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AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL

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UNC on the map

Located on the mid-Atlantic seaboard, North Carolina is conveniently located between New York, Washington, D.C., and Florida, making exploring major US cities easy to do on long weekends and during school breaks.

North Carolina is famous for its forest-covered mountains in the west, beautiful sandy beaches to the east, and a rich history and culture steeped in the traditions of the American South. The state is known for its Research Triangle Park, an area of high tech firms and innovative research anchored by state capital Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill, and the universities of NC State, Duke, and UNC-Chapel Hill.

The Triangle has an active arts scene with countless music venues, museums, galleries, and theaters. It is also famous for a thriving food and drink culture with excellent restaurants, food trucks, and craft breweries that have been recognized by newspapers, magazines, and websites the world over. The area offers hundreds of miles of biking trails, walking and hiking trails, and many opportunities for kayaking and other outdoor activities.

With its idyllic charm and fare-free public transportation, Chapel Hill offers the comforts of a quaint town and the excitement of a small city. Known as the “Southern Port of Heaven,” Chapel Hill is often listed among the best college towns in America and the most liveable communities in the country. With a population of around 60,000, it has been hailed as “The Foodiest Small City in America;” Franklin Street, the central road of Chapel Hill, is a hub of restaurants, bars, shops, and nightlife.
life outside the classroom

BE A TAR HEEL

Here at UNC, we love sports, and nothing brings the community together quite like our varsity athletic teams. As a UNC student, you receive free admission to all UNC sporting events, ranging from Women’s Field Hockey to Men’s Lacrosse. Two major sports to watch are American Football in the fall and Basketball in the spring. You’ll find that cheering on the Tar Heels, screaming the Carolina Victory song when we win, and swaying with your fellow peers as you sing the alma mater will connect you to this campus long after you return home.

GET INVOLVED

Carolina students love to cheer on the Tar Heels in varsity sports, but we don’t just sit on the sidelines. There are more than 50 intramural sports to discover, with teams and leagues ranging from amateur to advanced. If you have the desire and experience for a higher level of competition, you may wish to try out for one of our numerous club sport teams, which participate in intercollegiate competitions on a local, regional, and national scale.

Led by enthusiastic and passionate students, UNC offers over 600 clubs and organizations that allow international students to explore infinite extracurricular possibilities outside of the classroom. Sing in an a cappella group, write for the Daily Tar Heel local newspaper, explore your religion or a new religion with like-minded individuals, join other Tar Heels in active community service—the possibilities are as limitless as the sky is Carolina Blue. Getting involved is a great way to make connections with fellow students that will last you a lifetime!
ROOM AND BOARD
Living on campus in double occupancy rooms is the standard for university students in the United States. As an exchange student at UNC, you can apply to live in one of the many on-campus residence halls or in Granville Towers, a private student residence hall adjacent to campus. Living on campus is not only convenient, but it is also a lot of fun and a great way to meet people.

Students living on campus are encouraged to purchase a meal plan which will give them convenient access to the many eateries around campus at a discounted rate.

ON-SITE SUPPORT
As soon as you express interest in coming to UNC, you will receive support from the UNC exchange student advisor. The advisor will guide you through the application process, help you to prepare for a semester or year abroad, welcome and orient you upon arrival, and serve as your main contact for academic and welfare support throughout your exchange experience.

Exchange students are also encouraged to take advantage of EASE, a student organization at UNC created to welcome international students and help them integrate into life at Carolina. EASE pairs each exchange student with an American student mentor and plans various social events and outings during the academic year.

TERM DATES:
FALL SEMESTER: mid-August – mid-December
SPRING SEMESTER: early January – early May
ACADEMIC YEAR: mid-August – early May

HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?
Please email your UNC exchange advisor at applyabroad@unc.edu and be sure to check for more information with your home university about how UNC can be the right exchange destination for you!

SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO GET STARTED!

application information

How to Apply
The UNC exchange student application is available online. After consultation with your home university’s study abroad or international office, start your application at http://studyabroad.unc.edu/incoming/apply.cfm

Application Cycle
UNC-Chapel Hill application dates* are as follows:
FALL-ENTRY
Available December 1; Deadline March 15
SPRING-ENTRY
Available August 1; Deadline October 15

*Please make sure you check with your home university for internal application deadlines.

Come to Carolina to live and learn!
The UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication has earned a reputation among both academics and professionals as one of the best journalism programs in America. Students in the school can take classes in:

- Advertising
- Business Journalism
- Editing and Graphic Design
- Electronic Communication
- Multimedia
- Photojournalism
- Public Relations
- Reporting

If your university’s exchange agreement is with UNC-Chapel Hill’s School of Journalism and Mass Communication (JOMC), you will take the majority of your courses within JOMC. In some cases, you may also be permitted to take a course within the College of Arts and Sciences.

The responsibility of the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication is to train the next generation of journalists, strategic communicators, teachers and researchers — and to serve the journalism and communication industries.

Students have the opportunity to work for Carolina Week and Carolina Connection, award-winning television and radio news shows broadcast live from the school, the experimental Reese Felts Digital Newsroom, or the university newspaper, The Daily Tar Heel, which has a daily readership of 38,000. Students can also work for Heelprint Communications, a student-run strategic communications agency based in the school.

The school has an award-winning faculty that includes a balance of scholars, researchers, seasoned journalists and innovative media professionals. The result is a highly engaged school with a significant voice in the evolving issues of North Carolina, America and the world.

The school often hosts visits from leading journalists and media producers, giving students the opportunity to meet and learn from top political reporters, photojournalists, multimedia producers, advertising executives and public relations strategists.

In addition to practical skills classes, students can take courses that focus on political culture, gender and the media, comparative international media, new media and many other areas.

Website: jomc.unc.edu/international
Twitter: @JOMC_Global

For more information about courses, please visit http://go.unc.edu/unc-sa-courses

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