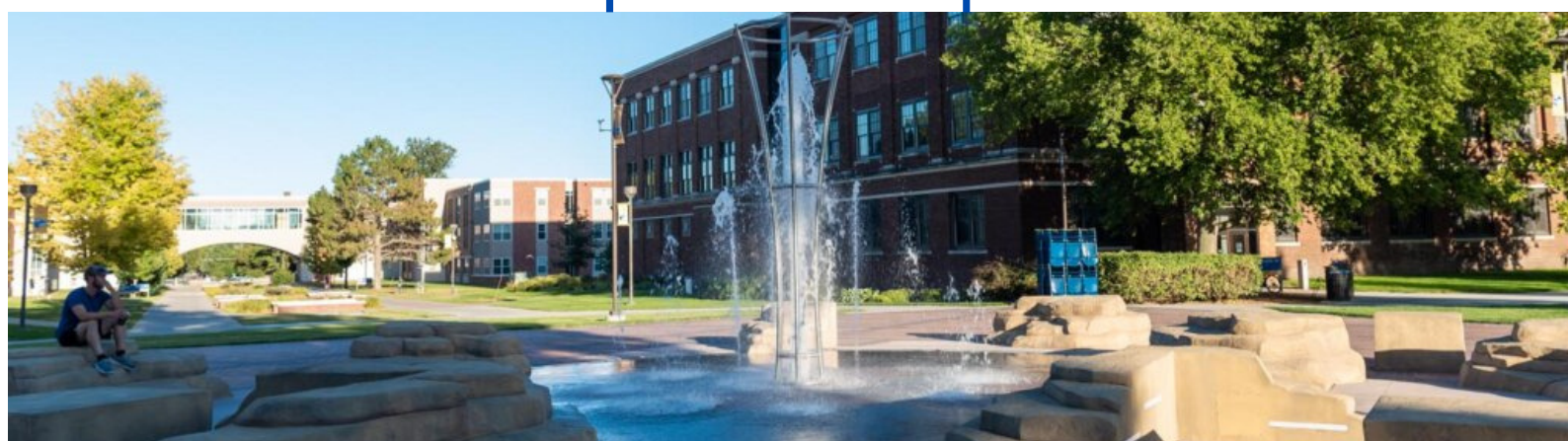


# THE CHRONICLES OF GRADUATE STUDIES

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**UNK**  
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## **REGISTRAR'S OFFICE**

Students who register for courses early receive the most benefits. You'll have better course selection, allowing you the schedule YOU want. You'll have time to plan and prepare for the course and avoid late registration fees. Classes are offered based on course enrollments, and if there aren't enough students in the class, the class risks cancellation. Avoid the frustrations of closed or canceled courses and register early!

Early registration for currently enrolled graduate students begins on October 26th. Graduate students not enrolled for Fall 2020 and new Spring admits may register for graduate-level courses starting on November 3rd. Students register according to class standing and the last four digits of their NUID number. Refer to the Registration Times for detailed information.



**Lisa Neal**

University Registrar  
Registrar's Office

## **MASTERS OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

The University of Nebraska at Kearney's Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree program is designed to prepare students with the knowledge, leadership, critical-thinking, networking, and decision-making skills needed to successfully manage an organization and its core functional areas.

Unique to the UNK experience, our MBA degree is built for maximum impact as a blended program designed for convenience while offering the benefits of live interactions with peers and faculty. "Blended" denotes flexible online courses that combine the convenience of online courses with the effectiveness of face-to-face interactions (virtual and in-person based on the students' preference) to ensure a powerful learning experience for our students. This format has been essential in enhancing our students' skills for today's rapidly changing global economy.

## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Accredited by AACSB International (the highest standard of achievement awarded to less than 5% of business schools worldwide)
- Only AACSB accredited MBA program between Lincoln and Colorado
- Best value for an MBA degree in the state.
- "Blended-Online Learning" format that pairs the convenience of online coursework with the effectiveness of virtual face-to-face interaction.

# GRADUATE STUDENT INFORMATION

Have an interest in research and not sure where to start? Research Services Council (RCS) is here to support you. Check out the [Research Services Council](#) webpage on the UNK Website.



## UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

**October 15th**- UNK's Fall 2020 Virtual Career and Internship Fair  
-From 12-4, register via Handshake

**October 19th-20th**- Fall Break, all classes dismissed; UNK offices open

**October 21st**- Classes reconvene

**October 21st**- Begin Academic Advising for Spring 2021 registration

**October 26th**- Begin Early Registration for Spring 2021 for currently enrolled Graduate students. Students may register via MyBLUE beginning at their scheduled hour and anytime following.

