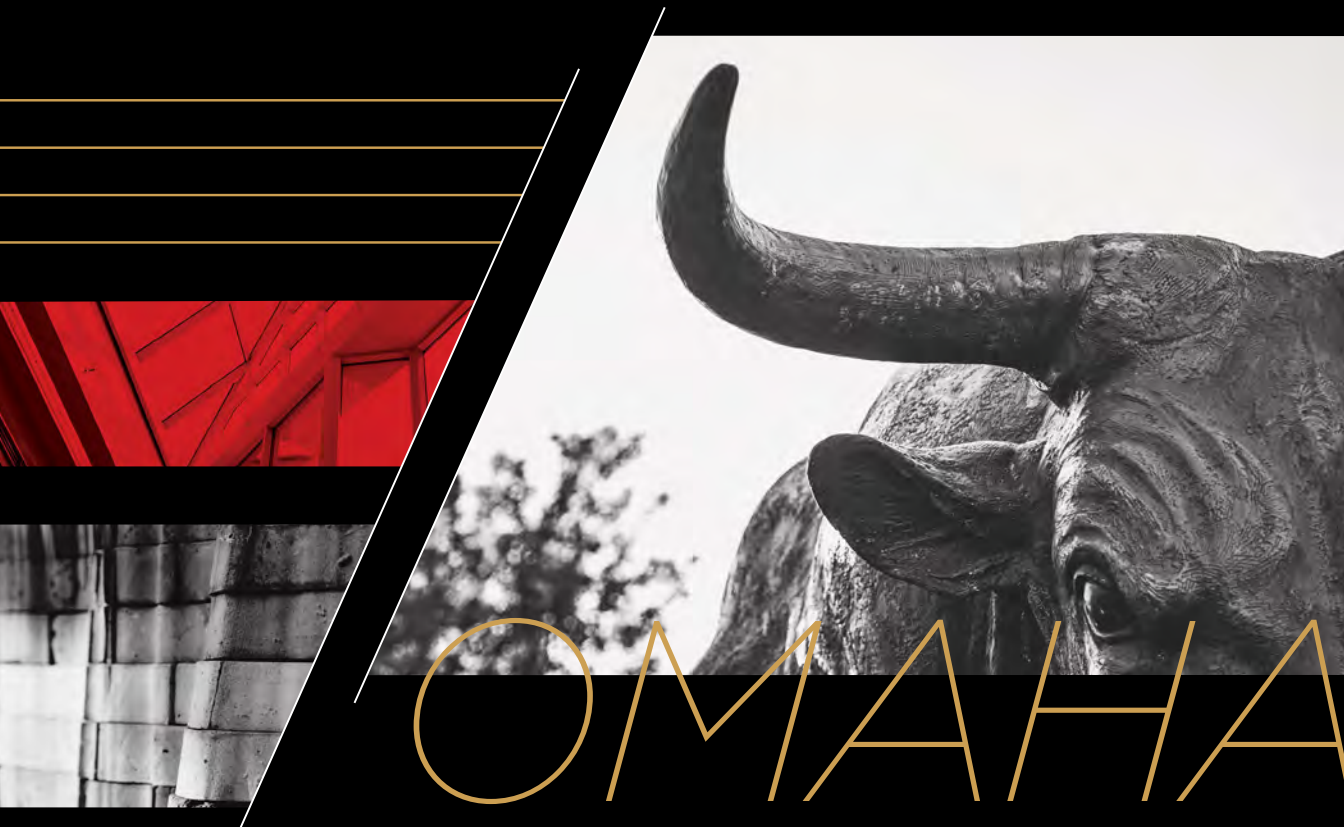




UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

# UNO ADVANTAGE

INFORMATION BROCHURE 2022-2023



OMAHA

UNIVERSITY OF  
**Nebraska**  
Omaha

Access to higher education transforms lives. This idea forms the heart and soul of everything that we do here at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO). Here, we pursue research and creative works that strengthen our city, our state, and the world.

At UNO we are Mavericks. We change lives. To be a Maverick is to innovate. It means approaching today's important issues with curiosity and creativity and embracing a new way of thinking. It means that we seek out important discoveries every day. And when one issue is solved, we never sit idle. Because of this, our momentum is unstoppable.

As Nebraska's Urban Metropolitan University, our faculty, staff, and students meet at the intersection between outstanding academic pursuit and service to the community. We are change makers who find solutions through hands-on learning and service opportunities. Our cutting-edge technology, innovation, and creativity lead the world in a variety of industries. We take risks, explore, and grow, and because of this we do things that people say would never happen. At UNO, our story is told in the journeys of our students and alumni who make an impact in every industry across the state, the nation, and around the world.

We designed this book to share the story of UNO with students, parents, alumni, and our partners in the community. Our shared commitment to student success and workforce development represents our mission to strengthen the social and economic mobility of our students, their families, and the city we represent. At UNO, all are welcome and have the opportunity to thrive. Omaha is our campus, and we are truly proud to represent the rich, diverse cultural mosaic that is this city. Because when UNO succeeds, then we all do. That is why we want everyone to "Know the O."

That relationship with the city is a vital part of what drives our mission to build a brighter future, together. With our Maverick Spirit in our heart, we dream daringly today so that everyone can enjoy a brighter tomorrow.

And that is the UNO Advantage.



Joanne Li, Ph.D., CFA  
CHANCELLOR

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# MISSION

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UNO has always endeavored to ensure higher education is accessible to anyone who seeks it. We believe that a strong, diverse, and affordable education can not only improve the quality of life for a community, but that it can also transform it. As the region's premier metropolitan university, UNO will forever be committed to teaching, research, service, and engaged leadership so our graduates can help improve the region's, and the world's, quality of life.

# ESTABLISHED IN 1908

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## Mission

As both a Metropolitan University of distinction and a Carnegie Doctoral Research institution, the University of Nebraska at Omaha transforms and improves the quality of life locally, nationally, and globally.

## Vision

The University of Nebraska at Omaha is recognized as the premier Metropolitan University throughout the United States and the world.



