

Syllabus Addendum

Fall 2026

Please visit the [NMSU Syllabus Student Resources & Policy webpage](#) for university policies and student services, including discrimination and disability accommodation, academic misconduct, final examination schedules, grading policies, and more.

Important Dates for Fall 2026

Deadline / Important Date	16-Week Term (August 19 - December 11)	First 8-Week Term (August 19 - October 11)	Second 8-Week Term (October 12 - December 11)
Last Day to Add a Class Without Instructor's Signature	August 20	August 20	October 13
Last Day to Add a Class With Instructor's Signature	August 28	August 24	October 15
CENSUS - Last Day to Cancel Registration (100% Refund)	September 4	August 28	October 21
Last Day to Withdraw From a Single Course With a "W" (No Refund)	October 15	September 18	November 9

See [Important Dates for Students](#) for the complete calendar, mini-semester dates, late-registration periods, and any administrative changes. A \$25 late-registration fee may apply.

University Grading System

NMSU's grading system is outlined in [ARP 4.55](#). Individual instructors may elect whether to use fractional grading (pluses and minuses). Before the last day to withdraw from a course, instructors will provide information about a student's progress upon request.

Religious Observances and Authorized Absences

NMSU values diversity and supports cultural and religious inclusiveness. If participation in a cultural or religious observance conflicts with a class session, notify the instructor in writing and in advance to request an excused absence. See [ARP 4.46 - Authorized Absences from Class](#).

S/U Grading Option

Under S/U grading, an S indicates satisfactory achievement of course learning objectives and is normally equivalent to C- or higher. Students must elect the S/U option during registration; it may not be added after course registration closes. Eligibility and credit limits apply. See [ARP 4.55, Part 2](#).

Incomplete Grades

An I (Incomplete) may be assigned for passable work that could not be completed because circumstances beyond the student's control developed after the last day to withdraw from the course. An I may not be used to avoid assigning a D, F, U, or RR for marginal or failing work. The instructor must complete an I Grade

Information Form; when remaining work may be completed, the form will specify a deadline of no more than 12 months and before graduation. See [ARP 4.55, Part 2, Item 4](#).

Six-Week Early Performance Grades

Instructors of courses numbered 100-299 and 1000-2999 must submit early performance grades for work completed as of the sixth Friday following the first day of classes in regular 16-week fall and spring semesters. This requirement does not apply to mini-semesters or summer terms; reporting is optional in courses numbered 300 or higher and 3000 or higher. These grades support student retention and opportunities to address performance issues. See [ARP 4.55, Part 5](#).

Course Materials and Recordings

Students may not sell, distribute, post online, publish, or use for commercial purposes course lecture notes, handouts, readings, recordings, or other information provided by an instructor without the instructor's express permission. See [Appendix ARP 5.10-A - Examples of Academic Misconduct](#).

Academic Misconduct

[ARP 5.10](#) establishes NMSU's academic integrity policy, and [ARP 5.11](#) establishes procedures for addressing alleged academic misconduct. Students should review the [NMSU Student Handbook](#) and [Academic Integrity at NMSU](#) for definitions, procedures, potential sanctions, and appeal information.

Use of Generative AI

The course instructor determines when and how generative AI tools may be used. Refer to the course syllabus and instructor directions for permitted use, attribution expectations, and restrictions. See [NMSU's Artificial Intelligence Statements for Syllabi](#).