



THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

Fact Sheet | Incoming Exchange Program & Global Visiting Student Program

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill was founded in 1793 as the first public state university in the young United States. Since then, it has grown into one of the most renowned teaching and research universities in the country and internationally, and ranks highly on a global scale. Chapel Hill is a small college town with roughly 50,000 residents, of which 18,500 are undergraduate students and 10,000 are graduate students. The area boasts rich cultural, historic, dining, and sports opportunities that allow students to experience college and community life in the United States.

Although Chapel Hill itself is small, Raleigh, the capital city of North Carolina is only 30 minutes away, and Washington DC can be reached in around 4 hours. The university is also within close driving distance to the beach and the Blue Ridge Mountains. Rolling hills, gentle winters, and picturesque dairy farms all add to the lovely setting of Chapel Hill, which is known as the Southern Part of Heaven.

Application Process

Application Requirements

The online application includes:

- Official transcript
- Proof of English Proficiency (if applicable)
- Essay
- Signature documents

Eligibility

Note: Check with your home university for their requirements which may be higher.

- **GPA:** Minimum 2.8/4.0
- **English Language Proficiency:**
 - TOEFL 85
 - IELTS 6.0
 - Cambridge English First test B2 on the CEFR
 - Pearson English Language test Level 3 or 65

Other English proficiency guidelines: We will accept a letter from your home institution that certifies that your level of English proficiency meets the requirements based on prior studies in an English-taught curriculum (secondary school or university), or a good passing grade in an English language training course specifically for exchange applicants.

Application Period

Spring/Calendar Year

- Nomination opens: August 1
- Nominations due: September 1
- Application Deadline: September 15

Fall/Academic Year

- Nomination opens: December 1
- Nominations due: February 1
- Application Deadline: February 15

Submit online nomination form (see email).

How To Apply

Step-by-step instructions can be found at <https://studyabroad.unc.edu/international-exchange/how-to-apply/>

Academic Calendar 2022-2023

Fall Semester*

Arrival	mid-August
Orientation	mid-August
First day of classes	mid-August
Fall Break	mid-October (4 days)
Thanksgiving Break	November 23-25, 2022
Last day of classes	early December
Exams	early December

Spring Semester*

Arrival	early January
Orientation	early January
First day of classes	early January
Spring Break	early March
Spring Holiday	mid April
Last day of classes	late April
Exams	late April - early May

*Partners and students will be notified of any changes that are made to the academic calendar due to COVID-19.

Academic Information

Areas of Study Available

Exchange students and Global Visiting Students can take courses in any department within the College of Arts and Sciences, which includes more than 40 academic departments and interdisciplinary curricula. Enrollment will be subject to availability and will be dependent upon students having met any course prerequisites. Please refer to the UNC catalog for course descriptions, <http://www.catalog.unc.edu/>.

African, African American Diaspora Studies American Studies Anthropology Applied Sciences Archaeology Arabic Art History Asian Studies Biology Biomedical Engineering Chemistry City & Regional Planning Classics	Chinese Communication Studies Computer Science Dramatic Arts Dutch Economics* English and Comparative Literature Environment & Ecology Exercise & Sports Science European Studies French German Contemporary Geography	Geological Sciences German & Slavic Languages and Literature Global Studies History Italian Linguistics Japanese Marine Science Mathematics Military Science Music Naval Science Peace, War and Defense	Philosophy Physics and Astronomy Political Science Portuguese Psychology* Public Policy Religious Studies Romance Languages & Literature Russian Sociology Spanish Statistic & Operation Research Studio Art Women's & Gender Studies
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Note: It is unlikely that students may take a full course load within a single department.