# CORE VALUES

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## Excellence

Focusing on exceptional education, groundbreaking research, and the life-long success of our students and alumni



## Engagement

Strengthening our community through the transformative power of shared resources, dynamic collaboration, and sustained partnerships



## Inclusion

Creating an environment that is welcoming, open, and diverse; committing to the accessibility of our campus and academic programs; and ensuring a respectful and safe campus environment



## Discovery

Fostering a culture of critical thinking and creativity, and upholding the rigorous pursuit and exchange of knowledge



## Integrity

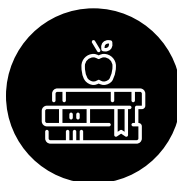
Embodying the highest of professional and ethical standards



## Maverick Spirit

Exemplifying strength, resilience, curiosity, independent thinking, and entrepreneurship in our everyday deeds and collective endeavors

# UNO'S STRATEGIC GOALS



## STUDENT PERFORMANCE

- ▶ Degree Completion
- ▶ Time to Degree
- ▶ Meaningful Retention
- ▶ Strategic Recruitment



## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- ▶ Paid Internships
- ▶ Experiential Learning
- ▶ Reskill and Upskill



# UNO IS NEBRASKA'S URBAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

As Nebraska's only public urban university, UNO represents our city and region through a mission that embraces diversity, inclusiveness, and equitable access to the transformational power of higher education.

By working together with community partners, UNO is dedicated to strengthening the social, and economic mobility of our students and their families, while serving as a valued partner to the city and state by developing a stronger, more prepared future workforce.

## UNO'S 6 ACADEMIC COLLEGES

**Arts and Sciences**

**Business Administration**

**Communication, Fine Arts and Media**

**Education, Health, and Human Sciences**

**Information Science & Technology**

**Public Affairs and Community Service**

## UNO'S CLASSIFICATIONS & ACCREDITATION

### Carnegie Classifications:

- Doctoral Universities: Moderate Research Activity
- Community Engagement: Curricular Engagement and Outreach Partnerships

### Accreditation:

The University of Nebraska Omaha (UNO) is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), a highly respected, long-standing accreditor of post-secondary/higher education institutions.\*



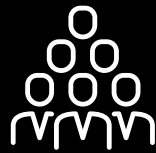
# STUDENTS

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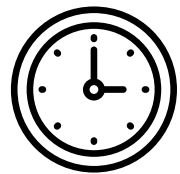
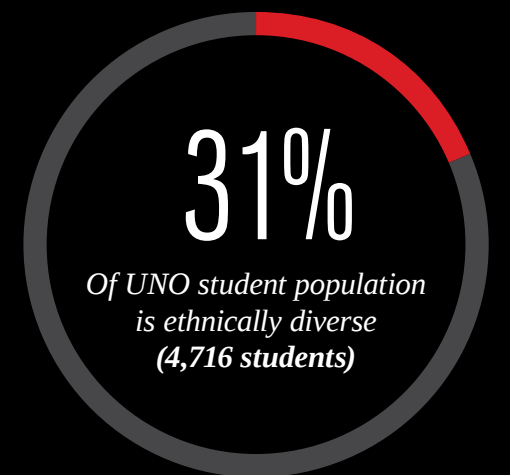
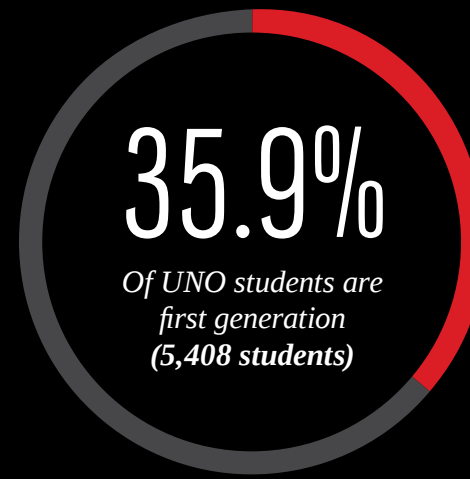
UNO's role is to serve as a point of access for excellence in higher education in our city, state, and region. All learners who have done the hard work of preparation are welcome, no matter age, race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, or country of origin.

# UNO STUDENT PROFILE

# 15,058



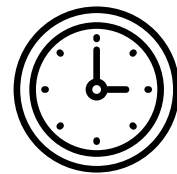
Total enrollment including undergraduate and graduate students



**11,020**  
Full-time

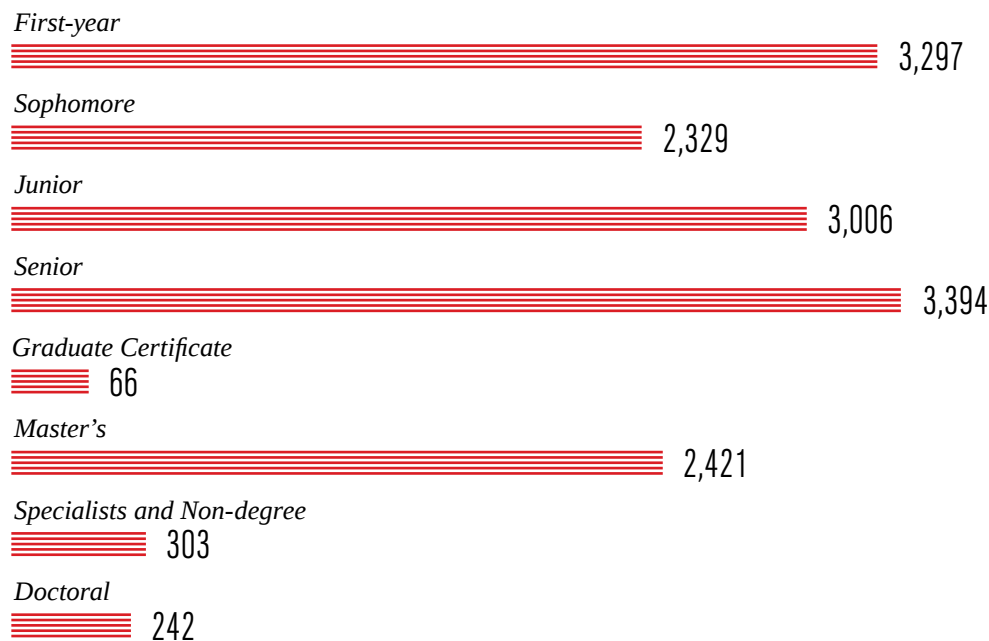


**4,038**  
Part-time



**12,566**  
Full-time Equivalent

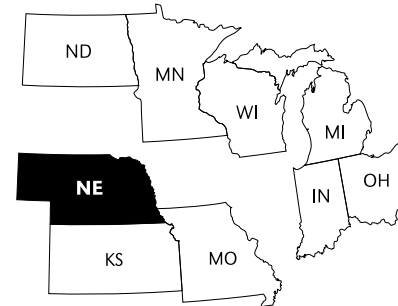
## STUDENTS' CLASSIFICATION



**11**

Students enrolled in Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP)

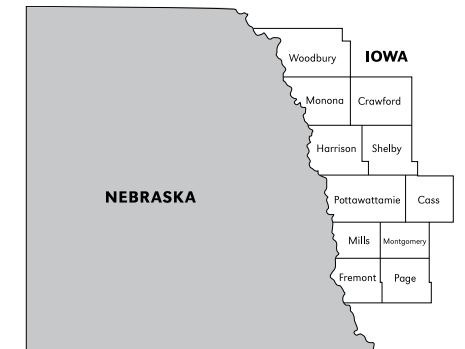
A reduced out-of-state tuition program for students and residents of nine Midwest states.



