Career Opportunities:
- Golf Course Superintendent
- Athletic Field Manager
- Recreational Grounds Manager
- Lawn Care Operator
- Landscape Maintenance
- Manufacturing Representative
- Sales Representative
- Professional-Service Contractor
- Technical Writer
- Scientist/Educator

Salaries
The average starting salaries for turfgrass managers range from $25,000 to $45,000. In 2005, the average U.S. golf course superintendent made $56,766. The top 10% make over $100,000.

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Preparation
Students are required to have a high school diploma.

Tuition
In-state tuition for full-time students is approximately $4,000 per year. Out of state tuition is ~$13,000.

Many Scholarship opportunities are available including the State Lottery Scholarships for NM residents.

Tuition waivers may be available for:
- El Paso, TX residents
- Residents of AZ, AK, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, ND, OR, SD, UT, WA and WY

Description
With over 15,000 golf courses and hundreds of thousands athletic field complexes in the U.S., the need for trained professionals is rapidly growing. The modern curriculum provides four distinct areas of study: golf course management, athletic field management, turfgrass business and turfgrass science. Students will also receive directed education for the arid southwest conditions including water management, effluent water use and best management practices.

NMSU & Las Cruces
New Mexico State University, which began in 1888 as an agricultural college and preparatory school, is a comprehensive institution dedicated to teaching, research, and service at the graduate and undergraduate level. It is the only land-grant institution that is also classified as Hispanic-serving by the federal government and ranked by the Carnegie Foundation in the top research category, Research-Extensive. NMSU is located in the southern New Mexico city of Las Cruces, which has a population of about 75,000. The region features desert mesas, the farmlands of the Rio Grande Valley, and the Organ Mountains, an extension of the Rocky Mountain chain.