## Professional Development Workshop

**October 13, 2020**

[eCrafting an Academic Vita and Resume: How Do I Showcase My Work?](#)

Accurately presenting academic contributions, acquired skills, and accomplishments is vital for graduate students. Come learn how you can make yourself more marketable! Students attending this workshop will learn how to construct a Vita and Resume in their respective discipline and how to market their accomplishments. Students can also attend online via [Zoom](#).

## COVID-19 UPDATES

To stay up to date on current policies and regulations on campus we recommend checking the [UNK Coronavirus Information](#) and the [IRB](#) webpage for the most accurate and up-to-date information.

Let us all do our part to keep UNK Campus safe and healthy

- Wear a mask
- Use hand-sanitizer frequently
- Follow walking path direction signage around campus
- Wash your hands frequently
- Monitor your health and stay home if you feel ill



## HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE IN NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER?

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# Graduate Faculty Spotlight

**What is your role at UNK and how long have you been with UNK?**

I started at UNK in the fall of 1993. Currently I am a professor of Biology and Director of the STEM MS Ed program.

**What is your favorite thing about your program/department?**

Students can choose to earn enough credits in their emphasis area to teach college-credit classes or choose to take classes from up to five disciplines: Biology, Chemistry, Math, Physics, and Teacher Education.

**What is your favorite thing about UNK?**

UNK is large enough that faculty teach completely within their specialty, yet small enough to give every student individual attention.

**What are your hobbies/interests (other than making UNK great)?**

My husband and I currently have 8 house cats ranging in age from 5 weeks to 10 years, 2 Jacob sheep, and 2 miniature donkeys. In addition, we ride our motorcycles to campus in good weather.

**What advice would you give current graduate students?**

As someone whose parents lived through The Great Depression and WWII, we can get through this pandemic if we all work together.

**Greatest Educational Achievement?**

Worldwide maybe 1 in 500 people hold a doctorate degree (0.2%) so that's achievement enough.



**Janet Steele**

**Professor of Biology**

**Favorite Quote: "Be who you are and say what you feel, because in the end those who matter don't mind and those who mind don't matter."- Theodor Seuss Geisel**

# Graduate Student Spotlight

**What inspired you to pursue a graduate degree?**

Growing up, my mom always told my siblings and I the importance of getting a quality education. Shortly before I graduated from Hastings College, I lost my mom. Pursuing a graduate degree, was always something she had pushed me to do, so mom, this one is for you.

**What is your favorite thing about your graduate program?**

My favorite thing about the MBA program is the flexibility it offers. By offering online classes, it still allows me to work full time and advance my working career while also continuing my education.

**What makes your program stick out?**

What makes the MBA program stick out is that most of us are working as well as pursuing our degrees. This provides real world experience to the concepts we are learning about in our various classes.

**How have your professors supported you throughout your online learning?**

The professors at UNK are always willing to go above and beyond to help. If I am struggling to understand a concept, they are willing to set up a Zoom call to try and work through the process. They truly do care about the success of each student and want us to reach our maximum potential. Not only do they care about success in the classroom, they are also willing to help with career decisions that affect our future.

**What is your favorite thing about UNK?**

My favorite thing about UNK is that even though I am an online student, I still feel as if I am part of campus life. By having regular Zoom meetings with each class, I still feel as if I am in a classroom environment. Not only does it allow us to see our professors face to face, but it also allows for group collaboration among students.



**Kenzie Kloke**

**Graduating May 2021 from the MBA Program**

**Favorite Quote: "You are the most valuable investment you will ever make."**

## **SEMESTER DATES AND DEADLINES:**

**Graduate Application Deadlines:** Apply via your MyBlue account under the Academics Tab

- September 15- Fall 2020
- February 1- Spring 2021

### **Tuition Bill:**

- eBills Sent Out- September 3
- Tuition Due- September 24

**Last Day to Drop a Fall 2020 class with "W"**

- October 23

### **Spring 2021 Class Schedule and Early Enrollment**

- Schedule became available on September 28
- Early Enrollment Begins on October 26

### **New and Returning Graduate Student Enrollment**

- Enrollment Begins November 3

### **December 2020 Graduation**

- Rehearsal for both Events- December 17 at 3pm
- Graduate-Degree Hooding and Ceremony - December 17 at 7 p.m.
- Undergraduate Graduation Ceremony- December 18 at 10am

