

What can we do in our department to organize, support, and protect undocumented students?

Some options include:

1. build awareness that undocumented students in our classes may worry about detention or deportation, for themselves or a family member, and may have other specific financial and personal concerns tied to their undocumented status
2. include statement of support for undocumented students in our syllabi and on our website
3. encourage faculty and staff to attend a Dream Zone training (regularly provided by the UNM Dream Team and El Centro de la Raza on main campus)
4. develop a protocol in case of ICE presence on campus; possible “supervisor”?
5. explore feasibility of designating a private space for students on campus that would not be open to the public
6. get graduate students’ input, ideas, and participation (especially instructors)
7. get input from staff and affiliated members of our department, such as Farah and Mercedes
8. join SCWG working group
9. strategize about funding undocumented students

Possible Syllabi Statements: Please revise as needed

Option 1:

Support for Undocumented and/or DACA Students:

All students are welcome in this class regardless of citizenship, residency, or immigration status. I will respect your privacy if you choose to disclose your status. If there are migration-related family emergencies, please give me as much notice as possible. UNM as an institution has made a core commitment to the success of all our students, including members of our undocumented community. Please see <http://undocumented.unm.edu/> for more information and resources from UNM. You can also visit the UNM Sanctuary Campus Working Group at <http://www.unmsanctuarycampus.org/>

Option 2:

Support for Undocumented Students:

As an educator, I fully support the rights of undocumented students to an education and to live free from the fear of deportation. I pledge that I will not disclose the immigration status of any student who shares this information with me unless required by a judicial warrant, and I will work with students who require immigration-related accommodations. For information and resources, please see <http://undocumented.unm.edu/> and <http://www.unmsanctuarycampus.org/>

Sanctuary Campus Working Group Mission:

We are a coalition of faculty, staff, students, and activists in Albuquerque who advocate for the dignity, justice, safety, and support of all undocumented community members, and focus on the creation of an intersectional, coalitional UNM campus that is a welcoming and equitable educational environment for undocumented and (im)migrant students.

Our History:

A coalition of students, faculty, and staff came together in the Fall of 2016 in response to the increasing threats against (im)migrant communities. While we originally focused on designating UNM as a Sanctuary Campus, we have widened our goals in order to work towards the safety of undocumented students through a large variety of tactics, such as university-wide policy changes as well departmental organizing to affect a culture shift. Our organizing is informed by undocumented and (im)migrant students, staff, and faculty.

Principles:

Education—All people deserve the right to an education and to fully explore their creative and intellectual worlds.

Safety—A life without fear from all levels of violence is essential for all. Everyone should be free of harassment, discrimination, and stigmatization.

Mobility—All people should have the fullest freedom of movement and mobility without the constraints of borders.

Intersectional Coalitions—We are stronger together, and fight for the inclusion, safety, and sustenance of all parts of our vulnerable selves.

Transformational Politics— In order to achieve our goals, we work towards the transformation of the very hierarchies and systems of oppression that harm marginalized, undocumented communities.

UNM Faculty & Instructors stand in solidarity with undocumented students & community members by pushing to make UNM a Sanctuary Campus. If you would like to receive updates from UNM Sanctuary Campus and events and information, please follow complete this [form](#) with your information.