



COMBINED BA/MD
DEGREE PROGRAM

NEW STUDENT GUIDE

2022 cohort



THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

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BA/MD & UNIVERSITY TERMINOLOGY

Academic Advisor – Staff member assigned to help students choose majors/minors, course of study, etc.

Bursar – Financial affairs, management of monies.

Cohort Year – The year a student begins The Program.

HMHV – Health, Medicine and Human Values

Matriculate – Admitted and in good academic status.

Minor – Secondary focus to add value to major, required for some majors

Practicum – Application of classroom knowledge to assigned New Mexico community

The Program – Combined BA/MD Degree Program

Seminar courses – Small discussion-based course that meets regularly

Undergraduate – student who has not yet earned a bachelor’s degree

Workshop courses – Course that presents themes, concepts, activities, meets once a week and short in duration

ICON KEY



Friendly reminders



Time sensitive items

MESSAGE ON STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Every UNM Combined BA/MD Degree Student is responsible for complying with all regulations of the University of New Mexico and the UNM Combined BA/MD Degree Program. Students are expected to adhere to UNM standards of conduct set forth in: [UNM Catalog](#), [The Pathfinder – UNM Student Handbook](#), [Combined BA/MD Degree Program Handbook](#). Since the responsibility for meeting degree and academic requirements rests with the student, you are urged to familiarize yourself with the requirements set forth in these pages, as well as with pertinent information available from the BA/MD Program. This Student Guide is to provide you a resource guide, and information included herein is subject to change. It is in the student’s best interest to verify contents of this document with Program staff.

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CHECKLIST

<input type="checkbox"/>	May 2	Accept UNM Scholarship(s) through your myUNM account here: http://my.unm.edu/
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 2	Submit Statement of Commitment: https://bamdadmissions.health.unm.edu
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 2	Submit Letter of Intent: https://bamdadmissions.health.unm.edu
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 2	Register for UNM New Student Orientation (NSO) here: https://nso.unm.edu/
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 2	Apply for 2022/2023 housing here: https://housing.unm.edu
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 2	Choose your 2022/2023 meal plan here: https://food.unm.edu/
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 2	*Summer Only* Email omclendon@unm.edu for Math & HMMHV registration form.
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 2	*Summer Only* Apply for summer housing here: https://housing.unm.edu
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 2	*Summer Only* Select “Dining Dollars \$100” meal plan here: https://unmstudentlink atriumcampus.com/
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 13	Complete an upload FAFSA email confirmation here: https://bamdadmissions.health.unm.edu
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 20	Send official transcripts, /ACT/SAT/AP/IB scores to UNM Office of Admissions <i>BA/MD Admissions is not the same entity as UNM Office of Admissions, therefore you will need to send another copy to UNM Office of Admissions by May 20th.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 14	Submit Financial Aid supplemental paperwork here: https://financialaid.unm.edu/



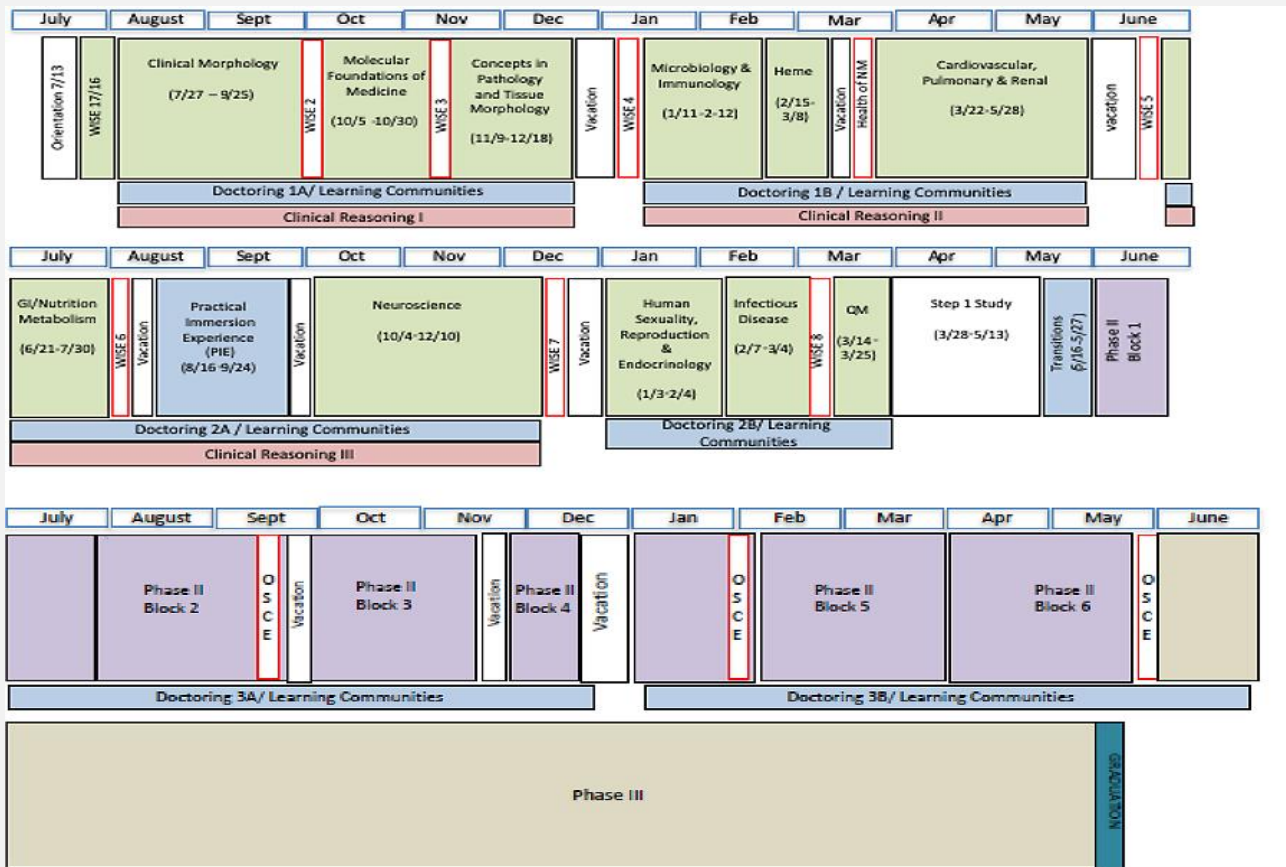
Please login to the [BA/MD Admissions portal](#) to access full descriptions and/or to complete the **CHECKLIST**

Steps to becoming a physician

with the Combined BA/MD Degree Program

A. BA/MD Pre-Med. Complete a Bachelor's degree in 4 years.

B. Medical Student. Here is how the 4-year MD curriculum looks like at the University of New Mexico (UNM):



C. Resident. A physician who has completed medical school and is in the final step of clinical training before becoming an attending. Typically, 3-5 years depending on specialty.

