

Policy for Closure and Suspension of University Operations

The New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology has the responsibility to balance conducting its education, research, business, and support activities regularly with the safety and well-being of its students, faculty, and staff. If conditions become so severe as to endanger the University community, the President may temporarily close or suspend University operations, both during and outside of regular business hours. In situations of inclement weather, the University will attempt to coordinate delays and closures of the campus with actions taken by local K-12 schools. University departments and offices hosting events will be responsible for advising participants about events' status when closures or delays have been declared.

Delays and Closures

For this policy, a “delay” means that:

- Employees who have not been identified as essential employees will not be expected to report to work until the time specified in the delay announcement;
- Classes and labs normally scheduled to begin and end before the time specified in the delay announcement will not be held;
- Classes and labs normally scheduled to be in progress at the time specified in the delay announcement will begin at the delayed start time and end at their normally scheduled time; and
- Classes and labs normally scheduled to begin at or after the time specified in the delay announcement will meet as usual.

A “closure” means that the University will not be opened for the day or will be closed before the end of the regular workday.

Note: This policy applies to all class modalities; online courses are not exempted.

In the event of delays or closures during final exam week, faculty whose final exams are affected by the delay or closure may elect one of following options:

- Faculty may assign, as final grades, students' current grades going into final exam week.
- Faculty may make provisions for students whose exams are canceled to contact them to schedule a make-up exam (e.g., written or verbal; taken on-campus, online, or at a local testing center) or alternative arrangements (e.g., take home exam, project, report).

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