IMAGINE.
UNCW welcomes students from throughout the state and around the world. Once you’re here, you’ll recognize a sense of belonging you didn’t realize was missing. It feels like home.

Here, you’re at ease, welcomed into a supportive environment that allows you to be brave and try new things. Here, your imagination will be nurtured. Here is where tiny steps will turn into strides that will lead you to excellence. Imagine yourself here. Imagine yourself home.
UNCW is a mid-sized public institution with a private feel – and the view’s pretty great, too. The learning, the service, the research, the camaraderie, the campus... come be a part of it all!

Here at the state’s coastal university, you’ll enjoy a powerful academic experience that stimulates creative inquiry, critical thinking and thoughtful expression in a beautiful campus setting.

Located just minutes from the beach, Wilmington, North Carolina, also has a vibrant culture that celebrates the arts, film and music, and a host of campus/community connections to ensure you find where you belong both on and off campus.

• Named One of the Best Colleges with Great First-Year Experiences
• Named 5th Most Innovative Public University in the South

– U.S. News & World Report

16,747
2018-19 Total Enrollment

14,452
Undergraduate

2,295
Graduate

2019 FRESHMAN CLASS
Fall 2019 (approximately) ......................... 2,300
First-year Spring Admits (2019).................... 150
Minority .................................................. 19%

Freshman Averages
Middle 50% GPA: 3.91-4.48 (weighted)
Middle 50% ACT composite: 23-27
Middle 50% SAT: 1190-1290

UNCW will continue to "superscore" within the same test version.
NC'S COASTAL UNIVERSITY

VIRTUAL TOUR: Explore UNCW’s campus and learn about our academic programs, campus culture and athletic teams through a self-guided tour. Our interactive application will assist you through the use of a GPS-enabled campus map, videos and photos.

27
AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

14,000+
Number of Applicants

60%
40%

83%

17%  
In-State and Out-of-State Students

17:1
Student-to-Faculty Ratio
ACADEMICS

We’re part of the University of North Carolina System and one of North Carolina’s 16 public universities, consistently recognized at a national level for academic excellence and affordability. U.S. News & World Report ranked the university’s online bachelor’s program 8th best in the country. In late 2018, UNCW’s efforts to advance research and scholarly activities earned the university the elevated designation of “Doctoral Universities: High Research Activity” institution, according to the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

Applied learning is an essential part of the UNCW student experience, as students integrate theories, ideas and skills into new contexts. The university prepares students for the global world beyond the classroom through four core categories of applied learning: undergraduate research, study abroad, internships and service learning. Advisors will help you choose your direction and take the right steps as you chart your academic path.

DEGREES

55 Bachelor's
35 Master's
4 Doctoral

UNCW named a top producer of Fulbright U.S. Scholars

– The Chronicle of Higher Education
In the College of Arts and Sciences, you can pursue a variety of majors within 26 departments, programs and centers focused on the arts, the humanities, mathematical and natural sciences as well as social and behavioral sciences.

The College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) provides superior degree programs that will put you on the path to a rewarding healthcare or human services career. CHHS’s three professional schools – the School of Health and Applied Human Sciences, the School of Nursing and the School of Social Work – offer transformative learning experiences and opportunities for students to advance their knowledge through research and scholarly activity.

The Cameron School of Business offers students a fundamental business education that bridges theory to practice, providing the technical, analytical and interpersonal skills you’ll need to be an effective leader in a global business community.

In the Watson College of Education, high-quality programs, outstanding faculty and extensive opportunities for hands-on learning are found through classroom placements, community outreach and international travel.

HONORS COLLEGE
Honors College classes are small. You’ll receive personal attention with the opportunity to engage with faculty on a level similar to that enjoyed by graduate students at other universities. You’ll develop as a leader and a professional as you pursue independent research and creative scholarship.

UNDECIDED?
Uncertain about your major or need a little assistance? University College (UC) will provide support as you explore the undergraduate curriculum, career paths and prepare to declare your major. The UC serves several student populations including freshmen, select transfer, early college, military students, first-year spring admit and pre-professional students.
IMAGINE YOURSELF ON CAMPUS.