**471**

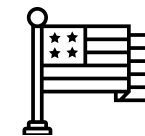
Students enrolled in Metropolitan Advantage Program (MAP)

A reduced tuition program for students and residents of 11 Western Iowa counties.



In addition to Nebraska, first-year students come to UNO from:

- 1 IOWA
- 2 SOUTH DAKOTA
- 3 KANSAS
- 4 MISSOURI
- 5 MINNESOTA



**49**

States Represented



**69**

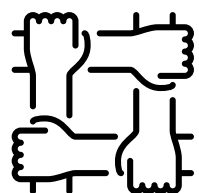
Countries Represented



# UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

12,026

Undergraduate students

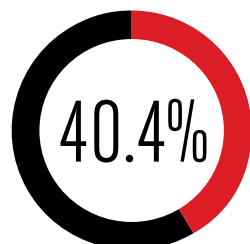


4,136

Underrepresented students

4,856

First-generation students

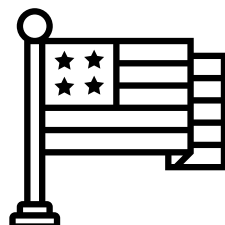


Of total undergraduate population are first generation



10,478

Nebraska (Residents) students



11,597

Domestic students



429

International students

# FIRST-YEAR INCOMING CLASS



3.5

High school GPA

22.3

Average ACT

886

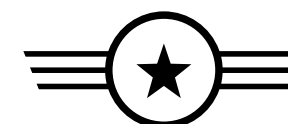
First generation students

903

Ethnically diverse students

63

International students



175

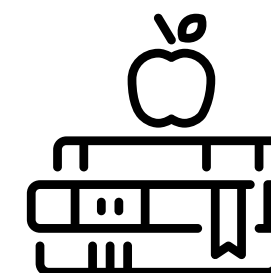
First-year Military/veteran students including dependents and affiliated spouses

STUDENTS COME TO UNO FROM THESE METRO AREA HIGH SCHOOLS:

- 1 Omaha Central High School
- 2 Millard South High School
- 3 Millard North High School
- 4 Omaha South
- 5 Millard West

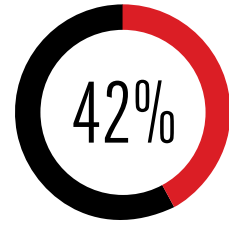
AVERAGE GPA

- 3.5
- 3.4
- 3.4
- 3.5
- 3.5

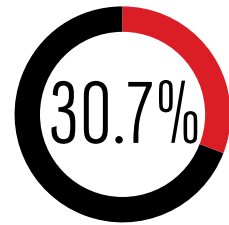


# TRANSFER STUDENTS

**1,005** Total transfer students



First generation students



Ethnically diverse students

STUDENTS TRANSFER TO UNO MOST OFTEN FROM THESE INSTITUTIONS:

- 1 Metropolitan Community College
- 2 University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 3 Iowa Western Community College
- 4 Southeast Community College
- 5 Community College of the Air Force

# DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

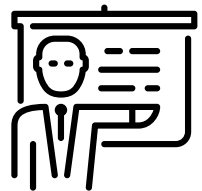
► The mission of UNO's Dual Enrollment Program is to deepen UNO's partnership and engagement with the local community and promote academic achievement and opportunity for Nebraska youths by offering high school students the chance to earn college credit.



**37**  
High schools are represented

**3,173**

Students enrolled in at least one dual enrollment course through UNO



**261**  
High school faculty members teach dual enrollment courses

**7,073**

Dual enrollment courses were taken by students

**20,624**

Credit hours were earned by dual enrollment students

# GRADUATE STUDENTS



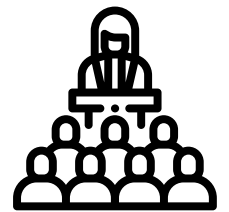
**3,032** Graduate students

**580**

Underrepresented students

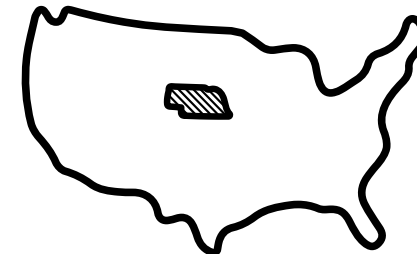
**722**

New graduate students



**675**

Non-resident students (excluding MAP students)



Increase in total graduate non-resident students

**354**

International Students

TOP FIVE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED - CITIZENSHIP

- 1 India
- 2 Bangladesh
- 3 China
- 4 Nigeria
- 5 Iran



Increase in total graduate international students

**921**

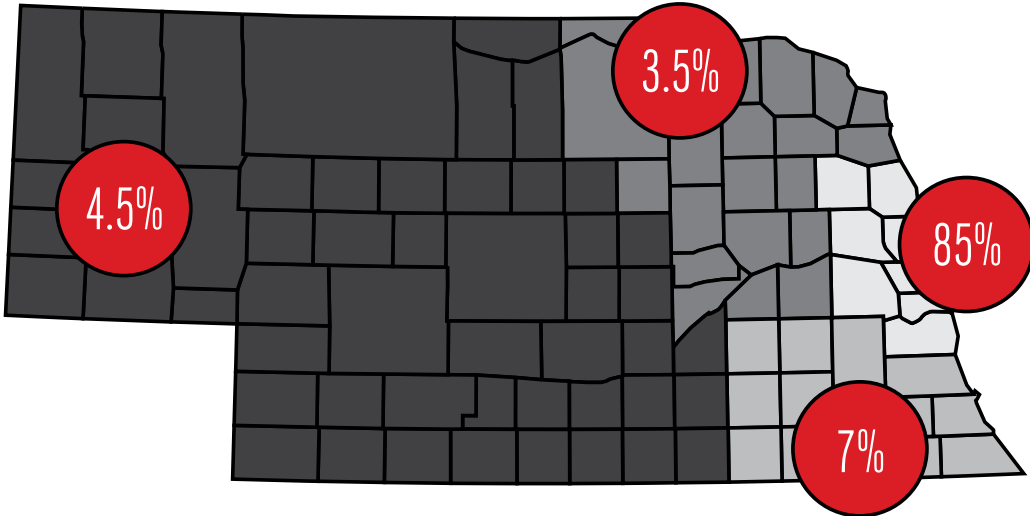
Master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees conferred in 2021-22

**68**

Graduate certificates awarded in 2021-22

# DISTRIBUTION OF UNO STUDENTS FROM NEBRASKA

► Counties reporting fewer than 10 students are combined with counties of similar size and are reported as one combined percentage; counties reporting a larger percentage of students are counted separately.



