WHAT IS FYSA?

Each year, UNCW becomes increasingly more selective and we are unable to admit all of the qualified, talented students we want to in the fall. Because space becomes available in the spring semester when some students are studying abroad or graduating, we offer a select group of first-year applicants admission for this term. The First-Year Spring Admit (FYSA) program is designed to allow UNCW to bring in students like you who have achieved academic success, expressed enthusiasm for becoming part of UNCW and exhibited leadership characteristics. We are confident that this select group of students will make a successful academic transition to UNCW.

CHECK OUT UNCW’S FYSA FACEBOOK GROUP

You can connect with former and recently admitted FYSA students. Be on the lookout for your invitation to join!

GO BEYOND THE BOOKS.
FYSA students enjoy the flexibility of choosing how to spend the fall semester. There are no requirements put on FYSA students for the fall semester, but a number of options are available.

**ACADEMICS**
If you wish to get a head start on your academics, you can take classes at a community college near home or close to UNCW. Students can consult with UNCW academic advisors in selecting courses for transfer that would fulfill some of UNCW’s University Studies requirements or simply earn transfer credit.

For transfer credit information, check the Transfer Credit Equivalency Chart on the Office of the Registrar’s website uncw.edu/reg/transfercredit.htm to see how classes may transfer to UNCW. Also, refer to the resources online through University College, uncw.edu/uc/fysa. The majority of students who elect to take courses stay on track to graduate in four years.

Students wishing to take courses elsewhere should complete the Transient Study Form via SeaPort under the Academics Tab.

**INTERNSHIPS**
Internships are an excellent opportunity to explore a career field. Students are encouraged to find their own (non-credit) internships, and are invited to use the UNCW Career Center website as a resource: uncw.edu/career/internships.html.

**WORK**
Some students choose to work full- or part-time in order to save money to help finance college costs.

**STUDY ABROAD**
Use the fall semester to study abroad! UNCW has developed a partnership with Bangor University in the United Kingdom. FYSA students have the opportunity to spend their fall semester studying with other spring admits.
FYSA ACTION ITEMS
Be sure to check your UNCW email for important updates and deadline reminders.

ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT
To commit to UNC Wilmington and hold your place in the FYSA program, pay your $100 enrollment deposit by May 1. Your deposit can be paid online using mySeaPort or with cash or check to the UNCW Cashiers Office. Your deposit must be paid before you can complete the enrollment process.

FINANCIAL AID
uncw.edu/finaid
Be sure to complete your FAFSA and include UNCW as a recipient. It is important to apply for financial aid early to make sure it is in place for the start of the spring semester in January.

ACADEMIC ADVISING
uncw.edu/uc/fysa
Complete the University College FYSA information sheet to notify UNCW of your fall plans. This form will help our academic advisors advise you if you plan to take courses in the fall, and later for spring registration at UNCW.

ORIENTATION
uncw.edu/transitions/freshman/
Registration for orientation will open July 1. All first-year students are required to attend orientation in January. At orientation you will become acclimated to the university, meet with an academic advisor and complete class registration. For registration information including dates, costs and deadlines, visit the orientation website.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING
Course planning will begin before you arrive to campus for January orientation. Students have the opportunity to learn about academic expectations and requirements and register for classes starting in late fall before orientation.

To view a complete calendar and deadlines, visit myseaport.uncw.edu and refer to your FYSA TealTicket.
ON-CAMPUS HOUSING
uncw.edu/housing
Agreements for spring on-campus housing will open October 1. You may sign your agreement and pay the required $105 non-refundable housing application fee as long as space is available; students may not pull in roommates or request specific buildings. A waitlist is kept for those who are not initially placed.

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING
offcampushousing.uncw.edu
You can choose to live off-campus near UNCW. There are many properties close to campus that can be found on the UNCW off-campus housing website. You can look for roommates, apartments and amenities to best fit your needs. The UNCW shuttle picks up from many off-campus apartment complexes, making it easy to commute.

PERCH
uncw.edu/perch
PERCH services, through the UNCW Office of the Dean of Students, provide programming, advocacy and support for off-campus, non-traditional and graduate students. PERCH hosts many events throughout the year designed for students to network, connect with valuable resources and gain knowledge to be a successful Seahawk.

Seahawk Preview Day
March 30, 2019
uncw.edu/admissions/SeahawkPreviewDay.html
All accepted students are invited to attend. Meet other FYSA students and get an in-depth look at UNCW.
FYSA IN THE UK
BANGOR UNIVERSITY

The experience of a lifetime!

Spend fall 2019 exploring the United Kingdom and Bangor University, one of UNCW’s valued and trusted partner universities. As a FYSA in the UK student, you have the unique opportunity to earn academic credits abroad that will transfer back to UNCW to fulfill degree requirements.

UNCW enrollment deposit due May 1
UNCW at Bangor application due June 1
PROGRAM PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- A UNCW program leader for the start of the program
- On-site Bangor program staff throughout your stay
- Tuition for full-time course load
- On-campus housing
- Meal plan
- Health Insurance
- Bedding and kitchen packs
- Airport transfers on set arrival days
- Welcome orientation (with social activities and day trips)
- Special Thanksgiving dinner and monthly dinners for the UNCW group
- Welsh/Celtic culture and history field trips
- A 16-25 Railcard for discounted train tickets
- Internet access
- Full access to campus amenities, with gym membership

For more information on Bangor University, visit uncw.edu/international/abroad/FYSAinuk/home.html or contact the Office of International Programs at studyabroad@uncw.edu or 910.962.3685.

Bangor University is home to more than 10,000 students. Situated on the North Wales coast between the Snowdonia Mountains and the Irish Sea, the university is known for its compact, friendly, safe campus; affordability; student support and unique cultural experiences. Bangor has a "city vibe" with a cinema, clubs, pubs, shops, restaurants and arts, but is an easily walkable locale of just 25,000 people.
IMPORTANT CONTACTS

University College (academic advising)
910.962.3245 • uc@uncw.edu
uncw.edu/uc/fysa

Housing and Residence Life
910.962.3241 • housing@uncw.edu
uncw.edu/housing

The PERCH (off-campus housing resource)
910.962.3119 • gansers@uncw.edu
uncw.edu/PERCH

Transition Programs (orientation)
910.962.3089 • transitions@uncw.edu
uncw.edu/orientation

Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid
910.962.3177 • finaid@uncw.edu
uncw.edu/finaid

Cashier Services (student accounts)
910.962.4281 • studentaccounts@uncw.edu
uncw.edu/studentaccounts