrollment. Under that definition, the University of New Mexico is not an MI since as of the Fall 2017 semester, *49.9% of the total students* enrolled were from ethnic minority groups as defined by [20 U.S.C. § 1067k\(2\)](#).

The University of New Mexico does, however, qualify as being a **Minority Serving Institute (MSI)** as defined by a number of other funding agencies including the *National Science Foundation* which denotes an MSI to be an institute of higher education that has an undergraduate minority student population of 50% or more. As of the Fall 2017 semester, per the [UNM Office of Institutional Analytics](#), *56.8% of the undergraduate students* at the University of New Mexico are from ethnic minority groups.

Florida International University and the University of New Mexico are the only R1 universities that are also Minority Serving Institutes according to [our](#) and [their](#) Office of Institutional Analytics. According to the [U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education](#), the University of New Mexico leads R1 universities in Native American enrollment with *5.5% of the undergraduate students* identifying themselves as being Native American.