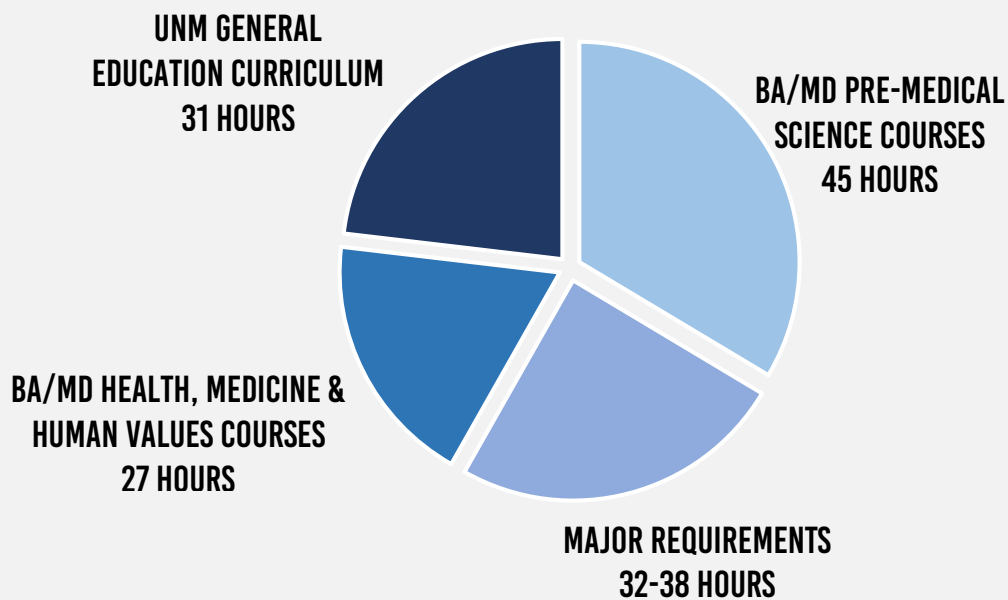
D. Fellow (Optional). A physician pursuing a post-residency training. Typically, 1-3 years.

E. Attending. A trained physician practicing in their specialty.



UNM School of Medicine class of 2021

But first, *how will undergrad* at UNM look like?



Frequently *asked questions*

What does HMMHV mean?

Health, Medicine & Human Values (HMMHV) are courses that provide opportunities for experiential and problem-based learning, applied writing and speaking, and small-group problem solving. Only BA/MD students can major in HMMHV, while traditional students can only minor in HMMHV.

What are the top 3 popular majors?

- 1) B.A. or B.S. in Biology
- 2) B.A. in HMMHV
- 3) B.A. or B.A in Biochemistry



What are the top 3 popular minors?

- 1) Chemistry
- 2) HMMHV
- 3) Psychology



Do I need a minor? Why are they important?

Minors are supplemental second discipline and concentration that compliments a major. Oftentimes, minors are required to complete your degree. While intensive majors such as Biochemistry do not require a minor. A perk of the BA/MD program is students earn an automatic HMMHV minor (if they don't declare a HMMHV major)

Curriculum

PRE-MEDICAL SCIENCE COURSES

- Chemistry 1215 – General Chemistry I (3)
- Chemistry 1225 – General Chemistry II (3)
- Chemistry 1215L – General Chemistry I Lab (1)
- Chemistry 1225L – General Chemistry II Lab (1)
- Chemistry 301 – Organic Chemistry I (3)
- Chemistry 303L – Organic Chemistry I Lab (1)
- Chemistry 302 – Organic Chemistry II (3)
- Chemistry 304L – Organic Chemistry II Lab (1)
- Biology 2110L – Molecular and Cell Biology (4)
- Biology 2410L – Genetics (4)
- Biology 304/304L – Plant and Animal Form (4)
- Physics 1230 – General Physics I (3)
- Physics 1230L – General Physics I Lab (1)
- Physics 1240 – General Physics II (3)
- Physics 1240L – General Physics II Lab (1)
- Biochemistry 423 – Introduction to Biochemistry (3)

HMHV COURSES

Required interdisciplinary courses that provide opportunities for experiential and problem-based learning, applied writing and speaking, and small-group problem-solving. The seminars involve collaborative teaching with faculty from the School of Medicine and the College of Arts and Sciences.

- HMHV 1110. Social Contours of Health in New Mexico
- HMHV 2110. Literature, Fine Arts, and Medicine
- HMHV 2993. Health, Medicine and Human Values Workshop
- HMHV 301. Health Economics, Politics, and Policy
- HMHV 310. Health and Cultural Diversity
- HMHV 398. Community Services/Public Health Workshop
- HMHV 350 & 450. Community Health Practicum I
- HMHV 401. Ethics, Medicine, and Health

UNM GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

- Communication: Choose 2 courses
- Mathematics and statistics *Perks! BA/MD Math 1430 satisfies this!*
- Physical and natural sciences *Perks! BA/MD Chem 1215 lecture and lab satisfies this!*
- Social and Behavioral sciences: Choose 1 course
- Humanities: Choose 1 course
- Second language: Choose 1 course
- Arts and design: Choose 1 course
- Student choice: Choose 2 courses



Scan the QR code to learn more!

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

BA/MD students may choose one of the Options below:

- Option 1 – Choose any B.A. or B.S. major in the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of New Mexico
- Option 2 – B.A. Health Medicine & Human Values (HMHV) – Health, Humanities and Society Concentration
- Option 3 – B.A. Health Medicine & Human Values (HMHV) – Biomedical Sciences Concentration



**Go to the next pages to
learn more about the major
options!**

OPTION 1 is a B.A. or B.S.

If you like flexibility for declaring any Bachelor of Arts or Science major, then option 1 is great for you! BA/MD students have the choice to select any degree below:

African American Studies (B.S.)	German (B.A.)
American Studies (B.A.)	History (B.A.)
Anthropology (B.A./B.S.)	International Studies (B.A.)
Biochemistry (B.A./B.S.)	Journalism & Mass Communication (B.A.)
Biology (B.A./B.S.)	Languages (B.A.)
Chemistry (B.A.)	Latin American Studies (B.A.)
Chicana and Chicano Studies (B.A.)	Linguistics (B.A.)
Classical Studies (B.A.)	Mathematics (B.S.)
Communication (B.A.)	Native American Studies (B.A.)
Comparative Literature & Cultural Studies (B.A.)	Philosophy (B.A.)
Criminology (B.A.)	Political Science (B.A.)
Earth & Planetary Sciences (B.A./B.S.)	Portuguese (B.A.)
East Asian Studies (B.A.)	Psychology (B.A./B.S.)
Economics (B.A.)	Religious Studies (B.A.)
Economics-Philosophy (B.A.)	Russian (B.A.)
English (B.A.)	Sociology (B.A.)
English-Philosophy (B.A.)	Spanish (B.A.)
Environmental Science (B.A.)	Speech and Hearing Sciences (B.A.)
French (B.A.)	Statistics (B.S.)
Geography (B.A./B.S.)	Women Studies (B.A.)

