

**Are NMHU's
Gen-Ed Degree Requirements
Larger Than Other
NM Public Universities?**

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NMHU Gen-Ed Requirements All Degrees

University Core:

- 10 hours Communication (adds 1 hour English 111 workshop)
- 4 hours Mathematics (adds 1 hour Math workshop)
- 8 hours Science
- 6-9 hours Social Science
- 6-9 hours Humanities (Social Science + Humanities must be 15 total)

- 8 additional hours Foreign Language
- 3 additional hours First Year Experience
- 3 additional hours Computer Skills
- 2 additional hours Health/Wellness
- 3 additional hours Humanities

Total: 56 credit hours for all degrees

UNM Gen-Ed Requirements

B.A. and B.S.

University Core:

- 9 hours Communication
- 3 hours Mathematics
- 7 hours Science
- 6 hours Social Science
- 9 hours Humanities + Fine Arts
- 3 hours Foreign Language

37 credit hours in University Core

Arts + Sciences Core (Must complete 5 of 6):

- 3 additional hours Math
- 3 additional hours Science
- 6 additional hours Social Science
- 3 additional hours Humanities
- 3 additional hours Fine Arts
- 9 additional hours Foreign Language

18-24 credit hours in Arts + Sciences Core

Total: 55-61 credit hours for a B.A. or B.S. degree

NMSU Gen-Ed Requirements

B.A. or B.S.

University Core:

- 9 hours Communication
- 3 hours Mathematics
- 8 hours Science
- 6-9 hours Social Science
- 6-9 hours Humanities (Social Science + Humanities must be 15 total)
- 6 hours Diversity

41 credit hours in University Core

Arts + Sciences Core:

- 3 additional hours Humanities or Social Sciences (whatever students did not take in University Core)
- 3 additional hours Science
- 12 hours Foreign Language (both B.A. and B.S.)

18 credit hours in Arts + Sciences Core

Total: 59 credit hours for a B.A. or B.S. degree

College Specific Requirements

- UNM and NMSU have a two tier system, where all students complete the University gen-ed requirements *and* College specific gen-ed requirements, in addition to their Major + Minor requirements.
 - **University Gen-Ed Requirements**
 - **College Gen-Ed Requirements**
 - **Major/Minor Requirements**

One Tier versus Two Tier Systems

- NMHU has a one tier gen-ed requirement system, which means that all students complete the University gen-ed requirements, and no school or degree specific requirements. There are, of course, specific requirements for each major.
- So, things flow like this:
 - **University Gen-Ed Requirements**
 - **Major + Minor Requirements**

Degree Specific Requirements

- ENMU and WNMU also have a two tier system, but the requirements vary this time by degree earned rather than by College. All students complete the University requirements, and then a few requirements varying by degree (mostly either language or math).
 - **University Gen-Ed Requirements**
 - **B.A., B.S., or B.B.A. Gen-Ed Requirements**
 - **Major/Minor Requirements**

ENMU Gen-Ed Requirements

B.A. and B.S.

University Core:

- 9 hours Communication
- 3 hours Computer Skills
- 3-7 hours Mathematics (2 if below a certain level)
- 2 hours Wellness
- 8 hours Science
- 6 hours Fine Arts
- 6 hours Social Science
- 6 hours Humanities
- 3 hours Diversity
- 3 hours First Year Experience

49-53 credit hours in University Core

ENMU has staggered language/math requirements for different degrees:

- **B.A.:** 12 credit hours language
- **B.S.:** 3 credit hours additional math, 4 additional hours science

Total: 56-65 credit hours for a B.A. or B.S. degree

WNMU Gen-Ed Requirements

B.A., B.S., B.S.W.

University Core:

- 9 hours Communication
- 3-6 hours Mathematics
- 8 hours Science
- 6-9 hours Social Science
- 9-12 hours Humanities (Social Science + Humanities must be 18 total)
- 3 hours Computer Skills
- 3 hours First Year Experience

44 credit hours in University Core

WNMU has a staggered language/math requirement for different degrees:

- **B.A.:** 12 credit hours language
- **B.S.W.:** 6 credit hours language
- **B.S.:** 6 credit hours additional math/science requirements

Total: 50-56 credit hours for a B.A., B.S. or B.S.W. degree

Additional Gen-Ed Course Added to the Core

	NMHU	UNM	NMSU	ENMU	WNMU
Humanities	X	X	X	X	X
Social Science		X			
Math		X			
Science		X	X		
First Year Experience	X			X	X
Health/Wellness	X			X	
Computers	X			X	X
Diversity			X	X	

Required Humanities Hours, B.A. and B.S. Degrees

A quick comparison of required Humanities courses (History, English, Fine Arts, etc.):

