

Frequently Asked Questions About the Wait List

Why was I wait listed? We received more than 10,000 applications for a freshmen class of approximately 1,950. The average SAT (Critical Reading & Math only) for admitted students is approximately 1190, the average ACT Composite is 25, and the average GPA is 3.81. Admitted students have earned mostly A's and had AP, IB and/or honors courses in their junior and senior years. Generally speaking, wait list candidates present solid academic credentials. The committee has offered you a place on the wait list because, if space becomes available, we would be pleased to reconsider your application.

Why was I wait listed when I know you offered admission to another student from my high school with a lower SAT or GPA? The committee uses a holistic approach in evaluating each applicant's credentials. A decision is not made based on one or two factors. We do not simply compare a GPA or SAT and assume one applicant is stronger than another. When evaluating an application we also consider class-rank, grades, difficulty of coursework (APs, IBs, Honors), strength of the senior year schedule, extracurricular activities, essay, and school recommendation.

What if I do not return the enclosed wait list response form? If you do not return the form by May 1, 2009 we will determine that you are not interested in being added to our waitlist and your file will become inactive.

How does the wait list process work? We have made an offer to be included on our wait list to approximately 300 applicants. Between mid-May and early June the admissions committee will evaluate our wait list and may make offers of admission through June 15, 2009, if space becomes available.

How many students have you taken from the wait list in the past? While we are usually able to admit some students from the wait list, the number is difficult to predict. We will not know until after May 1 how many students who were offered admission will choose to attend UNCW. Wait list offers vary each year.

Do you rank the wait list? We do not rank the wait list. The admissions committee will reevaluate every wait listed student's credentials. Students are admitted from the wait list who will best complement our freshman class.

Will financial aid be available after June 15, 2009? Financial aid is not processed until a student is admitted. Some students admitted from the wait list may not receive federal, state or institutional grants/scholarships and need-based work opportunities this year due to the fact that most of that aid will have already been awarded. However, the Federal Pell Grant and federal loans are available throughout the year. If you have not already done so, you will need to complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for the Pell Grant and/or federal loan. The FAFSA is available online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. The federal code for UNCW is 002984.

Will admission from the wait list affect my on-campus housing options? On-campus housing will be difficult to attain after May 1, 2009. When on-campus housing is full, Housing and Residence Life develops a wait list and pulls from that list as space becomes available. If on-campus housing is not available, the Office of the Dean of Students will assist you with finding housing off campus. There are many options that are very close to UNCW's campus.

Will additional information make a difference? We probably have all your most recent information such as test scores and semester grades. If you have new information, please feel free to send it. We do not offer personal interviews, but if you feel that you would like to send a statement communicating your desire to become a student at UNCW, we will add it to your file.

I know someone who was admitted and is not going to enroll, can I take their place? This situation has already been taken into consideration and unfortunately, the process does not work that way. Our decision to offer admission is made on a case-by-case basis and considers all credentials.

I have been accepted at other schools, but I really want to attend UNCW. An enrollment deposit is due by May 1. What should I do? Since we cannot guarantee we will admit anyone from the wait list, we strongly urge you to deposit at another school to reserve your space. If you do not deposit, and we are unable to admit you

from the wait list, you might not be left with any options for fall 2009. Keep in mind most enrollment deposits are non-refundable.

Should I consider going somewhere else and trying to transfer to UNCW later? You may want to discuss the idea of transferring with your guidance counselor. If you choose this option, we suggest you attend an accredited two-or four-year institution and pursue a liberal arts program.

Please visit our website at <http://www.uncw.edu/transferadmissions> to learn more about our transfer admission process.

What should I do now? I am very disappointed. We realize that wait list is a difficult decision to receive, and we apologize for continuing to cause you uncertainty about your admission to UNCW. We hope you feel some relief in knowing that you are among a small group of students that has impressed us with their credentials. We have complete confidence that you have the ability to succeed at UNCW. Our/The applicant pool has become so large and so competitive that we have exhausted our available space. It is important to remember that you have the choice to accept or decline our offer to remain on our wait list. **If you choose to remain active in our applicant pool, please return the enclosed form by mail or fax (910-962-3038) no later than May 1, 2009. You can also complete it online at: <http://www.uncw.edu/admissions/WaitListResponseForm>.** We recognize that this is an important decision and you must decide what is in your best interest.