**85%** of Nebraska students come from the Omaha Metro Region:

Burt, Cass, Cuming, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders, and Washington Counties

**7%** of Nebraska students come from the Southeast Region:

Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Seward, Thayer, and York

**4.5%** of Nebraska students come from Central and Western Nebraska

**3.5%** of Nebraska students come from the Northeast Region:

Antelope, Boone, Butler, Cedar, Colfax, Dakota, Dixon, Holt, Knox, Madison, Merrick, Nance, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Stanton, Thurston, and Wayne

80 out of 93 counties are represented at UNO



# FACULTY

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UNO students learn from distinguished faculty who are experts in their fields of study. Faculty are fully invested in students and their success, providing a personalized higher education experience.



## FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2021-22

653

Oral presentations, keynote addresses, poster presentations, etc.

34

Theatre-related activities including performances, scenic design, and directing/managing productions)

264

Musical performances or conducting

441

Scholarly journal publications in academic outlets

35

Art shows/exhibitions

21

Books published (includes new books and revised editions)



**2,123**  
Total faculty & staff

# UNO FACULTY

*Undergraduate*

**20:1**

Student-to-faculty ratio

*Graduate*

**8:1**

Student-to-faculty ratio

## Faculty Breakdown in 2021-22

Faculty & staff	2,124
Instructional faculty	1,210
Female instructional faculty	600
Male instructional faculty	610
Faculty have the rank professor	154
Faculty have the rank associate professor	154
Faculty have the rank assistant professor	169
Instructors	647
Assistant Instructor	1
Lecturers	55
Community service or research associates	21
Other, Director Public Services	9



# VALUE

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We believe education isn't a compromise. Our tuition is one of the most affordable in the region, but low tuition rates doesn't equal low quality programs and facilities at UNO. We hold the prestigious classification of being a Carnegie Doctoral Research University—which means we offer specialized doctoral programs, master's degrees, and certificates. Our facilities are some of the best in the nation.



# AFFORDABLE EDUCATION WITHIN REACH

We realize cost is an important factor when choosing a university to attend, and UNO's tuition rates are among the lowest in the region for a four-year university. We are dedicated to ensuring all students have access to higher education by minimizing financial barriers. We offer financial support in the form of hundreds of scholarships and grants, and work with students to make sure they understand the application process.

## Student Tuition and Fees 2021-22\*

UNDERGRADUATE	
RESIDENT	\$8,136
NON-RESIDENT	\$21,718
GRADUATE	
RESIDENT	\$7,752
NON-RESIDENT	\$16,374



\* The information provided is not a bill; this is a cost estimation based on current tuition rates. The University of Nebraska at Omaha reserves the right to increase or modify tuition and fees without prior notice, upon approval by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

87%

of UNO students receive some form of financial aid

33%

of UNO students are Pell Grant eligible

25%

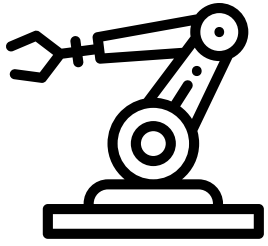
of UNO students are Nebraska Promise eligible



## MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS AWARDED IN 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR

UNDERGRADUATE	
REGENTS' SCHOLARSHIP	\$8,084,869
CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,701,687
DEAN'S SCHOLARSHIP	\$851,251
FACULTY SCHOLARSHIPS	\$212,500
GRADUATE	
REGENTS' SCHOLARSHIP	\$112,086
GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP TUITION	\$2,418,240**

\*\* Does not include amounts paid out of grants.



# CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY

An exceptional education requires a superior learning environment. Students at UNO have access to some of the most-cutting edge technology in the region, and we're continually adding more options.

## 180+

high-tech classrooms, labs, and auditoriums across campus



## CREATIVE PRODUCTION LAB

Explore creative interests and learn how to use cutting-edge hardware and software including 3D printing and scanning, laser cutting, virtual reality, and much more



### AVIATION ADVANCED SIMULATION FACILITY

Aviation Institutes's Advanced Simulation Facility offers students the newest technology in simulator training



### BIOINFORMATICS COMPUTING LAB

offers a state-of-the-art computer facility combining computer science, molecular biology, chemistry, and mathematics research



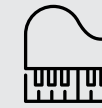
### MALLORY KOUNTZE PLANETARIUM

features Space Telescope Science Institutes "ViewSpace" updated daily from latest images from Hubble Space



### BIOMECHANICS RESEARCH BUILDING

houses a virtual reality lab and a gait analysis lab, as well as other unique data collection environments



### STRAUSS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

includes state-of-the-art recording studios, percussion studios, a dedicated piano lab, and recital hall classrooms



### KORALESKI COMMERCE & APPLIED BEHAVIOR LAB

uses eye-tracking, pupil dilation, facial expression, skin conductance, and electroencephalography (EEG) in research







# ONLINE LEARNING

## Online Programs Ranked Nationally

UNO regularly receives national recognition for excellence in online learning. In 2022, the following online programs were recognized for national rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*:

**TOP 10**  
Graduate Programs  
in Criminal Justice

**#18**  
Bachelor's  
for Veterans

**#29**  
Bachelor's  
programs

**#40**  
Bachelor's  
in Business

## FAST FACTS ABOUT ONLINE LEARNING AT UNO:

- ▶ UNO has been offering online learning for 25+ years with the earliest innovation in Public Administration, Political Science, and Criminology and Criminal Justice in the late 1990s.
- ▶ Although not all general education courses are offered online, there is a pathway through general education requirements that can be completed fully online.
- ▶ Faculty members who teach and conduct research on campus also teach UNO's online courses, meaning online students have access to high-quality, engaged faculty who are committed to excellence.
- ▶ Hybrid scheduling combines online learning with on-campus classes, giving students the flexibility to come to campus less often and complete coursework online asynchronously.
- ▶ Canvas, UNO's digital learning environment, streamlines the student and faculty experience into one centralized communication hub which increases accessibility and usability, and seamlessly connects to several other integrated tools that increase engagement, connectivity, academic integrity, and more.



Some programs, like CEHHS' Library Science program, have a national and even international reach. This map shows the geographic distribution of our undergraduate UNO Library Science candidates.