Highlighted majors have been pursued by BA/MD students.

Pre-Medical Science Core is required of all BA/MD students, this specific list is required for option 1

- Math 1430: Calculus for the Life Sciences
- Math 1350: Introduction to Statistics
- Biol 2110C: Molecular & Cell Biology
- Biol 2410C: Genetics
- Biol 304 & 304L: Plant & Animal Form & Function & Lab
- Chem 1215 & 1215L: General Chemistry I & Lab
- Chem 1225 & 1225L: General Chemistry II & Lab
- Chem 1225 & 1225L: General Chemistry II & Lab
- Chem 301 & 303L: Organic Chemistry I & Lab
- Chem 302 & 304L: Organic Chemistry II & Lab
- Phys 1230 & 1230L: General Physics I & Lab
- Phys 1240 & 1240L: General Physics II & Lab
- Biochem 423: Introductory to Biochemistry

OPTION 2 is B.A. HMMHV - Health, Humanities and Society Concentration

If you want freedom to explore different subject areas and plan to study abroad, then option 2 is perfect for you!

This major is restricted for Combined BA/MD Degree Program students only.

The following are course suggestions. Courses may not be offered every fall or spring, and may have pre-requisites that must be completed. It is the student's responsibility to meet with their advisor to plan accordingly.

Math/Physical & Natural Sciences – Choose 3 courses (one course must be at 300+)

Anth 2190: Forensic Anthropology Anth 350: Human Biology Anth 365: Anthropology of Health Biochem 463: Biochem. of Disease I Biol 2210: Human Anatomy & Phys.I Biol 2225: Human Anatomy & Phys.II	Biol 445: Biol of Toxins Biol 447: Prosection Biol 490: Biol of Infect. Organisms Biol 450: Virology Biol 456: Immunology Biol 460: Microbial Physiology	Biol 482/L: Parasitology Biol 351 & 352L: Microbiology Biol 412: Developmental Biology Biol 416/L: Histology Biol 428: Human Heredity Biol 497: Princ. of Gene Expression Math 1430: Applications of Calculus II
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Humanities/Fine Arts – Choose 3 courses (two courses must be at 300+)

Afst 307: African Diaspora in the SW Ccs 310: Immigration & Assimilation Ccs 342: Race Culture Gender Class History NM Engl 413: Scientific, Environmental, and Medical Writing Engl 343: Food Culture, China & Japan	Hist 415: History of Reproduction Ltam 400: Curanderismo Part I Natv 450: Race and Inequality Phil 2140: Professional Ethics Relg 447: Comparative Religious Ethics
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Social & Behavioral Sciences - Choose 3 courses (two courses must be at 300+)

Anth 310: Language and Culture CJ 318: Language, Thought & Behav. CJ 450: Health Communication Ling 334: Language and Gender Ling 367: Psychology of Language	Pols 376: Health Policy and Politics Pols 377: Population Policy & Politics Psyc 332: Abnormal Behavior Psyc 347: Drugs and Behavior Sign 352: Lang. Culture Deaf Comm.	Sign 355: Deaf History & Literature Wmst 325: Race Class & Feminism Soc 340: Sociology of Medical Prac. Soc 346: Health & Social Inequalities I Wmst 379: Women, Med. & Health
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Electives - Choose 2 courses (one course must be at 300+)

Select two courses approved by the College of Arts & Sciences for this requirement.
There are course limitations with elective courses, consult with BA/MD advisors.

Pre-Medical Science Core is required of all BA/MD students, this specific list is required for option 2.

- Math 1430: Calculus for the Life Sciences
- Math 1350: Introduction to Statistics
- Biol 2110C: Molecular & Cell Biology
- Biol 2410C: Genetics
- Biol 304 & 304L: Plant & Animal Form & Function & Lab
- Chem 1215 & 1215L: General Chemistry I & Lab
- Chem 1225 & 1225L: General Chemistry II & Lab
- Chem 301 & 303L: Organic Chemistry I & Lab
- Chem 302 & 304L: Organic Chemistry II & Lab
- Phys 1230 & 1230L: General Physics I & Lab
- Phys 1240 & 1240L: General Physics II & Lab
- Biochem 423: Introductory to Biochemistry

OPTION 3 is B.A. HMMV - Biomedical Sciences Concentration

If you want more Math and Biology, then option 3 is a fit for you! The Pre-Medical Science Core is heavier (extra 19 credit hours), but comes with flexibility to explore different electives.

This major is restricted for Combined BA/MD Degree Program students only.

The following are course suggestions. Courses may not be offered every fall and spring, and may have pre-requisites that must be completed. It is the student's responsibility to meet with their advisor to plan accordingly.

Electives – Choose 6 courses (all courses must be at 300+)

Afs 397: Black Women and Civil Rights Anth 321: Southwest Archaeology Anth 333: Ritual Symbols & Behavior Amst 321: Zombie Films of George Romero Ccs 310: Immigration and Assimilation Ccs 364: Raza Genders and Sexualities Chin 343: Food Culture, China & Japan Clst 320: Magic in Ancient Religions Clst 333: Ancient Theater CJ 365: History of Media CJ 421: Communication & Relationships Comp 330: Experience Spanish Pop Culture Engl 305: Mythology Engl 368: New Wave SciFi Engl 418: Proposal & Grant Writing	Eps: Energy & Environment Eps 365: Exploring the Solar System Geog 364: Law Place and Space Hist 300: Alternate Universes Hist 396: Black Sports Mus 375: Beatles' Musical Revolution Natv: Tribal Government Phil: Modern Social & Political Philosophy Pols: Public Policy and Abortion Psyc 450: The Dreaming Brain Relg 343: Catholic Saints in America Soci 427: Sociology of Madness Sust 402: Sustainability in Film Thea 334: History of Fashion and Costumes Wmst: Transgender Studies
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Pre-Medical Science Core is required of all BA/MD students, this specific list is required for option 3. The additional 19 credit hours are in **green**.

