

University of New Orleans: A Special Place for Nontraditional Adult Students

The University of New Orleans, the metropolitan region's flagship public university, is committed to making higher education available and affordable to all qualified students. We actively recruit and support a large population of nontraditional students. In fact, 40% of our student body is over the age of 25, many with families and established careers. We understand both the special needs and talents of the older student, and offer a number of programs to help ensure your success as an adult learner.

Getting Ready to Succeed

If you have been out of school for a while, or maybe never attended college after high school, we can help you make a successful transition to college life. Metropolitan College, the University's continuing education arm, offers a useful, free program to help you decide if college is right for you. If you're looking for career guidance before you enroll in a degree program, the Career Planning and Assessment Center can help you with vocational testing and low-cost counseling. Ready for college but a little nervous about university level math? Enroll in the Metropolitan College noncredit refresher skills courses. You can master the material without the pressure of grades or tests. For more information about any of these programs, call 504.280.7100.

Scholarships for Adult Students

If you have never enrolled at a college or university, we can help you get a taste of college learning with our Adult Student Scholarship. This scholarship covers the tuition cost of one three-credit course. Contact the Metropolitan College office, at the Lakefront Campus, Education Building, Room 122 or by calling 504.280.7100 for applications and additional information. The University also offers a number of other generous scholarships. Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships at 504.280.6686 for more information.



Special Services for Adults

UNO understands that adult students may have special needs. We offer a variety of programs and services to accommodate you and bolster your academic achievement. Child care, married student housing, health insurance, academic counseling, and career services are just some of the ways UNO helps you fit college into your life. Read on for details!

Convenient Evening Hours make us available when it is convenient for you, so our administrative offices, college offices and bookstore are open until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays when classes are in session to accommodate your needs.

The UNO Children's Center offers an exemplary early childhood education program for children ages 12 months to five years. You must be enrolled to take advantage of the Center. Special student rates are available. Call 504.280.3131 for more information.

Apartment Living is available on-campus for full-time married students or single students with dependent children. Lafitte Village offers one-and two-bedroom units with all the conveniences of campus life. Privateer Place, a new apartment-style residence hall open to married and single students, and Bienville Hall, our traditional dormitory-style residence, are other housing options. Call Student Housing at 504.280.6585 for more information.

Health Care is available at Student Health Services in the University Center. All students are eligible for general medical services, nurse services and health consultation, plus lab work and a discount in-house pharmacy. Health insurance is also available at a modest premium. Phone 504.280.6387 for more information.

Career Services are available free of charge at the Career Development and Cooperative Education Center. We can help you with career planning, development, and employment opportunities, both after graduation and part-time during school.

Some adult students take advantage of the Cooperative Education Program. You can combine academic study with planned, supervised, and paid work experience related to your academic major. Call 504.280.6225 for details on this program.



As a youngster coming out of high school, I went straight into the work force. I had been successful in business, but there was one aspect of my life I felt was incomplete, and that was my lack of a formal education. In the spring of 1992 I initiated the process. I was 46 years old at the time. I began by taking a single class. I took off with that one class and with the exception of spring and summer 1996 I have been in classes each semester ever since. I have even taken a class in Russian. I have met some wonderful people, and these experiences have enhanced my quality of life to a degree that would never have been possible without having gone back to school.

Tim Hollis
History Major
Junior
Retail Automobile Executive

Counseling Services can help you deal with the unique social and emotional concerns of adults through individual or group counseling. Because adjusting to college can be a challenge, Counseling Services also offers in-depth career testing for UNO students. Phone 504.280.6683 for more information.

The UNO Women's Center helps meet the changing needs of our women students with programs, a library, and support with women's issues. Membership is open to enrolled students. Call 504.280.7285 for information.

Veterans attending UNO should check with the UNO Office of Veterans Affairs, if eligible for educational benefits. Phone 504.280.6692 for details.

The Learning Resource Center provides one-on-one tutoring in math and English, as well as audio, video and computerized instruction. Phone 504.280.7054.

The Earl K. Long Library houses a collection of over one million scholarly and professional books, periodicals, slides and microfiche and is open seven days a week. Librarians are available to assist you in locating materials. A one-credit Library Research course is also available to help prepare you for research projects. Phone 504.280.6354.

