

GENERAL INFORMATION

The University

UNH offers 200-plus degree programs across 11 schools and colleges to some 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 faculty.

The core academic experience for every UNH student is the Discovery program. It starts 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: Despite graduating into a challenging environment the UNH Class of 2020 boasts a 92 percent success rate, with 75 percent of students employed six months after graduation and another 17 percent seeking further education. And the good news isn't limited to UNH's youngest alumni; 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 nearly \$130 million in competitive external support, UNH is just one of 130 doctoral-granting universities in the country — and one of only 43 without a medical school — to earn the "very high research activity," or R1, designation from the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. Undergraduates in every academic discipline enjoy broad access to research experiences and can even get funding to pursue them through the university's Hamel Center for Undergraduate Research. Many conduct 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 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 limitless opportunity. You bring the burning desire to bend your mind on some of society's most pressing problems.

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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, and 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 in and outside the classroom.

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