- Math 1430: Calculus for the Life Sciences
- **Math 1440: Applications of Calculus II**
- Math 1350: Introduction to Statistics
- Biol 2110C: Molecular & Cell Biology
- Biol 2410C: Genetics
- **Biol 303 & 303L: Ecology and Evolution & Lab**
- Biol 304 & 304L: Plant & Animal Form & Function & Lab
- Chem 1215 & 1215L: General Chemistry I & Lab
- Chem 1225 & 1225L: General Chemistry II & Lab
- Chem 301 & 303L: Organic Chemistry I & Lab
- Chem 302 & 304L: Organic Chemistry II & Lab
- Phys 1230 & 1230L: General Physics I & Lab
- Phys 1240 & 1240L: General Physics II & Lab
- Biochem 423: Introductory to Biochemistry
- **Biol 2210 & 2210L: Human Anatomy & Physiology I**
- **Biol 2225 & 2225L: Human Anatomy & Physiology II**
- **Biol 2305: Microbiology for Health Sciences**
- **OR Biol 351/352L: Microbiology for Biology Majors**

With so many requirements, will I finish in 4 years?

Yes! here is a sample degree plan

COMBINED BA/MD DEGREE PROGRAM

Semester One		Semester Two	
Chemistry 1215 General Chemistry I	3	Chemistry 1225 General Chemistry II	3
Chemistry 1215L General Chemistry Lab I	1	Chemistry 1225L General Chemistry Lab II	1
HMHV 1110 Contours of Health	3	Biology 2110C Molecular & Cell Biology	4
HMHV 2993 Workshop	2	HMHV 2993 Workshop	2
Math 1430 Calculus for the Life Sciences	3	Social & Behavioral Gen. Ed	3
Engl 1120 Comm. Gen. Ed.	3	Course for Major	3
Total:	15	Total:	16
Semester Three		Semester Four	
Biology 2410 Genetics	4	Biology 304L Plant & Animal Form Function	4
Chemistry 301 Organic Chemistry	3	Chemistry 302 Organic Chemistry	3
Chemistry 303L Organic Chemistry Lab	1	Chemistry 304L Organic Chemistry Lab	1
HMHV 2110 Literature, Fine Arts, Medicine	3	HMHV 398 Community Service/Public Health Workshop	2
Math 1350 Intro to Stats	3	Humanities Gen. Ed.	3
Course for Major	3	Course for Major	3
Total	17	Total	16
Summer Practicum: June			
HMHV 350 Community Health Practicum I	3		
HMHV 450 Community Health Practicum II	3		
Total	6		
Semester Five		Semester Six: Spring <u>OR</u> Summer MCAT prep	
Physics 1230 Algebra Based Physics I	3	Physics 1240 Algebra Based Physics II	3
Physics 1230L Algebra Based Physics I Lab	1	Physics 1240L Algebra Based Physics II Lab	1
Biochem 423 Introductory Biochemistry	3	HMHV 301 Health Economics, Politics, Policy	3
HMHV 310 Health & Cultural Diversity	3	Communication Gen. Ed	3
Course for Major	3	Course for Major	3
Course for Major	3	Course for Major	3
Total	16	Total	16
Semester Seven: Optional study abroad semester!		Semester Eight	
HMHV 401 Ethics, Medicine, Health	3	Arts & Design Gen. Ed.	3
2nd Language Gen. Ed.	3	Student Choice Gen. Ed.	3
Course for Major	3	Student Choice Gen. Ed.	3
Course for Major	3	Course for Major	3
Course for Major	3	Course for Major	3
Total	15	Total	15



Each student will have their degree plan created this fall with their cohort advisor ☺ Every plan is unique and can be modified throughout the year. Therefore, it's vital to meet with your cohort advisor regularly. Plans are saved and emailed to the student after each advisement appointment.

Student Support

ACTIVE LEARNING PEDAGOGY

- “Flips” the traditional lecture-style of content delivery
- Acquisition of information (facts, principles, concepts) outside the classroom
- Leverages class time: students work collaboratively in groups: doing, discussing, problem-solving
- Increases students’ time on task to construct knowledge
- Takes advantage of peer influence
- Courses offered in active learning pedagogy:
 - Chemistry 1215 – General Chemistry I
 - Chemistry 1225 – General Chemistry II
 - Math 1430 – Calculus for Life Sciences
 - Chemistry 301 – Organic Chemistry I
 - Chemistry 302 – Organic Chemistry II
 - Biology 2110C – Molecular and Cell Biology
 - Biology 2410C – Genetics
 - Physics 1230 – General Physics I
 - Physics 1240 – General Physics II
 - Biochemistry 423 – Introduction to Biochemistry

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Academic Advisement

The BA/MD Program is fully committed to the success of its students. As such, an extensive support network of academic advisement and academic evaluation are in place to measure and promote positive student outcomes. The key objective of advisors is to help students successfully navigate the university system. Advisors provide direct assistance to students throughout the undergraduate portion of the BA/MD Program in such matters as registration, academic planning, and support services (tutoring, program support and guidance). In addition, the Academic Advisors monitor student progress through the Program, from start through the transition to the School of Medicine.

Academic Advisement Policy

All BA/MD students are required to meet at least once each semester with the BA/MD Academic Advisors for program advisement. If a student is unsatisfied with the quality of advisement, the student should meet with one of the BA/MD Co-Directors to seek resolution.

Progress Reports

Progress reports play a significant role in the academic assessment and evaluation of students in all of their courses. Academic Advisors will solicit the following student information from each instructor: current grade, attendance, participation, homework/readings, quizzes/exams, and suggestions for improvement. Additional reports, as needed, may be requested by the advisor.

Center for Academic Support (CAPS)

The BA/MD Program and CAPS collaborate to provide academic support services for students. Together we offer various types of tutorial services on a weekly and semester basis. All types of tutorial services are usually offered for all Math and Science courses (Math 1430 and Chemistry 1215) as well as many other subjects. Students are strongly encouraged to attend any Supplemental Instruction "SI" sessions for their required courses. However, we understand that support is optimized in different forms/methods for each individual so find what's right for you!

Supplemental Instruction "SI"	"Drop-In"	"One on One"
SI tutor attend your course section as a student to be present for the lectures, materials, notes, quizzes, homework, etc. SI tutors offer group tutorial sessions several times a week on that week's lecture material to help you solidify the content, get extra assistance with trouble areas, or practice questions for upcoming quizzes and exams.	Tutors from different subjects during specific hours at a "drop-in" tutorial table. May be both group and individual tutoring because you will be at the tutorial table with many other students that the tutor is helping either as a whole group or individually as he/she rounds the table.	For students who prefer "one-on-one" appointments with the tutor for 30 or 45-minute sessions. This may be best if the student feels more comfortable asking questions without other students present. One-on One's require a reserved appointment scheduled each week.

All first year BA/MD students are required to attend CAPS for tutoring and/or SI sessions for a minimum of one hour per week for each Math and/or Science course (required by the Program) they are enrolled in for **fall** semester.