The Computer Research Center offers computer facilities for instruction and research. Phone 504.280.6347 for more information. Many of the Colleges also have computer laboratories for their students to use for a wide range of class projects. Check with your college office for details regarding use and availability.

The Office of Disability Services (ODS) at UNO is committed to complete accessibility of education. If you have a disability, ODS can help you obtain the necessary academic accommodations. Phone 504.280.7327 for more information.



Scholastic Amnesty Been away from school for a while and want to start with a “clean slate”? You may qualify for this option if you have been away from school for three years or more. Contact the Office of Admissions for details at 504.280.6595. Ask to speak with an Admissions Evaluator.

Course Variety That Suits Your Schedule UNO offers a variety of television, off-campus, sunrise, evening, weekend, and mini-courses that are sure to accommodate your personal needs. Whether at the Lakefront Campus, Downtown, Jefferson Parish, the Westbank, Slidell or Stennis Space Center, we are committed to providing quality, affordability and convenience.

I decided to attend the University of New Orleans because the courses are offered at times and locations that are convenient for my busy schedule. The Children's Center on campus allows me to be close to my daughter and I have the comfort of knowing that she is in a safe and nurturing environment. UNO cares about the nontraditional student and provides services that fit our needs.

Monique Turner
BA, Undergrad Student

Unconventional Means of Earning College Credit at The University of New Orleans

Looking for ways to earn college credit in a particular area without spending a semester in the classroom? If you have the knowledge, UNO offers you several options to earn the credit without taking the course. How? Contact the Office of Admissions for the “Credit Where Credit is Due” brochure or ask to speak to an Admissions Evaluator.

Other Campus Services

In addition to the services listed above, we also provide the auxiliary services you want and need on campus. You can buy new and used textbooks at the UNO Bookstore; grab a quick bite or a full meal at the Cove or the Cafeteria; catch up on campus events with the Driftwood, UNO's student newspaper; work out, play tennis, swim, or join a club sport with Recreational and Intramural Sports. It's all waiting for you at UNO.

Financing Your Education

Financing your education can be a major concern for many students. At the University of New Orleans, you have several options for paying for college. The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships 504.280.6603 can help you decide the best way to manage your college expenses. Contact them as early as possible in advance of your enrollment to learn about grants, loans, scholarships, and the college work-study program. Over 60% of UNO students receive some form of financial aid. You may be eligible, too. And the UNO Career Development office can help you find part-time employment off-campus.

Once you have registered for classes, you may be concerned about paying your fees on time. Relax! UNO offers an Extended Payment Plan Option (EPPO) which allows you to budget your payments across the semester. Just pay half of your fee bill at registration and the balance in one more payment during the school term.

For your convenience, you can take advantage of early mail-in or phone-in VISA or MasterCard payment. Of course, checks and cash are also welcome. Contact the Bursar at 504-280-6504 for more information.

Undergraduate Programs

UNO can help you prepare for a satisfying lifetime career or help you retrain for a new one. Most nontraditional, adult students do exceptionally well at UNO because they are highly motivated and disciplined. You will find mature people just like you enrolled in every major at UNO.

UNO degree-granting colleges are the College of Business Administration; the College of Education and Human Development; the College of Engineering; the College of Liberal Arts; the College of Sciences; the College of Urban and Public Affairs; and Metropolitan College, which grants the Bachelor of General Studies degree. Further information on any of the Colleges is available from the UNO Office of Admissions. Call 504.280.6595 to request a particular brochure.



Undergraduate Admission

Adult students have several options for enrolling at UNO.

See which option best suits your needs.

I was past the age of the traditional student when I returned to the University of New Orleans. I was aware of the advantages and opportunities an education provides. My academic experiences at UNO taught me the value of pursuing my education as well as the value of knowledge and training I acquired in my field. The professors in the sociology department prepared me to meet the challenges ahead and I will always appreciate their commitment to my education and me.
Alicia McCallum
Counselor Education,
Graduate Student

UNO is such an affordable education. What UNO did for me as a nontraditional student was this:
I went from thinking I couldn't be anything to thinking I can do anything! UNO's many adults come with the same common goal and desire for an education. That bond creates a stronger community.
LaTonya Jones
Psychology Major, Freshman

Special Student If you are an undergraduate and wish to take college classes as a nondegree student, you may apply as a Special Student. Special Students do not need to submit transcripts. Consult the Office of Admissions for details about Special Student status.