**95%** of UNO students take at least one online course on their path to graduation.

Online learning adds flexibility that allows students to juggle work, life and family demands.

## Fully online programs (all requirements can be done online, start to finish) we offer:

**11**  
full undergraduate  
degree programs

**6**  
undergraduate  
certificates

**14**  
undergraduate  
minors

**16**  
full graduate  
degree programs

**13**  
graduate  
certificates

**3**  
graduate  
endorsements

## Humanizing Online

Humanizing Online is a faculty training and professional development initiative launched by the Office of Digital Learning during the pandemic. Designed with the specific goal of fostering pedagogical strategies to enhance student-to-

student and student-to-faculty engagement in online and digital courses. More than 331 UNO faculty have now completed at least one course in this three-phase program, which continues to be offered each semester to all UNO instructors.



# SUPPORT

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We provide academic, career, and personal support resources to ensure each student has the tools needed to reach their goal. We provide various programs on campus and are fully committed to developing a culture that values inclusion, wellness, achievement, and involvement.



# STUDENT SUPPORT AND SUCCESS

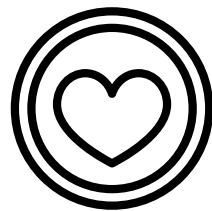
UNO has specifically designed programs and services to support students academically, socially, and physically to enhance time in and out of the classroom.

- ▶ Academic and Career Development Center
- ▶ Accessibility Services
- ▶ Campus Recreation
- ▶ Campus Testing Services
- ▶ Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
- ▶ Civic and Social Responsibility
- ▶ Criss Library
- ▶ Gender and Sexuality Resource Center
- ▶ Health Services
- ▶ Honors Program
- ▶ Learning Communities
- ▶ Math-Science Learning Center
- ▶ Military-Connected Resource Center
- ▶ Multicultural Affairs
- ▶ Speech Center
- ▶ Student Activities
- ▶ Wellness Center
- ▶ Writing Center



*UNO is recognized as the most LGBTQIA2S+ friendly institution in the state.*

*Best Colleges, 2020*

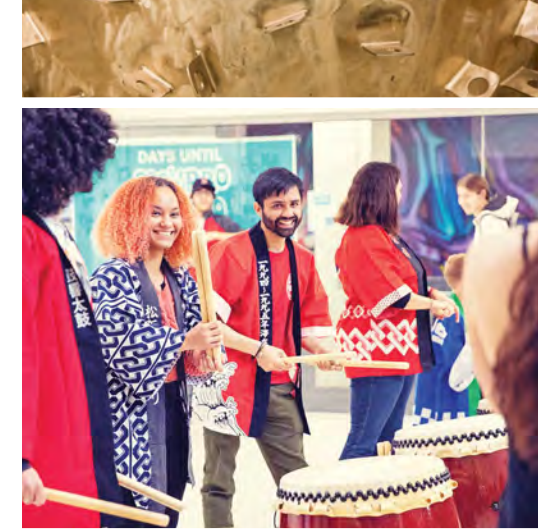


*CAPS helps students with their overall well-being through support groups, short-term counseling, recovery communities, outreach education, and more.*



## OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS SUPPORTING EVERYONE

The Office of Multicultural Affairs (MCA) works to support underrepresented students at UNO by offering academic advising, tutoring, and other success programs designed to empower students to reach their educational and professional goals.



## GENDER & SEXUALITY RESOURCE CENTER

The Gender and Sexuality Resource Center (GSRC) promotes equity, access, and inclusion for all genders and sexualities through education, resources, advocacy, and activism. It offers specific programs and services for LGBTQIA2S+ people, women and gender justice, and survivors of interpersonal violence in the UNO community.



## ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES CENTER

The Accessibility Services Center (ASC) collaborates with students, administrators, faculty, and staff to ensure that we provide reasonable and appropriate accommodations and equal access to university programming for our students with disabilities.



## ACADEMIC & CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Academic and Career Development Center (ACDC) empowers students to explore, develop, and succeed academically at UNO. We provide academic advising for exploring students to prepare them to make the most informed decisions when choosing their college major and career path.

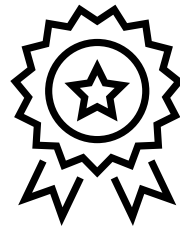


## MILITARY-CONNECTED RESOURCE CENTER

Our community of military-connected students includes active duty members of the military, those who serve in the reserve forces and the National Guard, veterans, family members, and ROTC cadets. The Military-Connected Resource Center empowers this community by connecting students with resources and services to help them succeed—whether it's on-campus, online, or overseas.

### Programming, Services, and Partnerships

- ▶ Quiet study space and computer lab
- ▶ Writing tutors
- ▶ Help with research and paper formatting from designated UNO librarian
- ▶ Assistance in résumé review and translating military skills
- ▶ Connection to Student Veteran Organization (SVO)
- ▶ Division of Student Life and Wellbeing
- ▶ Military Friendly Space training for students, faculty, and staff
- ▶ Campus familiarization sessions
- ▶ Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership (V.I.T.A.L.) VA Veterans Outreach Program
- ▶ General information on Veterans' benefits
- ▶ Personal and Professional Development Speaker Series
- ▶ Military-connected support groups
- ▶ Activities to meet and connect with others



*Consistently ranked among the top universities for Veterans, Active-Duty service members, members of the Reserves and National Guard, and their families.*



U.S. AIR FORCE

**UNO's Air Force ROTC & the 470th Cadet Wing:**

**\$340,000**

*In AFROTC scholarships awarded to students during 2021–2022*

**45**

*Total student cadets in the 470th Cadet Wing in fall 2022*

**11**

*AFROTC cadets on scholarship for fall 2022*

For more info, contact: [unoafrotc@unomaha.edu](mailto:unoafrotc@unomaha.edu)

## WELLNESS AT UNO

UNO is dedicated to creating a culture and environment that supports wellness and prevents illness, creates awareness of health issues, and encourages healthy practices by focusing on the eight dimensions of wellness.



**Physical Wellness:** Recognizing the need for physical activity, healthy foods, and sleep



**Social Wellness:** Developing a sense of connection, belonging, and a well-developed support system



**Emotional Wellness:** Coping effectively with life and creating satisfying relationships



**Environmental Wellness:** Occupying pleasant, stimulating environments that support well-being



**Spiritual Wellness:** Expanding a sense of purpose and meaning in life



**Intellectual Wellness:** Recognizing creative abilities and finding ways to expand knowledge and skills



**Financial Wellness:** Satisfaction with current and future financial situations



**Occupational Wellness:** Personal satisfaction and enrichment from one's work



# RESEARCH & CREATIVE ACTIVITY

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Undergraduate and graduate students can find research and creative activity opportunities in all six of our colleges. Our many research centers, facilities, and labs provide a wealth of opportunities for our students to work with faculty members who are known nationally and internationally for being experts in their respective field.