***There is a 2 course limit, per semester, for Economics and Psychology courses.**

Restricted Areas of Study

Exchange students and Global Visiting Students cannot take courses in the professional schools unless their home university has a specific agreement with that school. The professional schools include:

Eshelman School of Pharmacy	School of Dentistry	Hussman School of Journalism and Media
Gillings School of Global Public Health	School of Education	School of Medicine
Kenan-Flagler Business School	School of Government	School of Nursing
Law School	School of Information & Library Science	School of Social Work

Grading

A (94-100) / A- (90-93) / B+ (87-89) / B (84-86) / B- (80-83) / C+ (77-79) / C (74-76) / C- (70-73) / D+ (67-69) / D (60-66) / F (0-59)

Full Time Course Load

Undergraduate - 12 credit hours (4 courses) minimum per semester

Graduate - 9 credit hours (3 courses) minimum per semester

Course Registration

Fall/Academic Year

- Course Offerings Available: February
- Course Registration: early April

Spring/Calendar Year

- Course Offerings Available: October
- Course Registration: early November

Transcripts

Mailed 45 days after the last day of exams

Housing/Meals

Housing

On-Campus Housing: International students can select from the 31 campus residence halls. Double occupancy rooms are the only option. Apartment style housing is limited. Learn more about the residence halls and rates at <https://housing.unc.edu/>

Off-Campus Housing: International students can reside off-campus. Students who choose to live off-campus are responsible for finding their own housing. More info at <https://offcampus.unc.edu/>

Meals

Students are not required to purchase a campus meal plan, but it is strongly recommended. Several meal plan options are available that can meet a student's dining habits. Check out the various meal plan options and rates at <https://dining.unc.edu/meal-plans/>

Transportation

Chapel Hill Transit provides fare-free bus service between UNC, Chapel Hill, and Carrboro. For more information about transit options, visit <https://move.unc.edu/transit/>



Immunizations, Health Insurance & Medical Care

Immunizations

Students will be responsible for providing proof of immunizations upon their arrival to campus, no later than 30 days from the start of classes. Visit <https://campushealth.unc.edu/services/immunizations> for information on required immunizations. Step-by-step instructions on how to complete the Medical History and Immunization Forms will be available to exchange students post-acceptance.

Health Insurance

All students are required to have health insurance coverage. International students can enroll in the university insurance program, Student Blue. Exchange students can waive the Student Blue insurance and substitute it for a preferred insurance policy. Preferred policies must meet the following requirements:

- Minimum total benefit/coverage of \$100,000 (USD) per accident or illness
- Plan deductible of no more than \$500 (USD)
- Minimum of \$50,000 (USD) for medical evacuation
- Minimum of \$25,000 (USD) for repatriation
- Policy must be active for the entire duration of the academic semester

Students cannot start the process of waiving out of the mandatory insurance until after acceptance to the exchange program. More details about the specific waiver process will be provided post-acceptance.

Medical Care

International students at UNC are eligible to use the university's Campus Health Service (CHS), which can provide care for minor illnesses and accidents, immunizations, injections, and other medical services. For specialized treatment, students are referred to medical specialists in the community. Visit <https://campushealth.unc.edu/> for more information about CHS, including services available, hours of operation, and important phone numbers.

Estimated Expenses per semester 2022

Housing (double occupancy in Residence Hall)	\$3,438
Meal Plan	\$1,500 - \$2,430 (depends on plan selected)
Health Insurance	\$1,308.40 (possible to waive with comparable coverage)
Books and Supplies	\$300 - \$500, varies
Travel and Personal	\$500 - \$1,350, varies
Study Abroad Fee*	\$100 exchange, \$1,200 Global Visiting Student Program
Visa Application Cost	\$510

***Exchange Students:** A Study Abroad Fee of \$100 will be assessed the first semester of enrollment.

Orientation & Campus Resources

Mandatory Orientation

All exchange students and Global Visiting Students are required to attend orientation at the start of the exchange program. Orientation is a full day session scheduled the day before the first day of class.

Visa

International exchange students will apply for an F1 visa. This visa will allow you to enter the US 30 days prior to the program start date listed on your I-20 form and depart the US 60 days after the program end date listed on your I-20 form. Proof of funds in the amount of USD \$9,500 for one semester and \$19,000 for an academic year is required to be issued an I-20 form.

Additional information can be found on the [U.S. State Department's Study & Exchange website](https://studyabroad.unc.edu/incoming-exchange/program-overview/).

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