- Mandatory tutoring/SI each week (including Thanksgiving week) beginning the 2nd week of **fall** semester.
- Students are responsible to seek more tutoring/SI (if grades are below a B - at mid-semester progress reports).
- CCSP can require students to attend more tutoring/SI or other services if they deem necessary.

MCAT Preparatory Course

The BA/MD Program requires all students to complete a Kaplan MCAT Preparatory course during the Spring or Summer of their third year. The purpose of the MCAT Prep course is to both assist in preparing students for the exam with refreshing subject content and practicing suggested strategies. For these reasons the Program requires students to choose from either a regular "on-site" Kaplan MCAT Prep course or the "BA/MD" Kaplan MCAT Prep course. The Kaplan MCAT Prep course emphasizes learning strategy and assumes you already have all the content knowledge necessary. It is required that you have completed or be currently enrolled in the final Pre-Medical Science Core courses before enrolling in the prep course. The course is paid for by the Program. The Program surveys students in fall of their 3rd year to determine when they prefer to take the course.

MCAT (Medical College Admission Test)

MCAT® is a standardized, multiple-choice examination designed to assess your problem solving, critical thinking, and knowledge of natural, behavioral, and social science concepts and principles prerequisite to the study of medicine.

Scores are reported in four sections:

- Biological and Biochemical Foundations of Living Systems
- Chemical and Physical Foundations of Biological Systems
- Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior
- Critical Analysis and Reasoning Skills

All BA/MD students are required to achieve the minimum admission threshold score for the UNM School of Medicine by October 15th of their fourth year.

Study Abroad



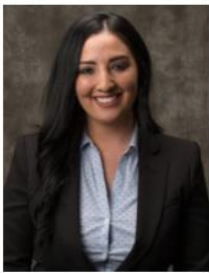



The BA/MD program supports students' interest in studying internationally. Advisement works closely with student to ensure the study abroad experience is successful (i.e. keeps them on track for graduation, etc.).

WELLNESS INITIATIVE

The initiative is modeled after the seven areas of the Wellness Wheel, which captures the environmental, intellectual, social, physical, spiritual, occupational, and emotional wellness. Students can expect at least one event each semester and may include small group or panel discussions. Students can visit our Wellness Initiative Google site to see campus resources and upcoming events! Participating in the BA/MD Wellness Initiative is entirely optional. Visit our Google site by scanning the QR code!



Snapshot of events we have offered:

					
From Undergrad to Medical School	Self-Hypnosis Workshop	From Undergrad to Medical Residency	Presbyterian Guest Speaker Pt. 1	Presbyterian Guest Speaker Pt. 1	Olivia's Pet Corner
A pleasant mix of undergraduate and medical students who shared their personal and academic story. With a well-rounded perspective, it featured Clint Brayfield (4th yr), Ronald Orozco (4th yr), Hernan Lebensohn (1st yr) and Isiah Soliz (Jr, UD).	Dr. Robert Sapient discussed health benefits of medical hypnotherapy. It introduced medical and scientific foundations of hypnosis for stress relief and allowed an opportunity to learn self-hypnosis for stress reduction.	Three medical residents shared their story...TEDx style (Meaning, you just show up, sit back and listen to their stories). Speakers featured Dr. Elizabeth Garchar (2007 cohort), Dr. Sarah Cordova (2008 cohort), and Hieu Nguyen (2009 cohort).	Dr. Jason Mitchell is a family medicine physician, UNM SOM alum and Chief Medical Officer at Presbyterian. He has been a key part of New Mexico's pandemic response team and provided press conference updates on COVID-19 in New Mexico.	Dr. Gallegos-Macias is a family medicine physician, UNM SOM alum, and Medical Director for Presbyterian Medical Group. She provides care to patients in Albuquerque since 2007 and focuses on chronic disease states such as diabetes and hypertension.	Calling all animal lovers to learn the benefits of human-animal interactions and oxytocin (feel good cuddle hormone). Guests attended virtually to introduce their pets and marvel at other's pets.

HOUSING

1st and 2nd year BA/MD students are required to live on-campus in the designated section of [Redondo Village Apartments](#). UNM data has shown that students who live on campus are more success in transitioning to college, getting involved in campus activities, better access and utilization of campus resources (campus computer labs, printing, libraries, etc.) and increased academic performance. 3rd and 4th year students may choose to live off-campus. Students will receive the same housing amount as an RVA Apartment for their selected housing living expense (part of BA/MD Scholarship if applicable).

MEAL PLANS

1st year students are required to hold a meal plan. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year students are not required to have a meal plan; 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year BA/MD students are not required to have a meal plan. Instead, a meal stipend will be awarded every academic year.



Refer to page 17 for more details about costs!

PROGRAM EVENTS

BA/MD Olympics – An annual event for all BA/MD students, staff, faculty and alumni to compete in a series of Olympic-like games. Typically offered in late August when the fall semester begins!

Coffee & Cookies with the Directors - Opportunity to chat with the Directors about anything you would like while enjoying some coffee and cookies. Communicate directly with the Directors outside of program evaluations or seeing them at BA/MD events. A great opportunity to ask questions from the SOM leadership – could be pre-med guidance, about medical school, residency, etc. as these are areas of their expertise and direct experience

Spring Kickball – Exciting event to celebrate the spring mid semester with a playful game of kickball. All cohorts come together in an optional kickball game on Johnson field with treats and company of alumni, staff and faculty.

Goodies & Games – Fall mid semester celebration for all cohorts to enjoy a variety of games and baked goodies.

COMMUNICATION AND FEEDBACK

Every student is welcome to talk to any staff or faculty member, if you need help with contact details please feel free to email your cohort advisors.

Email Communication

Once students accept their offer, they will need to comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), *students must email with their UNM account*. For information on FERPA, please [click HERE](#). The BA/MD Program sends important information, deadlines, and upcoming events via Lobo Mail. It is the student's responsibility to check your Lobo Mail daily.

Advisement Appointments

LoboAchieve is an application that allows students to schedule appointments with advisors, and access advising session notes. Students must login to Lobo Achieve with their UNM Net ID and password to schedule an appointment. For detailed steps to please [click HERE](#).

Program Evaluations

All BA/MD students are required to complete an online program evaluation each semester by the stated deadline. These electronic evaluations are sent by the BA/MD Program office via email on behalf of the SOM Program Evaluation, Assessment and Research (PEAR) office. Each BA/MD student is assigned an identification number that only the SOM PEAR office documents to allow students to complete the evaluations anonymously.

Program Assessments

All BA/MD students will be asked throughout their undergraduate years to participate in various types of assessments. These assessments are used for Program evaluation and not student progress.