Regular Admission If you plan to pursue an undergraduate degree program, you should apply for regular admission. If you graduated from high school after 1988 and are a first-time freshman, you must meet certain admission requirements. You must score a composite of 20 on the ACT (18 if the ACT was completed before October 1989) or 950 on the SAT (810 if the SAT was completed before April 1995). Or you must have completed the following high school courses with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale): 4 units of English; 3 units of mathematics; 3 units of social sciences; 3 units of natural sciences; 2 units of foreign language; 2 units of academic electives; and 1/2 unit of computer literacy. Exceptions to the test score and GPA core requirements can be made for the first time freshman over the age of 25.

Apply early and avoid late application fees. To enroll for the fall semester, apply by July 1; for the spring semester, apply by November 15; and for the summer semester, apply by May 1.

Returning UNO Student If you have been a UNO student in the past, you only need to complete a brief Intent to Re-enroll application form. There is no application fee if you file prior to the published priority dates.

Transfer Student Information To transfer to the University of New Orleans, you should apply for admission at least one semester before you wish to enroll. You'll need to submit your application fee as well as complete, official transcripts from each college and university you have attended. If you are enrolled at another college when you apply to UNO, please have your transcripts sent when you apply. Then follow up with supplementary records at the close of the semester.

The Office of Admissions will evaluate your academic work taken at other institutions for general university purposes. A complete transfer credit evaluation will be mailed to you once you are admitted and all official transcripts are received. The dean of your major college will determine which credits will be accepted towards your UNO degree. If you receive transfer credit for English 1158, you will need to validate that credit by passing the English Proficiency Examination for Transfer Students. You must take the exam during your first two regular semesters of enrollment at UNO.

Other Requirements for Transfer Admission You must have at least a 2.0 (C) average on total college work attempted. If you have less than a 2.0, in many cases you may be considered for admission on academic probation.

Placement in Math and English

If you will enter UNO as a freshman or as a transfer student without college credit in mathematics or English composition, you must take the UNO Mathematics Placement Test before registering for classes. If your ACT scores are on file at UNO, you do not need to take the Math Placement Test unless you want to improve your math placement. For information on the Math Placement Test, call 504.280.6331.

All new freshman, nontraditional students, and transfer students entering without transfer credit in English composition will be placed into the appropriate level of English through the English Placement Test consisting of a 45-minute writing sample. ACT/SAT I scores cannot be used for English placement. For information on English Placement contact the English Department at 504.280.6274.





Graduate Admission

If you already hold a bachelor's degree, you may continue your studies at UNO as a graduate student. You have two options for enrolling in the Graduate School.

Nondegree Graduate Student If you do not wish to pursue an advanced degree, you may apply as a nondegree graduate student. If you are a pre-med or pre-MBA student or are working towards teacher certification, you will need to submit an official transcript certifying your bachelor's degree. Other nondegree students do not need to submit transcripts.

Degree-Seeking Graduate Student If you want to pursue a master's or doctoral degree or take 6000-level business or political science classes, you must apply as a degree-seeking graduate student. Contact the Office of Admissions at 504.280.6595 for more information.

Master's Degrees

We offer master's degrees in the following areas: business administration; education; engineering; drama and communications (M.A. and M.F.A.); English; fine arts; history; archives and records administration; music; political science; romance languages; sociology; biological sciences; chemistry; computer science; geology and geophysics; mathematics; physics; psychology; urban studies; and public administration.

Doctoral Degrees

We offer Doctor of Philosophy degrees in the following programs: financial economics; curriculum and instruction; educational leadership, counseling, and foundations; special education and habilitative services; political science; conservation biology; chemistry; psychology; and urban studies.

Admission Policy

It is the policy of UNO that admission to the University is open to all persons who meet the admission requirements and qualifications of the University. In all programs or operations of the University, no distinction is made between persons on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, age, disability, national origin, marital or veterans' status.

Making the UNO Decision

Deciding to attend college is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. The University of New Orleans wants to help you make the right choice. Schedule an appointment with one of our admissions counselors by calling 504.280.4.UNO. Find out more about how you can take charge of your future at UNO. You deserve nothing less than success, and at UNO, you can make that goal a reality.