# RESEARCH, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

## External Grant Opportunities

Number Submitted	399	Number Awarded	231
Amount Applied For	\$156,857,318	Amount Awarded	\$36,977,212

## Internal Grant Opportunities for the 2021-22 Academic Year

Office of Research and Creative Activity offers a number of opportunities to faculty and students to enhance their research and creative activity through the UCRCA, FUSE, and GRACA programs.

UCRCA FACULTY	
Number Awarded	10
Amount Awarded	\$75,514
UCRCA STUDENT	
Number Awarded	11
Amount Awarded	\$5,150
FUSE STUDENT	
Number Awarded	33
Amount Awarded	\$78,631
GRACA STUDENT	
Number Awarded	82
Amount Awarded	\$404,891
FUSE AND GRACA MENTOR AWARDS	
Number Awarded	68
Amount Awarded	\$49,500



## RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS:

- ▶ Federal awards increased by 50.83%
- ▶ \$27,155,781 was awarded to support applied research and public service
- ▶ Overall increase of external awards: 66.7%
- ▶ Received the BOA under NCITE - generated an additional \$3.5 million for FY22
- ▶ UNO Musical Theatre launched a new annual Summer Musical Academy for high school students, and this year's group was among the first to perform in the amphitheater at the new Gene Leahy Mall.
- ▶ Medical Humanities faculty launched a new national online journal entitled "The Linden Review."

## UNO'S 14TH ANNUAL STUDENT RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY FAIR MARCH 4, 2022:

83 faculty advisors	112 graduate students	55 undergraduate students
162 projects presented (72 oral presentations, 90 posters)	6 UNO colleges plus UNL College of Engineering participated	50+ community judges representing more than 20 organizations

## OFFICE OF NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE

### Internationally recognized Fulbright U.S. Students as English Teaching Assistants:

#### JAZMYN CRUZ

English and German (Germany)

#### OTTILIE COOPER-OHM

IT Innovation (Uzbekistan)

#### GRAHM PESCHEL

Geography (Alternate for Estonia)

### Nationally recognized Barry Goldwater Scholars (2 of 417 STEM awards nationwide):

#### BRANDON VILLANUEVA-SANCHEZ

Neuroscience, Sophomore

#### MAIA BENNETT

Bioinformatics, Junior

### Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellow:

#### ELIZABETH BENDER

Criminology and Criminal Justice, and Spanish

### The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship (1 of 77 from 2,500 applicants):

#### RAUL AGUILERA

College of Business Administration



# SUCCESS

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Academic achievement is the foundation of our students' professional careers. And as we help create engaged citizens, our focus is on preparation, planning, and building confidence for the next generation of leaders.



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT MEASURES

First-time, full-time students starting in Fall 2015:

74%

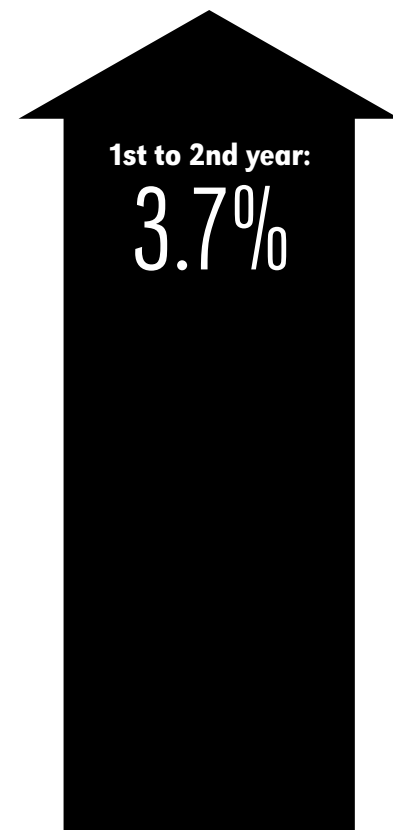
Graduated from UNO; transferred and graduated; or are still in school

## GRADUATION RATE

Six-year graduation rate for first-time, full-time, baccalaureate degree-seeking students entering Fall 2015:

52.1%

## RETENTION



Increase in First-year students who returned for their sophomore year at UNO fall 2021

## DEGREES/CREDENTIALS CONFERRED IN THE 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR



3,604 *Total conferrals*

2,544  
*Bachelor's degrees*

71  
*Undergraduate certificates*

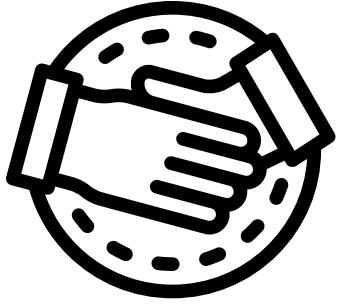
9  
*Specialist degrees*

68  
*Graduate certificates*

872  
*Master's degrees*

40  
*Doctoral degrees*





# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

UNO believes strongly in the value of partnerships and collaborating with local and regional organizations to amplify workforce development, career readiness, re-skilling and up-skilling needs of future graduates, job seekers, and those already working in business, non-profit, government and industry roles.



**90%** of Career Currency students studied online due to the high-quality, flexible offerings

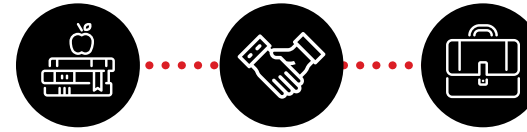


## What is Career Currency?

Launched in 2020, Career Currency is a program where local companies partner with UNO to directly enhance educational benefits for their employees who wish to take university coursework at UNO through a direct employer-paid tuition option. This program enrolled nearly 600 students in 2021-22.

### Our eight current partners include:

- ▶ Union Pacific
- ▶ Werner
- ▶ Mutual of Omaha
- ▶ Blue Cross Blue Shield
- ▶ Omaha Public Power District
- ▶ Metropolitan Community College
- ▶ First National Bank
- ▶ Physicians Mutual



## What is Career Connect?

A new collaborative program pairing UNO with area companies and organizations to guarantee paid internship positions for UNO students. This mutually beneficial program provides Mavericks with a direct path from college to career experience while also ensuring that area employers are able to hire the interns they need to support their operations.

## Why is Career Connect important?

- ▶ Internships provide students with important networking opportunities that can significantly improve their career prospects.
- ▶ Students who participate in internships can apply classroom learning in professional environments and gain valuable work experience.
- ▶ Students with internship experience find jobs more quickly, get more job offers, and earn more money in their first jobs (NACE, 2021)
- ▶ Paid internships are available in the fields of business, technology, communication, engineering, science, government, nonprofits, and more.