Optional Evaluations

All BA/MD students who gave consent to the SOM Program Evaluation, Assessment, and Research (PEAR) office are required to complete all online evaluations by the semester deadline. Students may decide not to participate in the supplemental evaluations at any time. However, they must give the BA/MD Academic Advisors their status change in writing before they are considered exempt.

PROGRAM MEETING TIME POLICY

All BA/MD students must keep the designated program meeting time open every semester as the Program may schedule meetings that all students can attend. These meetings differ in content/purpose (Ex: FAFSA changes, MCAT prep course discussion, SOM financial aid preparation, sharing program data, etc.). If you are unable to keep the meeting time open, you are responsible for communicating with your BA/MD Advisor in advance of next semester. Your Advisor will notify you via email acknowledging issue and if permitted to make schedule adjustments. All meetings will be announced two weeks in advance via email. No exceptions will be made for work schedules. For extenuating circumstances, you must communicate your absence to any BA/MD staff member in advance of the meeting.

Financial Support

BA/MD SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Due to the financial partnership necessary to afford to offer the BA/MD scholarships, students are expected to maintain their scholarships and financial aid packages, while actively seeking additional funding as needed.

In order to be eligible for a BA/MD scholarship, students must complete the following:

- BA/MD students are required to submit a FAFSA ([Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#)) each year regardless of familial economic status. The school code for UNM is: 002663
 - 1st year students: second Friday of May
 - 2nd, 3rd and 4th year students: renew by the first Friday in January
- The FAFSA application requires parental/guardian and student taxable income documents from two years prior to determine which students may be eligible for federal grant funding only.
- Complete the FAFSA required documents outlined by UNM Financial Aid office. Your FAFSA application is NOT complete until these documents are submitted. (ex: IRS transcript, W-2, Dependent form, etc.). *Scan QR code for more info and to upload required documents:*
 - 1st year students: second Friday in June
 - 2nd, 3rd and 4th year students: last day in January
- BA/MD students are required to submit a “Scholarship Estimate Form” (Online form sent by email the summer prior to each academic year) of their expected scholarships award(s).



Students are expected to meet scholarship requirements to maintain good standing:

- Enroll in and complete a minimum of 15-18 credit hours per semester
- Earn semester grade point average required by all scholarships
- Provide/complete various scholarship requirements (Thank you letters, class schedules, forms etc.)

AWARD CHARACTERISTICS AND LIMITATIONS

- Supplemental, need-based awards
- Each BA/MD student will have a customized awards package
- BA/MD is the last scholarship to pay
- All awards are totaled for the academic year in the student's UNM account
- If receiving federal money-you may be held to UNM's “cost of attendance”
- Student loans are totaled into cost of attendance, and may reduce eligibility for BA/MD awards
- Work-study awards are totaled into cost of attendance, and may reduce eligibility for BA/MD awards
- Students enrolled full time at UNM will receive full program support. If the student is not enrolled full time, the program provides an amount of financial support commensurate with the student enrollment
- For more information, please visit the [BA/MD Scholarship Policy](#).

BA/MD SCHOLARSHIP FORMULA

Supplemental, last dollar scholarships not exceeding the Basic Educational Cost (“BEC”) as defined for the BA/MD Program. Each student will have a customized BA/MD scholarship amount if needed after calculating all incoming scholarships and federal grant funding earned by the student. BEC is the same for all students except for the Upper Division course premium (\$35.78 per credit hour) because it is based on the student’s course enrollment. BEC is used by BA/MD to determine awards. Student choices that produce extra cost will be the responsibility of the student.

BEC rates are subject to change each academic year, below is an example of 2021-2022 rates:

Types of Charges	Costs
UNM Tuition and Fees	\$ 4,257.06 (15+ hours)
Arts & Sciences Differential mandatory	\$ 150.00
Student Technology Fee mandatory	\$ 150.00
Course Fee Stipend	\$ 119.00
Textbook Stipend	\$ 515.00
Housing	\$ 3,500.00
Meal Plan/Stipend	\$ 2,225.00
Student Health and Counseling (SHAC) Fee mandatory	\$107.000
Athletic Student Fee mandatory	\$100.00
BEC Total	\$ 11,026.36

**Based on 2021-2022 BEC rates. Upper Division Course Premium for 300/400 level courses is \$35.78/hr*

To determine if a student is eligible for a BA/MD scholarship per semester:

- Total incoming scholarships and federal grant funding
- Calculate BEC for an individual student
- Subtract "A" from "B" to determine need of BA/MD scholarship

EXAMPLES OF AWARD PACKAGES

Example 1		Example 2	
Fall 2021 BEC	\$11,026.36	Fall 2021 BEC	\$11,026.36
Presidential Scholarship	-\$1,459.94	Rotary Club Scholarship	-\$2,000.00
Rotary Club Scholarship	-\$2,000.00	Pell Grant	-\$2,000.00
BA/MD Award	\$7,566.42	Coca-Cola Scholarship	-\$2,000.00
		BA/MD Award	\$5,079.36

** Based on 2021/2022 BEC rates. Please know the 2022/2023 BEC rates are subject to change.*

COST OF HOUSING

1st and 2nd year BA/MD students are required to live in the Living & Learning Community (LLC) of [Redondo Village Apartments](#). 100% of the cost is included BEC. 3rd and 4th year students may choose to live on or off-campus. Students will receive the same housing amount as an RVA Apartment for their selected housing living expense (as part of BA/MD Scholarship if applicable).

COST OF MEAL PLAN

1st year students are required to hold a meal plan. BEC typically covers **Cherry 15 Plus**, however a student may select whichever plan best fits their needs. Please know additional charges will be the student's responsibility. If a plan is not selected by September, the default plan is Lobo 15. Click [HERE](#) for more info & to select your plan! 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year BA/MD students are not required to have a meal plan. Instead, a meal stipend will be awarded every semester.

Continuous Eligibility

COMMITTEE ON CURRICULUM AND STUDENT PROGRESS (CCSP)

CCSP is faculty and staff from College of Arts & Sciences and School of Medicine.

- They employ policies and standards that apply to the BA/MD Program and its undergraduate students and monitor student progress and eligibility for the Program.
- Committee decisions only affect student's status in the program, not at UNM as a whole.

