

Section I. FSLA June 6, 2022 – July 31, 2022

The Foundations of Science Learning Academy (FSLA) is a summer curriculum designed to prepare students and support their success in the required pre-medical science curriculum for fall of their first year and throughout their undergraduate career. Students with the following placement scores will be required to enroll in Math 1220 College Algebra and HMHV 1150 Foundations of Science at UNM in the summer before their first year.

- ACT math is between 22-25
- SAT math is between 540-619
- Next Generation Accuplacer – Advanced Algebra & Functions is between 239-248

Why do I need to take Math 1220 and HMHV 1150?

All students admitted to the Combined BA/MD Degree Program must meet the requirement to enroll in Math 1430 Calculus for the Life Sciences in Fall of their first year. Math 1220 is a pre-requisite course to Math 1430. The BA/MD Program developed HMHV 1150 in order to help meet the mission in assisting all of our students to be successful in the BA/MD Program and undergraduate degree requirements. Students are expected to achieve a grade of a “C” or better in Math 1220 in Summer 2022 in order to enroll in Math 1430 with their cohort in Fall 2022.

What am I required to do in FSLA in addition to my classes?

Outside of the classroom, students will have meetings and a field trip throughout the summer to introduce and explore the UNM campus, create degree plans, and acclimate to college life before fall. Students form lasting relationships with other FSLA participants and get to know the campus and Albuquerque, so that when they start the fall semester, they’ll start strong.

Do I have to pay for FSLA?

- Tuition and textbooks for Math 1220 and HMHV 1150 are covered by the BA/MD program.
- Room and board are covered by the BA/MD Program.
- Parking costs and fees that fall outside of the basic education costs are not covered.

Section II. Exemption from FSLA

The BA/MD Program recognizes scores may not always accurately reflect a student’s understanding of a subject or preparedness for college. There are ways students can be exempt from FSLA, below are options for exemption, only ONE option must be successfully completed. **Documentation for exemption must be verified by emailing verification to [Olivia McLendon omclendon@unm.edu](mailto:omclendon@unm.edu) by May 2, 2022.**

Option 1: Retake ACT or SAT

- Earn an ACT math score of 26 or higher; or SAT math score of 620 or higher.

Option 2: Take the Next Generation Accuplacer – Advanced Algebra & Functions

- Earn a score of 249 or higher.

Option 3: Take a college math course

- Earn a “B” or higher in an equivalent Math 1220, 1240 or 1250 course from an accredited institution. Final grades must be verified and sent to UNM Office of Admissions by May 20, 2022. **ONLINE COURSES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Option 4: Earn Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate Credit

- Earn credit for Math 1220 in Spring 2022 or earlier.

Key Information

Each academic department at UNM determines placement and are subject to change. Accuplacer is for placement only. **For all inquiries, exemptions, or petition requests email the cohort advisor, Olivia McLendon omclendon@unm.edu.**

Thank you for your interest in the Combined BA/MD Degree Program!