Continuing education provides public access to higher education for individuals not formally admitted to a UNH degree program. Taking courses as a non-degree student is an excellent way to prepare for matriculation into a degree program, help advance or change careers, or study a topic of interest.

Non-Degree Student Status

Undergraduate
Undergraduate courses (numbered 200-799) are open to individuals with a high school diploma, GED, or home-schooled secondary education equivalency. Individuals may register for a maximum of 11 credits per semester.

Graduate
Graduate courses (numbered 800-999) are open to individuals with a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. Individuals may register for a maximum of 8 credits per semester.

Full-Time Special Student Status

Undergraduate
Non-degree students who wish to register for 12 or more credits in a single semester must receive formal permission from UNH Undergraduate Admissions. Special tuition and fee rules apply. Please contact UNH Undergraduate Admissions at 603-862-1360 for more information on how to apply.

Graduate
Non-degree students who wish to register for 9 or more credits in a single semester must receive permission from The Graduate School. Students approved for this special status must pay full-time graduate tuition and fees at the time of registration. Please contact The Graduate School at 603-862-3000 for more information on how to apply.

NH Senior Citizen Tuition Waiver
New Hampshire residents who are age 65 or older and are not enrolled in a degree program are eligible to take a maximum of two credit-bearing courses (some exceptions apply) per fiscal year (Summer Session/Fall/January Term/Spring) tuition-free. Please visit https://www.unh.edu/continuingeducation/undergraduate-coursework for more information, under Registration.

Pre-Admission Program
The Pre-Admission Program allows students an opportunity to strengthen their academic credentials in preparation for admission to a baccalaureate program by completing coursework that satisfies both general education and introductory-level major requirements. Students complete two semesters in the program, register for up to 12 credits per semester, and then transfer to a baccalaureate program upon successful completion of the outlined criteria. For more information please visit https://admissions.unh.edu/apply/pre-admission-program.

CATS Program
The CATS (Challenging Academically Talented Students) Program is open to highly motivated and academically strong high school juniors and seniors who want to enrich their academic experience with a college-level course. Students may choose from freshman-level courses (400-500 numbered courses). For an application and more information, please visit https://admissions.unh.edu/apply/cats-challenging-academically-talented-students-program.

Prerequisites
Individuals are responsible for meeting all course prerequisites before registering for classes. Prerequisite information is included in undergraduate and graduate course descriptions.

Academic Standards and Expectations
A cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 (C grade) is the minimum acceptable level for undergraduate work and 2.67 (B- grade) is the minimum acceptable level for graduate work at the University. The records of non-degree students are examined periodically and academically deficient students may be warned or excluded from registering. All non-degree students are expected to become familiar with and adhere to the current UNH Student Rights, Rules, and Responsibilities available online at https://www.unh.edu/student/rights.

Professional Development and Training
Professional Development and Training, an affiliate office of the Graduate School, serves individuals, businesses, and organizations by offering a wide range of non-credit professional development opportunities throughout the year. Programs are designed to assist professionals in developing new or advanced knowledge and skills in a variety of fields. Training is offered in Durham, Manchester, and Portsmouth, N.H. For more information, visit https://training.unh.edu/.

Summer Session
Summer Session provides a wide range of credit and non-credit courses, institutes, and programs in a variety of term lengths from May to August. From youth-enrichment programs to advanced-level institutes, Summer Session provides educational opportunities for learners of all ages. On-campus housing is available for students enrolled in summer credit courses. Please note: summer credit courses are held to the same academic standards as regular term courses but are typically offered at an accelerated pace. For more information, please visit www.unh.edu/summersession (https://unh.edu/summersession).

January Term
January Term is a three-week learning opportunity held during winter break. Online, on-campus, and study-away credit courses are available in a variety of academic disciplines at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Because of the intensive course of study, students may register for only one course during January Term. For more information, visit https://unh.edu/januartyterm/.

https://www.unh.edu/continuingeducation/university-coursework