A&S CONTINUOUS ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

In order to remain in good academic standing and thus maintain enrollment in the BA/MD Program, students must meet the following minimum standards:

- A. ***CUMULATIVE GPA:** Students must earn a cumulative GPA of at least 3.37 by graduation from the College of Arts & Sciences in the BA/MD Program. All coursework must be successfully completed with a standard letter grade of a C or better.
- B. ****PRE-MED GPA:** Students must earn a GPA of a 3.00 (B average) or better at various points in the BA/MD curriculum as stated in the Student Progress and Evaluation policy. All coursework must be successfully completed with a standard letter grade of a C or better.
- C. Students must adhere to the [Student Progress and Evaluation policy \(SPE\)](#).
- D. Maintain the enrollment status required to complete the undergraduate program in four years.
- E. Complete all coursework, including the Summer Community Health Practicum, for Options I, II, or III. All coursework must be successfully completed with a standard letter grade of a C or better.
- F. Successfully complete the required [MCAT Preparatory Course](#).
- G. Abide by the [UNM Student Codes of Conduct](#) and [BA/MD Professionalism Policy](#).

***Cumulative GPA** – BA/MD students must earn a cumulative GPA of at least 3.37. Courses earned by Advanced Placement exams will satisfy degree requirement and will not be used in calculating pre-med GPA as there is no grade earned. Transfer courses will satisfy degree requirement and will not be calculated into the pre-med GPA using the grade earned at the other institution as this follows UNM's policy regarding transfer credit grades. All coursework must be successfully completed with a standard letter grade of a C or better.

****Pre-Med GPA** – BA/MD students must earn a GPA of a 3.00 (B average) or better in all science courses specifically required for UNM School of Medicine (SOM) and the BA/MD Program. If a student earns a B or better in all science courses, the 3.00 GPA will be met. (For example, if student earns a C in one of these courses, they must earn an A in another science course to average a B, or repeat a course for a B or better (and process grade replacement) to meet the 3.00 GPA requirement.) Courses earned by Advanced Placement exams will satisfy degree requirement and will not be used in calculating pre-med GPA as there is no grade earned. Transfer courses will satisfy degree requirement and will not calculate into the pre-med GPA using the grade earned at the other institution as this follows UNM's policy regarding transfer credit grades. All coursework must be successfully completed with a standard letter grade of a C or better.

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| • Chemistry 1215 – General Chemistry I (3) | • Biology 2110L – Molecular and Cell Biology (4) |
| • Chemistry 1225 – General Chemistry II (3) | • Biology 2410L – Genetics (4) |
| • Chemistry 1215L – General Chemistry I Lab (1) | • Biology 304/304L – Plant and Animal Form (4) |
| • Chemistry 1225L – General Chemistry II Lab (1) | • Physics 1230 – General Physics I (3) |

- Chemistry 301 – Organic Chemistry I (3)
- Chemistry 303L – Organic Chemistry I Lab (1)
- Chemistry 302 – Organic Chemistry II (3)
- Chemistry 304L – Organic Chemistry II Lab (1)
- Physics 1230L – General Physics I Lab (1)
- Physics 1240 – General Physics II (3)
- Physics 1240L – General Physics II Lab (1)
- Biochemistry 423 – Introduction to Biochemistry (3)

NOTE: All GPA's are calculated to the hundredth decimal point.

STUDENT PROGRESS AND EVALUATION (SPE) PHASES

PHASES	REQUIREMENT	DEADLINE	IF REQUIREMENT NOT MET
PHASE ONE Continuation	2.00 Cumulative GPA	Spring of 1st year	Student will be released from BA/MD Program
PHASE TWO Continuation	<u>3.00 Pre-Med GPA:</u> <i>Biology 2110/L (4)</i> <i>Biology 2410/L (4)</i> <i>Chemistry 1215/1215L (4)</i> <i>Chemistry 1225/1225L (4)</i> <i>Chemistry 301/303L (4)</i>	Spring of 2nd Year* *Noted Courses must be successfully completed by this point	Student will be released from BA/MD Program
PHASE THREE Continuation	<u>3.00 Pre-Med GPA:</u> <i>Chemistry 302/304L (4)</i> <i>Physics 1230/1230L (4)</i> <i>Physics 1240/1240L (4)</i> + <i>Biology 2110/L (4)</i> <i>Biology 2410/L (4)</i> <i>Chemistry 1215/1215L (4)</i> <i>Chemistry 1225/1225L (4)</i> <i>Chemistry 301/303L (4)</i>	Summer Following 3rd Year *Noted Courses must be successfully completed by this point	Student will be released from BA/MD Program
PHASE FOUR Transition	UNM SOM minimum threshold MCAT score	October 15th of 4th Year	Student will not transition to SOM
PHASE FIVE Transition	<u>3.37 Cumulative GPA</u> <u>3.00 Pre-Med GPA:</u> <i>Biochemistry 423 (3)</i> <i>Biology 304/304L (4)</i> + <i>Chemistry 302/304L (4)</i> <i>Physics 1230/1230L (4)</i> <i>Physics 1240/1240L (4)</i> + <i>Biology 2110/L (4)</i> <i>Biology 2410/L (4)</i> <i>Chemistry 1215/1215L (4)</i> <i>Chemistry 1225/1225L (4)</i> <i>Chemistry 301/303L (4)</i>	Spring of 4th Year* *Noted Courses must be successfully completed by this point	Student will not transition to SOM

SOM CONTINUOUS ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

In order to transition into the UNM School of Medicine MD portion of the Program, BA/MD students must satisfy the continuous eligibility standards outlined above, as well as the following outlined standards required by the UNM School of Medicine:

1. BA/MD students must earn a score on the MCAT exam consistent with the [minimum acceptable threshold](#).
2. Complete the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) application and UNM School of Medicine secondary application by the UNM SOM set deadline.
3. Maintain a code of professional conduct consistent with SOM standards.
4. Meet the policy on [Technical Standards for Admission](#) to the UNM School of Medicine.

In the fall semester of the student's last year, the [Committee on Curriculum and Student Progress \(CCSP\) Eligibility and Professionalism](#) subcommittee will recommend all eligible students for transition to the UNM School of Medicine (SOM) Admissions Committee. The SOM Admissions Committee will review each student's record and file to ensure that students meet all of the above eligibility requirements, as well as all other technical standards and requirements of the UNM SOM.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

Students who are not meeting BA/MD Arts & Sciences continuous eligibility requirements will be placed on academic probation by the CCSP Eligibility & Professionalism subcommittee. The student must meet with their academic advisor to generate a plan for improvement and expected date of compliance with continuous eligibility requirements. The CCSP E&P subcommittee may mandate an academic plan to include, but is not limited to: a minimum number of tutorial hours, meetings with instructor and/or TA's, progress reports, etc. Academic probation varies in length depending on each student's situation. The CCSP E&P subcommittee notifies the student in writing of their probation status in the Program. If a student disagrees with BA/MD CCSP E&P subcommittee, please see the BA/MD Grievance & Due Process Procedure for more information.

