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National Register of Historic Places  
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Foster Hall

**2. Location**

**street & number:** Southeast corner of South Horseshoe and Sweet, NMSU  
**city, town:** Las Cruces **state:** New Mexico **code:** NM  
**county:** Dona Ana **code:** 013

**3. Classification**

**Category:** Building  
**Ownership:** Public  
**Status:** Occupied  
**Present Use:** Classrooms

**4. Owner of Property**

**name:** Regents of the New Mexico State University  
**street & number:** Box 3AA, New Mexico State University  
**city, town:** Las Cruces **state:** New Mexico

**5. Location of Legal Description**

**courthouse, etc.:** Dona Ana County Courthouse  
**street & number:** 251 West Amador  
**city, town:** Las Cruces **state:** New Mexico

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

Not Applicable

**7. Description****Condition:** Excellent

**Description:** Foster Hall is a two and one-half story, Spanish Colonial Baroque Style building built of masonry and stucco. It has a hip, mission tile roof with overhang and rafter extensions. Windows are 2/2 double hung metal. There is relief decoration over the north (main) first floor fenestration. The arched entry is very ornate with glazed polychrome relief tile. There are murals inside the front entry. The cornice above the entry has urns placed at each end. There is a large addition on the south side of this building that does not affect major facades of the original building. Foster Hall was designed by Braunton and McGhee and built in 1930. Its historical and current use is as classrooms. The original building is rectangular in shape.

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### 8. Significance

**Areas of Significance:** Architecture

**Dates:** 1930

**Builder/Architect:** Braunton & McGhee

**Statement of Significance, Criterion C:** Foster Hall is one of four buildings on the NMSU campus to be included in this nomination and of these the only building constructed in the Spanish Colonial Baroque Style. Other NMSU buildings in this style were not eligible for nomination either by virtue of alteration or lack of sufficient age. Foster Hall is significant as a representative of the continuing influence of the Trost plan into the 1930's, which is reflected in the use of the California Mission Revival and Spanish Colonial Baroque styles.

### 9. Major Bibliographical References

See Section 8, p.24B

### 10. Geographic Data

**Acreeage:** 0.69 acre

**Quadrangle name & scale:** Las Cruces Quadrangle; 1:24,000

#### UTM References:

Zone	Easting	Northing
13	334950	3572775

**Verbal boundary description and justification:** On the lands of New Mexico State University beginning at the SE corner of South Horseshoe and Sweet Ave., proceed south 300 feet to Frenger St.; turn east and proceed 200 feet; turn north and proceed 300 feet to South Horseshoe; turn west and proceed 125 feet to the point of origin (note: this verbal boundary description is not a legal filed description for Foster Hall. This description is the area around the building measured and described for the Historic Register generally using a landmark as a beginning and ending point for easier reference.).

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