

GENERAL INFORMATION

The University

UNH offers more than 300 degree programs across 10 schools and colleges to some 15,000 undergraduate and graduate students. There are thousands of courses to choose from, and most enroll no more than 50 students, helping create a 16:1 student-to-faculty ratio that gives UNH students direct access to award-winning faculty. With three out of four undergraduates also completing at least one internship prior to graduation, experiential learning and thoughtful classroom discussions are hallmarks of the UNH experience.

The goal is to help each student become the kind of person the world most needs. And it's working: According to our most recent graduating class survey data, our graduates boast a 94% success rate, with 73% of students employed within 12 months after graduation and another 21% seeking further education. Additionally, the significant majority of employed graduates — 82% — reported that their job was directly or somewhat related to their major. That kind of return on investment is what led UNH to be ranked the No. 1 best value public university in New England for the fourth consecutive year in 2024 and a top-10 best value public university in the country for the second year in a row, according to the Best Value Schools rankings of National Universities by U.S. News & World Report.

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 the edge of our solar system to the Earth we all share, our research transforms lives and delivers solutions to global problems. Powered by \$252 million in competitive external support, UNH is a Carnegie Classification R1 institution, putting it in the top tier of research universities nationwide. Undergraduates in every academic discipline enjoy broad access to research experiences — two out of three professors mentor undergraduates on research — and can even get funding to pursue them through the university's Hamel Center for Undergraduate Research. Many conduct independent inquiries, an experience that gives them a leg up on graduate school and employment applications. More than 1,600 students showcase their scholarship at the university's annual Undergraduate Research Conference, a week-long event each spring that is one of the nation's largest.

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 classroom learning and research, UNH offers 250+ study abroad programs, a robust 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, and our Hamel Honors and Scholars College, which opened in 2024, builds on the university's longstanding Honors Program to create a transformational home base for student leaders and serves as yet another differentiator for UNH as the state's flagship public university.

Academic excellence with an impact beyond the classroom. Top-ranked programs across a remarkable array of majors and disciplines. Inspiring professors who make a difference in the lives of their students. Research innovation changing the world. Prepared, successful graduates. You'll find all of that and a lot more at UNH.

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Mission

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UNH is distinguished by its commitment to high quality undergraduate instruction, select excellence in graduate education, relatively small size, a location in a beautiful and culturally rich part of the seacoast of New England and a strong sense of responsibility for this special place, a commitment to serving the public good and our emergence over the past decade as a significant research institution. The dedication of our faculty to the highest academic standards infuses all we do with the excitement of discovery.

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