Graduate College Organization

In 1971, at the direction of the Board of Regents, the Graduate College of the University of Nebraska (UNL and UNMC) and the Graduate College of the University of Nebraska at Omaha were merged to form one University-wide Graduate College with one Graduate Faculty. The ultimate academic authority for all graduate programs within the University is vested in the approximately 1700 members of the Graduate Faculty.

The Bylaws of the Board of Regents state that the Executive Vice President and Provost of the University of Nebraska shall serve as Dean of the University-wide Graduate College and as presiding officer of the Graduate Faculty and councils thereof. The legislative and academic authority of the Graduate Faculty is vested in the Executive Graduate Council, comprised of eight members elected by the graduate faculty. Specific responsibilities of the Dean and of the Executive Graduate Council can be found in the University of Nebraska Graduate College Governance document.

On each campus of the university in which graduate programs are housed, there is a campus Dean for Graduate Studies, a campus graduate faculty, and a campus graduate council. The UNO Dean for Graduate Studies administers graduate programs and policies on that campus; serves as presiding officer of the UNO graduate faculty and the UNO graduate council; and forwards to the Dean of the Graduate College matters which are of university-wide concern. The UNO graduate faculty consists of those members of the university-wide graduate faculty administratively assigned to UNO. The UNO graduate council acts as an advisory body to the UNO Dean for Graduate Studies, coordinates the graduate studies on the UNO campus, and recommends to the executive graduate council actions affecting students and programs on more than one campus. This council consists of 22 elected or appointed faculty members and two graduate student members. Specific responsibilities of the Dean for Graduate Studies and of the UNO graduate council may be found in the document "Organization of Graduate Studies: University of Nebraska at Omaha."

University of Nebraska at Omaha Graduate Studies

As a graduate student, you will partner your ambition with a world-class education at UNO. Our office partners with you on this journey from start to finish. Once you have applied, your application will be sent to the appropriate graduate admission committee for review. Upon review, we will notify you of an admission decision.

Once admitted and enrolled in courses, we continue the journey with you. You will have the opportunity to apply for graduate assistantships, scholarships, travel awards, attend workshops, and have access to professional development opportunities. In addition, we provide academic support by monitoring your degree plan, grades, and quality of work. As you near completion of your degree, we provide guidance and support as you prepare for graduation.

UNO’s six academic colleges provide rigorous graduate academic programs, taught by faculty who are national and international experts in their fields. All of UNO’s colleges offer unique opportunities in research and hands-on experiences that are critical to gaining an edge in a competitive global workforce.

If you need to contact us at any point of your journey at UNO we can be contacted by phone, email, and in person to assist you with any graduate studies needs you may have.

Graduate Student Learning Outcomes

Preamble: The following student learning outcomes for master’s level graduate programs were synthesized from the breadth of existing graduate student learning outcomes and represent commonalities in most programs.

Students shall demonstrate at the graduate level:
1. Mastery of discipline content
2. Proficiency in analyzing, evaluating, and synthesizing information
3. Effective oral and written communication
4. Demonstrate knowledge of discipline’s ethics and standards