# 60+

Businesses and non-profit organizations have partnered with UNO to launch the Career Connect program.

# 500+

Employers participated in UNO career fairs, mock interviews, career panels, and on-campus recruiting last year.





# COMMUNITY

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The shared goal of Omaha and UNO has always been to empower students and residents through access to exceptional education and shared resources, while enriching the global community.



# PLACE MATTERS

UNO is located in the center of Omaha, Nebraska, its roads winding through city parks and thriving neighborhoods, creating an extraordinary connection that few universities have achieved. The city itself has truly become a part of the UNO campus. With a population of more than 1.2 million people within a 50-mile radius, UNO both offers and receives unlimited opportunities for collaboration.

#10

Best states to find a job  
*U.S. News, 2021*



Four Fortune 500  
companies are  
headquartered in Omaha

#10

Best states for opportunity  
*U.S. News & World  
Report, 2022*

#4

Omaha - Best cities for  
young professionals  
*SmartAsset, 2022*



Omaha is a key  
economic hub of  
the central states

#20

Top state for business  
*CNBC, 2022*

## Internships, Practica, and Career Opportunities

Omaha offers many career opportunities in a variety of fields, including:

- ▶ Education
- ▶ Government
- ▶ News
- ▶ Nonprofit
- ▶ Business
- ▶ Technology

## Culture, Entertainment, and Signature Events

- ▶ NCAA Men's College World Series
- ▶ NCAA Men's Basketball "March Madness" Tournament (2015 & 2018)
- ▶ U.S. Olympic Swim Trials (2012, 2016, & 2021)
- ▶ U.S. Olympic Curling Trials (2017 & 2021)
- ▶ U.S. Senior Golf Open (2013 & 2021)
- ▶ Berkshire Hathaway Annual Meeting
- ▶ Big Omaha
- ▶ Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium
- ▶ Maha Music Festival
- ▶ Food & Arts festivals
- ▶ National Movie Premieres
- ▶ Concerts, Plays, and Museums
- ▶ Restaurants and Shopping

## EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Each year alumni, friends, and the Omaha community support UNO through private gifts. Their generosity helps elevate the UNO student experience.

**Between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022:**

**\$20.2+**  
Million was  
raised for UNO

**7,281**  
Donors made gifts  
to benefit UNO

**45%**  
Of donors were  
UNO graduates

**40%**  
Were first-time  
donors





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AT UNO

On October 11, 2022, UNO officially launched the Office of Engagement (OE). Community engagement takes place across campus and is deeply rooted in the history of learning, teaching, and research at UNO. The OE will facilitate and strengthen UNO's community engagement activities and serve as a storefront for community members to seek and access UNO's broad array of resources. The office oversees the UNO Service Learning Academy, the Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center, Community Engaged Scholars Transcript Designation, the Community Engagement Partnership Initiative, as well as organized campus volunteering and civic engagement efforts.

## UNO DEPARTMENTS, PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES WITHIN THE OFFICE OF ENGAGEMENT INCLUDE:

- ▶ UNO Service Learning Academy
- ▶ UNO Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center
- ▶ Volunteer and Civic Engagement Programs
- ▶ Community Engagement Partnership Initiative
- ▶ Community Engaged Scholars Transcript Designation

## UNIT AND PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### UNO Service Learning Academy [ [SLA.UNOMAHA.EDU](https://sla.unoma.edu) ]

**241** service learning course sections involving partnerships with 147 unique community partners.

**3,381** UNO students were engaged in service learning courses - courses that build workforce skills and allow students the opportunity to try out different career paths.

**\$19,500** was invested in community nonprofit organizations across 20 courses through the SLA's Maverick Philanthropy Initiative (MPI) - courses designed to encourage an interest in philanthropy while educating students on the real-life impacts of giving.

### UNO Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center [ [CEC.UNOMAHA.EDU](https://cec.unoma.edu) ]

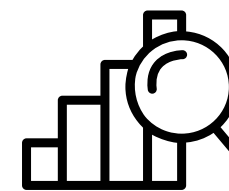
**70** nonprofit and university organizations have called the CEC home (2014-2022).

**380** collaborative projects with UNO have been reported by community building partners.

**60,000** meetings and events have been hosted in the building, bringing over 470,000 people to campus.

**\$20M** in estimated savings for community organizations who have used the CEC's free meeting space and technology.

### UNO Community Engagement Partnership Initiative [ [CEPI.UNOMAHA.EDU](https://cepi.unoma.edu) ]

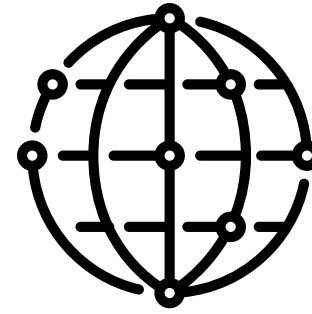
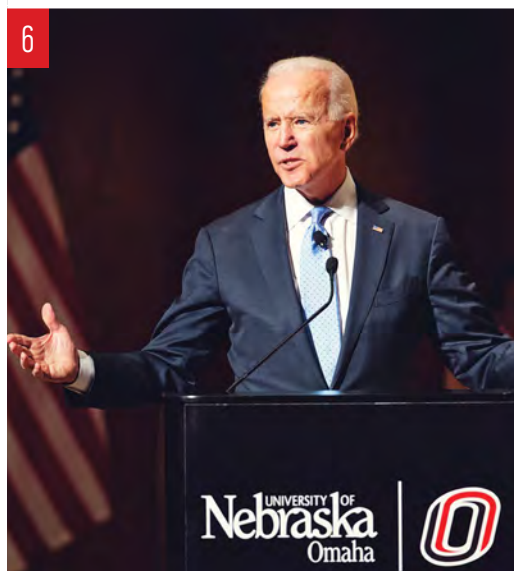


UNO's CEPI, an online tool for tracking community engagement data, will continue to serve as one way the campus streamlines tracking engaged projects and community partners.

**1,000+** unique community partners involved in projects with UNO

### Volunteerism and Civic Engagement Programs [ [SERVE.UNOMAHA.EDU](https://serve.unoma.edu) ]

UNO offers signature service days and civic engagement. Service days include MLK Jr. Day of Service, Seven Days of Service, and Earth Day of Service.



# VISITORS TO UNO

UNO has welcomed many prestigious guests in recent years. Politicians, artists, journalists, and authors have all visited our campus.