UNM: 12-15 required hours

NMSU: 9-15 required hours

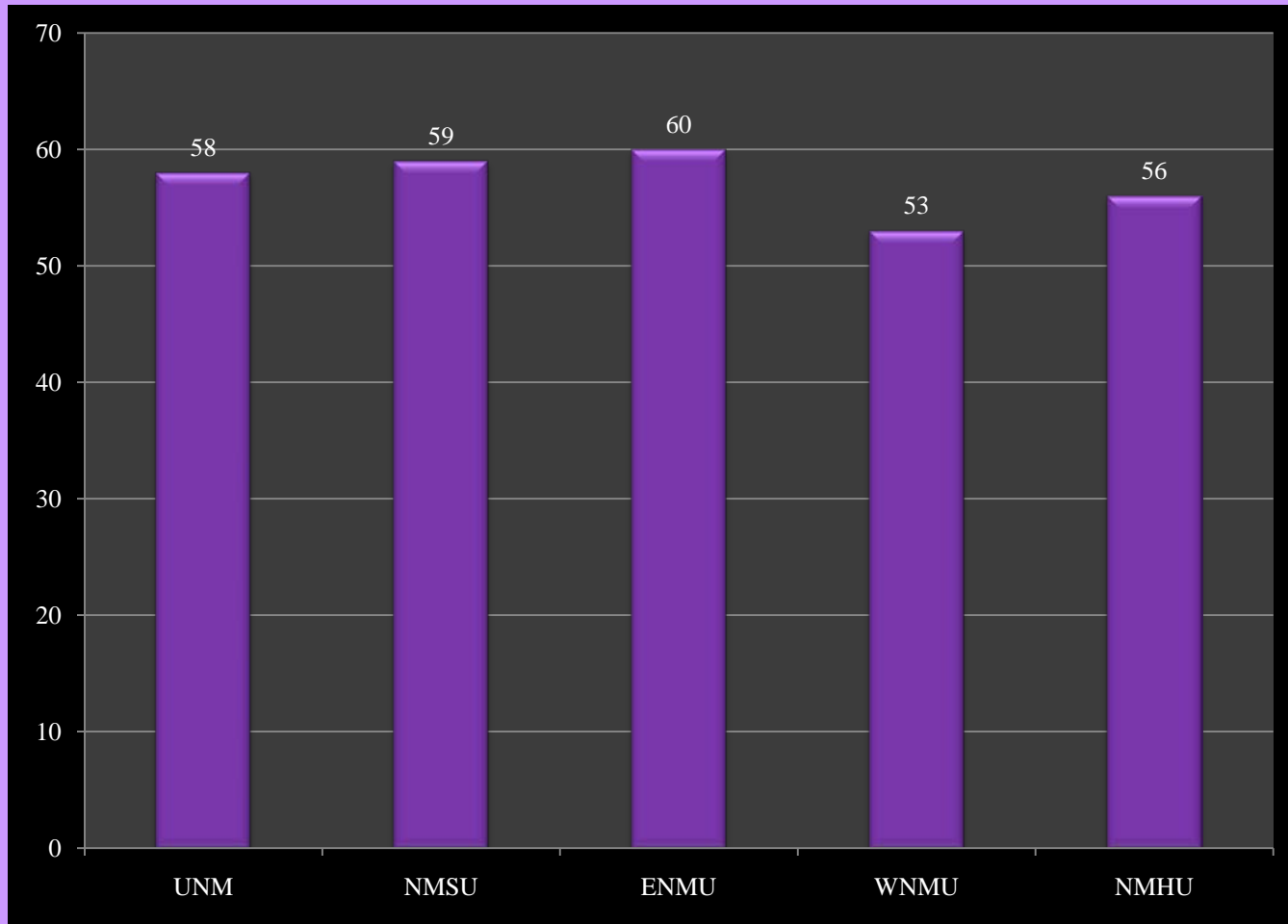
ENMU: 12-15 required hours

WNMU: 9-12 required hours

NMHU: 9-12 required hours

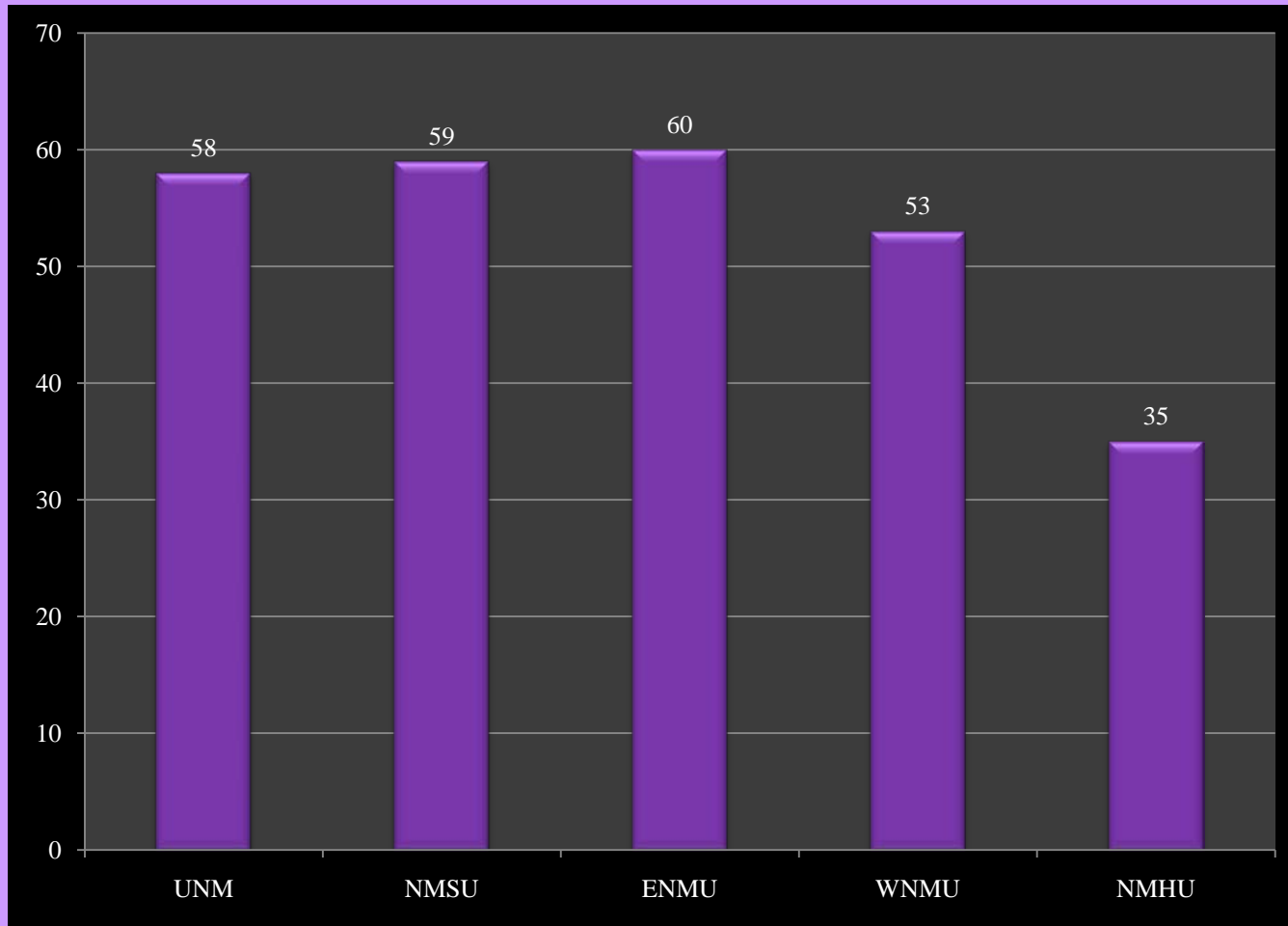
If we cut down to the 35 credit NM core, our humanities requirement would be 6-9 hours, or 3-9 credit hours less than comparable schools.

Comparing number of Gen-Ed credits



Current

Comparing number of Gen-Ed credits



Proposed 35 credit core

Major Points

- All of the other major NM state universities (UNM, NMSU, ENMU, WNMU) add substantial gen-ed requirements to the Common Core. None offer Bachelors degrees of any sort with only 35 credit hours of gen-ed requirements.
- NMHU's general education requirement of 56 credit hours is on par with other general education requirements in the State, which range from 53-65 credit hours for a B.A. or B.S.
- NMHU's gen-ed requirements currently require the least amount of academic classes and the highest amount of support classes

Major Points

- Other NM liberal arts universities (UNM, NMSU, ENMU, WNMU) add at least one humanities class to the common core for their Bachelor degrees.
- The other NM universities all mandate 2 years of language for the B.A. instead of the 1 year required at NMHU.
- In some instances (but not all), the B.A. language requirements were waved for the B.S., with additional math and sciences substituting for them. In no instances were the B.A. humanities requirements waved for the B.S.

Major Points

- Other B.S., B.S.W., and B.B.A. degrees offered in the state require roughly the same number of general education courses, with only the B.B.A showing a substantial difference (the NMHU degree is 10 credit hours more than the UNM degree in gen-ed requirements).

Conclusion

Close study of other NM universities reveals no factual evidence that NMHU should adopt only the 35 credit Common Core as our gen-ed requirement. Indeed, I found no evidence (save in the case of the B.B.A) that NMHU imposes a substantially higher gen-ed requirement on students than other NM schools.