OSE Academics
Currently, more than 30 faculty members participate in OSE graduate programs. Nearly 150 students have graduated over the past 10 years (93 M.S. and 53 Ph.D.) and found employment in industry, academia, and government research laboratories.

Among OSE faculty, there are 20 OSA, SPIE, and APS fellows. The OSE program has four members who have received the title of Distinguished Professor at UNM. One faculty member is the recipient of the UNM President’s Award for their lifetime achievement in education and research. Also, several faculty members have been recognized as the Regent’s Lecturers, Young Researcher Award recipients, and department teaching awards. Finally, one faculty member was inducted into the National Academy of Innovators.

OSE Program Initiatives:
1. OSE Seminar Series
2. OSE Best Dissertation Award
3. OSE Student Scholarship Fund

Founded in 1889, the University of New Mexico (UNM) has become one of the fastest growing research universities in the nation. The total number of enrolled students approaches 27,000, with approximately 15% enrolled in graduate school.

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Background

Established in the mid 1980's, the Optics Program at UNM has acquired a national and international reputation. More than 300 students have completed the graduate program and found employment in industry, academia, and research laboratories. This interdisciplinary program offers courses in all aspects relating to theoretical and experimental optics, providing versatile and flexible preparation in optics for a future career in science, industry and academia.

The optics research facilities are located in the Departments of Physics & Astronomy, and Electrical and Computer Engineering, as well as at the Center for High-Technology Materials (CHTM). In 1996 the Optics Program became a member of WICHE (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education). There are numerous collaborations with the three Federal Laboratories in New Mexico - Sandia National Laboratories (SNL), Los Alamos National Laboratories (LANL), and the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), and with members of the optics industry cluster, the New Mexico Optics Industry Association - NMOptics.

Research Areas

Advanced Materials, Atom Optics, Biomedical Optics, Fiber Optics, Laser Cooling, Laser Physics, Lithography, Nanostructures, Nonlinear Optics, Optical Imaging, Optical Sensors, Optoelectronics Photonic Integrated Circuits, Quantum Optics, Spectroscopy and Ultrashort Phenomena

Pioneering research has originated from this program in areas ranging from the quantum theory of lasers to ultrashort pulse physics to opto-electronic devices, among others.

Degree Concentrations

1. Optical Science
2. Photonics
3. Imaging Science
4. Quantum Optics

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