## SOME RECENT VISITORS INCLUDE:

- ▶ Musician, Karrin Allyson
- ▶ U.S. Representative Don Bacon
- ▶ Artist, Samuel Bak
- ▶ Actor, Adam Beach
- ▶ 46th President of the United States and Former Vice President of the United States Joe Biden (6)
- ▶ CEO & Investor, Warren Buffett
- ▶ Poet, Natasha Carrizosa
- ▶ Author, Father Patrick Desbois
- ▶ Historian, David Eisenhower
- ▶ U.S. Senator Deb Fischer
- ▶ Hip Hop Artist, Flo Rida
- ▶ State Secretary of the Ministry of Defense of Latvia, Jānis Garisons
- ▶ Author, Roxane Gay
- ▶ Author and Journalist, Masha Gessen
- ▶ Former South African Judge, Richard Goldstone
- ▶ NHL Forward, Jake Guentzel
- ▶ Former U.S. Secretary of Defense and Former U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel
- ▶ CEO and Entrepreneur, Catherine Hughes (5)
- ▶ Former Senator and Secretary of State John Kerry
- ▶ Photographer, Lisa Kristine
- ▶ Author, Alaina G. Levine (1)
- ▶ Rapper, Logic
- ▶ Director, Chris Moore
- ▶ 44th President of the United States Barack Obama
- ▶ Second Lady, Karen Pence
- ▶ Television Host, John Quiñones
- ▶ Author, Nicholas Sparks (4)
- ▶ Actor, Michael Stuhlbarg
- ▶ Department of Homeland Security Deputy, John Tien (3)
- ▶ Artist, Watie White (7)
- ▶ Nobel Laureate, Carl Wieman
- ▶ Motivational Speaker, Lamar Womble (2)



# MAVSPIRIT

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For over a century, Mavericks have been cheering each other on, and creating traditions along the way. Whether they are competing in Division I athletics, developing new skills, or volunteering in the community, our students support each other.



# DIVISION I ATHLETICS

We are Omaha's team. UNO sporting events bring the community together and spread the Maverick spirit across the city. There is an undeniable energy in the crowd that continues to build as everyone stands up to cheer for Omaha.

UNO has 16 Division I athletic teams. From baseball to volleyball, our student athletes are competing at the highest level in collegiate athletics and academics.

## Division I Men's Sports

Baseball | Basketball | Golf | Hockey  
Soccer | Swimming & Diving | Tennis

## Division I Women's Sports

Basketball | Cross Country | Golf | Soccer | Softball  
Swimming & Diving | Tennis | Track & Field | Volleyball

## UNO Athletics holds membership in two athletic conferences:

- National Collegiate Hockey Conference
- Summit League

# 305

student-athletes competed during 2021–2022

# 3.30

or higher department GPA for the 10th consecutive academic year

# 82%

of student-athletes earned a 3.0 GPA or higher for the semester

## Volleyball

The Maverick volleyball team posted an overall record of 20-10 with a 16-2 record in conference play. Omaha's 16-2 record claimed the program's first Summit League regular season title in its Division I history. Senior Sadie Limback was named a Second Team Academic All-American becoming the first Maverick volleyball player in the Division I era to be named to any Academic All-America team.

## Softball

The Omaha softball team finished the year with a 32-14 record, earned the second seed in the Summit League tournament and advanced to the Summit League Championship game. Junior pitcher, Kamryn Meyer, broke the school's single-season strikeout record by finishing with 285 strikeouts on the year. Meyer was named Central All-Region Second Team and First Team All-Summit for her performance.

## Baseball

Sophomore Mike Boeve was named Summit League Player of the Year and an American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings Central All-Region Second Team. Boeve led the Summit League with a .364 batting average, 39 doubles and a 29-game hitting streak.



# OMAHA



# ATHLETICS

**120,000 TOTAL LIVING UNO ALUMNI**



# POWERFUL NETWORK OF ALUMNI

The UNO Alumni Association has served UNO and its alumni since its founding in 1913 by the university's first graduating class, composed of 11 alumni. Since then, more than 150,000 degrees have been granted.

The worldwide UNO Alumni network today consists of more than 120,000 living graduates, including a former U.S. Secretary of Defense, U.S. Ambassadors, CEOs of major companies in Omaha and across the country, teachers, police officers, social workers, service members,

accountants, artists, scientists, engineers and thousands of others striving to make our world a better place.

Every UNO student automatically becomes a member of the UNO Alumni Association upon graduating from the university. The association offers numerous programs and activities in Omaha and beyond to keep alumni connected to their alma mater, including the award-winning Young Alumni Academy.

Once a Maverick, always a Maverick.

**60,000+**

*Alumni live and work in the Omaha metro area, where they contribute to the region's economic and social well-being daily*

**1,537,092**

*Alumni and friends engaged the association via email opens & visits to the UNOAA website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn pages*



*UNO alumni live in all but three Nebraska counties*

**TOP FIVE NEBRASKA COUNTIES**

**# OF ALUMNI**

1	Douglas	42,481
2	Sarpy	11,946
3	Lancaster	3,385
4	Washington	1,139
5	Cass	906



# TRADITIONS

## Where does momentum begin?

For us, it was the determination to tell our story—and once we started telling our story, people started to see the successes UNO students have achieved. And that success is inspiring. It inspires our faculty to find new and creative ways to teach our students. It allows our students to remain independent thinkers who will find unlimited opportunities before them.



The Maverick Monument sculpture was a gift from the Alumni Association on the occasion of their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and stands in front of the Health and Kinesiology Building. This eight-foot-high bronze bull statue doesn't just represent the university's mascot—it symbolizes the determination, pride, and success of our students, graduates, and the community.

# SIGNATURE EVENTS

When our students step on campus, they become part of a Maverick family. From Durango Days to Homecoming Week, UNO has its own way of celebrating Mavericks, and we do it big! Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and members of the community may participate in any of our signature events held throughout the year and show their Maverick Spirit.



## DURANGO DAYS

*A week of free food, live music, and social activities to start the semester off right.*



## DE-STRESS FEST

*A week of fun activities and events specifically designed to lower stress levels during finals.*

### Annual student events

- New Student Convocation
- Durango Days
- Homecoming
- De-Stress Fest
- 60 Minutes of Service
- Signature Service Days
- Commit to Fit
- Health & Wellness Fair
- Career & Internship Fairs
- Wambli Sapa Memorial Pow Wow
- Dance Marathon
- Lavender Graduation



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A university is, above all, an experience.  
It exists in the hearts and minds of those who draw  
from its wisdom and add to its reputation.  
A university is a place, yes, but a place of the spirit.

Excerpt from *The Idea of a University*

Robert T. Reilly

UNO PROFESSOR EMERITUS

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