INVolvEMENT
Live your best college life and expand your horizons by taking advantage of any of 250+ student organizations. The Campus Activities and Involvement Center provides a gateway to campus entertainment, involvement and leadership opportunities. As part of the annual UNCWelcome Week, the Involvement Carnival is a showcase of student involvement opportunities on campus and in the community. There’s something for everyone. Get in where you fit in and soar!

RESIDENCE LIFE
UNCW requires all fall freshmen to reside on campus their first academic year. Research shows that in doing so, students make a smoother transition to college life, achieve a higher grade point average, develop stronger friendships and graduate at higher rates.

Consider joining a learning community: structured learning experiences where 20-25 first-year students share common classes and activities related to an academic or personal interest. Residential and non-residential options are available, visit uncw.edu/housing for more information.

SPORTS & REC
The Seahawk spirit is alive on and off the court, and you don’t have to wear a jersey to get in the game. Outside of our 19 NCAA Division 1 athletic teams, you can join any of the 60 intramural or club sports, including lacrosse, Quidditch, Ultimate Frisbee and water polo, and take advantage of adventure programs like camping, kayaking and surfing.
GO BEYOND THE BOOKS.

11 LEARNING COMMUNITIES

28+ SPORT CLUBS

250+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

NCAA DIVISION I ATHLETICS

- Baseball (M)
- Basketball (M & W)
- Cross Country (M & W)
- Golf (M & W)
- Soccer (M & W)
- Softball (W)
- Swimming & Diving (M & W)
- Tennis (M & W)
- Track & Field (M & W)
- Indoor Track & Field (W)
- Volleyball (W)
- Beach Volleyball (W)

FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME.
APPLICATION DEADLINES

FRESHMEN

Early Action (Non-Binding)  November 1
Notification on or around January 20
Regular Decision  February 1
Notification on or around March 15

MINIMUM COURSE REQUIREMENTS
(set by the UNC Board of Governors)
to be completed while in high school:

- Four (4) Course Units of English
- Four (4) Course Units of Mathematics
- Three (3) Course Units of Science
- Two (2) Course Units of Social Studies
- Two (2) Course Units of the Same Foreign Language

FRESHMAN CRITERIA

Candidates successful in the first-year admission process exceed minimum course requirements with programs that include rigorous coursework offered by their high schools. In addition to academics, UNCW will review the following application items:

- SAT and/or ACT scores
- Required personal essay and short-answer question
- Extracurricular involvement
- One letter of recommendation (optional)

Visit our campus...

uncw.edu/admissions/visit

Visiting campus continues to be the best way to get to know any institution you are considering. Register for a daily tour and information session offered Monday – Friday and some Saturdays.

Visit Day Programs

Seahawk Saturday - September 28 & October 19, 2019
(for high school seniors)

Just Juniors - See website for updates and schedule.
(for high school juniors)

Seahawk Preview Day - March 28, 2020
(for accepted students)

Soaring Sophomores - See website for updates and schedule.
(for high school sophomores)

Expenses 2019-20*

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*estimated cost

Note: The above figures are estimates and are subject to change. Total cost of attendance is calculated to help students anticipate their costs and to determine eligibility for financial aid. Some students will spend more than the typical amounts, others less, depending on individual lifestyles and circumstances. Eligibility for financial aid is based not on individual preferences and spending habits, but instead on standard budget allowances.
Create your personal web portal and receive periodic mailings, register for a campus tour and apply.

sealevel.uncw.edu

Financial Aid, Scholarships and Merit Awards

Applying for Aid
To receive financial aid, all eligible students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It is available beginning Oct. 1 at fafsa.ed.gov for students to complete for the new academic year. You must re-apply each year you are in school.

UNCW has a priority filing date of Jan. 1. The earlier you apply, the greater your chances for receiving grant dollars, if you are eligible. UNCW’s school code is 002984.

UNCW Scholarships
The UNCW scholarship process includes a number of awarding entities throughout the university, including the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, academic departments, the alumni association and others. Some awarding entities use the scholarship application located on the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid website: uncw.edu/fnaida. You must be a newly admitted or current student to access the scholarship application.

Freshman Merit Awards
UNCW offers a limited number of merit-based scholarships to entering freshmen, independent of the scholarship application. These decisions are made using the content of the application for admission.