GENERAL INFORMATION

The University

UNH offers 200 degree programs across 11 schools and colleges to 15,000 undergraduate and graduate students. There are thousands of courses to choose from, and 83 percent of them enroll no more than 50 students, meaning experiential learning and thoughtful classroom discussions reign. What's more, with an 18:1 student-to-faculty ratio, UNH students have direct access to award-winning (Pulitzer, Guggenheim, MacArthur “Genius”) faculty. The core academic experience for every UNH student is the Discovery program. It stars with an Inquiry course (analysis, writing, questioning), expands into an exploration across disciplines and ends with a senior capstone experience. The goal is to help each student become the kind of person the world most needs. And it’s working: Seventy-three percent of job-seeking grads from the UNH Class of 2017 were employed within six months of graduation. Plus, a Gallup study found that UNH graduates thrive in their professional and personal lives to a greater degree than their peers from other large public universities, and they're employed at a rate much higher than the national average.

UNH students and faculty have been collaborating to make the world a better place for more than 150 years, and not just in the classroom — from the uncharted ocean depths to edge of our solar system to the earth we call home, our research transforms lives and delivers solutions to global problems. Powered by more than $100 million in competitive external support, UNH is in the top 20 percent of universities nationwide for research and funding. Because of this, undergraduates in every academic discipline enjoy uniquely broad access to research experiences and can even get funding to pursue them through the university’s Hamel Center for Undergraduate Research. Many boost their CVs by conducting independent inquires, an experience that gives them a leg up on graduate school and employment applications.

We know that students who graduate with hands-on, real-world experience are more likely to have successful careers, so in addition to all the hands-on classroom learning and research, UNH offers 500+ study abroad programs, a dedicated career and internship center and a dedicated fellowships office, all of which help students find opportunities that bolster their academic and career goals. Our entrepreneurship center helps aspiring business owners make their dreams reality. Ready to dive in? We’ll supply the world-class academics, the outstanding faculty and an atmosphere of invention. You bring the burning desire to bend your mind on pressing problems. We can’t wait to meet you.

More information

Highest sustainability ranking in U.S., safest college town, and other rankings (https://www.unh.edu/main/facts-figures)

Why UNH is the sweet spot of the East (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ooz7LdiUQkC)

Why New Hampshire students choose UNH (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmvFRc6NpRE)

Research (https://www.unh.edu/main/research)

Visit campus (https://admissions.unh.edu/visit-campus)

Mission

UNH offers a broad array of undergraduate, graduate, professional, and research programs. Nearly 90 percent of the full-time faculty hold doctoral or terminal degrees, and many have earned national and international reputations.

The University of New Hampshire has a threefold mission of teaching, research, and public service.

Teaching. All undergraduate programs of instruction at the University are built on a specialized program of general education known as Discovery. The objectives of the Discovery Program carry through the undergraduate subject major as students refine and apply their skills and discover the relationships among fields of study. At every level, students enjoy close contact with individual faculty members who are dedicated to research and scholarship; this is an advantage for students because active scholars and researchers teach by sharing their own learning.

Research. The activity of research embraces all the arts and sciences at the University; it is an integral part of both undergraduate and graduate programs. In doctoral study and in many master’s programs, thesis research is a primary mode of learning. As a land-, sea-, and space-grant institution, the University of New Hampshire has a particular obligation to conduct applied research in the areas of agriculture, marine sciences, and engineering, and to disseminate the findings to the state and nation.

Public Service. The University fulfills its special responsibility for the welfare of the state through UNH Cooperative Extension, and through research and consultation on particular needs of New Hampshire citizens. The University is dedicated to collaborative learning inside and outside the classroom.

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