EDUCATIONAL PRESCRIPTION

BA/MD A&S students who are not meeting the continuous eligibility requirements can be placed on an educational prescription. This is individualized action and support which acts as a contract between the student and the Program. The intention of the educational prescription is to assist students in generating a plan for improvement in the area identified, whether academic or professional. The educational prescription is announced and initiated within official correspondence from BA/MD CCSP E&P subcommittee stating student's status in the Program. It will state what is required, suggested, or a resource. Educational prescriptions can vary in length depending on each student's needs.

PROGRAM RELEASE

Students who fail to meet continuous eligibility requirements, including any phase outlined in the Student Progress & Evaluation (SPE) policy, will be released from the Program. Students may be released from the Program without prior incident dependent upon the individual case. The CCSP E&P subcommittee will notify the student in writing of their released status in the Program. If a student disagrees with BA/MD CCSP E&P subcommittee, please see the BA/MD Grievance & Due Process Procedure for more information.

PROGRAM WITHDRAWAL

If a student wishes to voluntarily withdraw from the Program at any time, the student should submit a written statement to an BA/MD administrator. The written statement should include the following in an attached word document and sent to an BA/MD administrator via email.

- Date of statement
- Address to the "BA/MD Directors"
- Date of withdrawal is in effect
- Reason the student wishes to withdraw (if comfortable with stating so)
- Include closing with UNM email
- Student ID number

Withdrawn students will be offered an optional exit interview with any BA/MD faculty and/or staff member(s) of their choice to discuss any aspect of the Program. They will also be offered continued advisement during their undergraduate career by the BA/MD advisors, however will require advisement with major/minor advisor as well.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

BA/MD students may request a Leave of Absence (LOA) for personal reasons only. LOA for academic reasons will not be considered (i.e. cannot complete Pre-Medical coursework at another university/college).

For non-emergency LOA, students must be meeting BA/MD A&S continuous eligibility requirements (*if first semester of first year, mid-semester progress reports will be used to determine academic standing). All LOA requests must be approved in advance, a minimum of one semester in advance, by the BA/MD Student Petition Committee (SPC). LOAs totaling more than two years, either consecutively or in parts, will not be granted. Please see the BA/MD Due Process policy for more information on student petitions.

In case of an emergency, the BA/MD Advisor in consultation with CCSP Eligibility & Professionalism subcommittee and/or BA/MD Administration, may grant an emergency LOA (ELOA), and will assist student with withdrawal from the University. Students may not enroll in coursework at any university or college while on ELOA to encourage focus on the improvement of the student well-being and/or emergency.

LOA will most likely result in a delay in graduation date and may affect financial aid agreements. Students on scholarship and financial aid should meet with a financial aid and/or scholarship officer to determine the impact of the LOA on financial agreements. If a LOA is granted after BA/MD funds have been awarded for the semester, that funding will apply toward the 8-semester limit of BA/MD funding. No student will be allowed to take a LOA after their sixth academic semester unless they have passed Phase Three of the Student Progress and Evaluation policy and have earned a score on the MCAT exam consistent with the minimum acceptable threshold for admission into the MD program at the UNM School of Medicine by August 1st before the student's seventh semester.

Note: *Students who successfully petition the Student Petition Committee for additional time in the Program will not be allowed to take a LOA after their eighth academic semester unless they have passed Phase Three of the Student Progress and Evaluation policy and have earned a score on the MCAT exam consistent with the minimum acceptable threshold for admission into the MD program at the UNM School of Medicine by August 1st before the student's ninth semester.*

PROFESSIONALISM POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to address the Programmatic expectations of students in the Program, which include professional, ethical and academic integrity standards. All BA/MD students are expected to demonstrate high standards of professional behavior in all educational settings (including classrooms and laboratories, professional and clinical sites) and in non-educational settings when representing the Program or on the UNM campus. It is important that students understand the role of a professional encompasses more than just satisfactory acquisition of knowledge in courses. The professional must exhibit personal and professional behaviors, including but not limited to the list below. In addition, professionalism requires that an individual use practical judgment to determine how to behave in a variety of particular, often unpredictable, situations. When an individual is unsure which course of action is appropriate and professional in a given situation, consultation with BA/MD faculty and/or staff is strongly advised. These expectations are in addition to those established by the [UNM Student Codes of Conduct](#) and [BA/MD Professionalism Policy](#).

Behavioral Expectations: Please [click here](#) for additional information on behavioral expectations.

1. Honesty and integrity
2. Trustworthiness
3. Empathy and cultural diversity
4. Communication
5. Punctuality
6. Professional behavior
7. Ethical standards
8. Lifelong improvement and professional competence
9. Time management and decision-making
10. Appearance

Procedural Expectations: Please [click here](#) for additional procedural expectations.

- Estimated Scholarship [Google Doc](#)
- FAFSA completion
- Semester evaluations
- Student Petitions
- Registration [Google Doc](#)
- Program Meetings
- Senior Meetings

Lapses, Violations & Consequences

The above behavioral and procedural standards provide guidelines as to expectations. Not meeting these standards could result in either a professionalism lapse, or a professionalism violation.

- A professionalism lapse is any behavioral lapse (any failure to meet professional and behavioral standards) that is not egregious or repetitive in nature, or any procedural lapse (unmet Program requirement).
- A professionalism violation is an egregious failure to meet the behavioral or procedural standards outlined above. These may include but are not limited to academic integrity, failures to meet the behavioral standards outlined above that may endanger or cause reasonable apprehension of harm, and/or significant disruptions to the learning environment. In addition, repeated **professionalism lapses** over time may result in a violation.



Professionalism violations form part of the student's record and are reported to the School of Medicine Admissions Committee for review to ensure that students meet all of the eligibility requirements, which include professional standards and other requirements of the UNM SOM. This may lead to ineligibility to transition. For the Procedure for Resolution of Alleged Professionalism violations, see [Due Process policy](#).

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic integrity is an essential part of the pursuit of truth, and of your education. We are all responsible for maintaining academic integrity in the BA/MD Program— it is the rock on which the value of your degree is built. If a student cheats on a test or plagiarizes by using someone else's work or ideas, they defeat the purpose of the educational process. In addition, academic dishonesty is prohibited by both the BA/MD Program through this policy and the University through the Student Code of Conduct. Academic dishonesty could result in: failing grades from the faculty member, disciplinary action by the CCSP, and/or disciplinary action by the Dean of Students under the Student Code of Conduct.

If any incidents of academic dishonesty are reported to the Program, the student(s) will be required to appear before CCSP Eligibility & Professionalism subcommittee, even if the student has no prior record of professional lapses. In addition, the Program will request the faculty member to report the incident to the UNM Dean of Students Office who handles and records such allegations for the University. The incident will be recorded in the students' permanent file in both the Program and UNM Dean of Students office.

Please refer to our Academic Integrity here: <https://bamdas.unm.edu/handbook/professionalism/academic-integrity.html>



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