

INFORMATION AND POLICY

Graduate Education

The mission of the Graduate School is to provide innovative, responsive, and accessible master's and doctoral degree programs of the highest quality to graduate students. Our programs foster a close interdependence between research and classroom teaching. The 600 graduate faculty members and more than 2,200 graduate students at UNH work together to develop new theoretical and empirical knowledge, design innovative methods and technologies to discover and disseminate that knowledge, and engage in undergraduate and graduate state-of-the-art teaching. The Graduate School is a source of intellectual capital for the University, the region, and the nation.

UNH is the primary institution within the University System of New Hampshire responsible for providing graduate programs that meet state, regional, and national needs and the only one at which doctoral programs are offered. Other units of the University System do offer some master's degree programs.

The Graduate School is led by the dean, who implements the policies of the graduate faculty. The dean is advised by the Graduate Council, which is composed of elected faculty members and graduate student representatives.

Graduate School

www.gradschool.unh.edu (<http://www.gradschool.unh.edu>)

The Graduate School provides assistance to prospective and current students from the time of their first inquiry about graduate study until completion of their graduate programs. Students are encouraged to contact the Graduate School staff with questions regarding academic policy, financial assistance (scholarships, fellowships, and travel grants), and availability of University services.

Graduate Council

The Graduate Council is comprised of 12 graduate faculty members and four graduate students. The council advises the dean of the Graduate School on policies concerning graduate education and is responsible to the graduate faculty for recommendations concerning new graduate programs. Standing committees of the council include the doctoral program committee, the master's program committee, the student affairs committee, and program review committee.

Master's Programs

The University offers master's degree programs in a wide variety of disciplines, which can serve either as professional terminal degrees or as intermediate degrees for those intending to pursue further graduate study. In many programs, students can elect options that will permit them to study one aspect of a discipline in depth by preparing a thesis or to gain a broader mastery of a discipline by electing to take coursework in lieu of a thesis.

Doctoral Programs

The University offers doctoral programs in those disciplines that have both the faculty and facilities to support high-quality advanced graduate education. Care has also been taken to ensure that the programs will make a significant contribution to the opportunities for doctoral education in the New England region. Doctoral education

properly focuses on preparing the student to contribute to the growth of knowledge through research. Most doctoral programs also provide opportunities for students to work as teaching assistants and to participate in seminars on teaching led by experienced faculty members. After receiving a dual grounding in the development and communication of knowledge, graduates from UNH doctoral programs have gone on to find excellent teaching and research positions.

Interdisciplinary Programs

The Graduate School encourages and supports interdisciplinary study within existing programs and in the form of new and innovative graduate curricula. While self-designed courses of study are not available at the University, many of our programs offer a range of electives, cross-disciplinary study, and independent projects that allow students to tailor their work to reflect individual interests. This is especially true at the doctoral level. In addition, the Graduate School oversees intercollegiate programs that involve faculty and coursework from more than one school or college. Intercollegiate programs offer students the opportunity to pursue new and emerging fields of study that draw upon multiple disciplines, leading to solid disciplinary foundations as well as cross-disciplinary skills useful for solving new social and scientific problems. Opportunities for interdisciplinary research are also available in the institutes and centers at the University.

UNH Graduate School Manchester Office

www.gradschool.unh.edu/manchester (<http://www.gradschool.unh.edu/manchester>)

The University of New Hampshire Graduate School Manchester Office offers postbaccalaureate programs in applied professional fields. Centrally located in Manchester's historic Millyard in the heart of the I-93 corridor, the Graduate School offers the expertise of University of New Hampshire faculty, contemporary curricula, modern educational facilities, convenient access, flexible schedules, and most important, a graduate degree from the University of New Hampshire, the state's flagship public university.

McNair Graduate Opportunity Program

www.unh.edu/mcnair (<http://www.unh.edu/mcnair>)

The McNair Graduate Opportunity Program provides eligible undergraduate students with ongoing consultation and support from faculty mentors and staff to help ensure their success in making the transition from undergraduate to graduate education. There is both an academic year and a summer component to the program. An application is required.

Graduate Student Senate

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) provides a collective voice for the more than 2,000 graduate students who form an integral part of the University community. The representative structure of the GSS comprises representatives from each college and on-campus housing unit. GSS representatives advocate for graduate students at the USNH Board of Trustees and on various University boards and committees. The GSS also promotes the graduate student community by sponsoring professional development opportunities and social events.

Communication to Students

University communications are sent to students through the following channels:

WEBCAT

Students receive billing statements, register, and view grades, student accounts, and financial aid awards through Webcat, a part of MyUNH (Blackboard).

UNIVERSITY E-MAIL

Important notifications are sent to students by many departments and offices via a UNH e-mail address that is assigned by the University. Students are responsible for checking this e-mail address on a regular basis.

MYUNH (BLACKBOARD)

Course material and University announcements are available through MyUNH, a student portal system.

MAIL TO PERMANENT ADDRESS

Some notifications are sent in the student's name to the permanent mailing address.