NOT TOO BIG. NOT TOO SMALL.

- 6th best public and 15th best overall regional university in the South
- 8th best online bachelor’s program nationally

—U.S. News & World Report

Student-to-Faculty Ratio: 18:1
Average Class Size: 20
Number of Applicants: 13,500+
In-State and Out-of-State Students: 67% and 33%
In-State and Out-of-State Students: 83% and 17%
NC’S COASTAL UNIVERSITY

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

GO BEYOND THE BOOKS.

11 LEARNING COMMUNITIES

28+ SPORT CLUBS

260+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

NC’S COASTAL UNIVERSITY

NCAA DIVISION 1 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)
Volleyball (W)
Beach Volleyball (W)
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 welcomed into a supportive environment that allows you to be brave and try new things. Your imagination will be nurtured. Here, tiny steps turn into strides that will lead you on pathways to excellence. Imagine yourself here. Imagine yourself home.

We recognize that as a high-achieving high school sophomore, you are eager to start your college search. We want to help make that process as smooth as possible. Follow this handy guide to be prepared every step of the way!

START YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH HERE.
SOPHOMORE YEAR (FALL)

Parents: Help your student prepare for the PSAT or PreACT with online practice tests. Sophomores can also use their score reports to figure out which academic areas they need to work on.

- Get familiar with college admission requirements. Your high school college counselor, the library, individual college websites and advice articles are all good sources of information.

- Review your PSAT and PreACT scores, as they will help you identify skills you may need to improve on for future tests.

Parents: Assist your student in planning for their next test. Use the detailed feedback from the PSAT or PreACT to focus on particular skill areas.

SOPHOMORE YEAR (SPRING)

- Use college search tools to decide what factors are important to you and create a list of colleges that match your criteria.

Parents: Make a college wish list together. Talk with your student about the qualities he or she may want in a college regarding location, size, majors offered etc.

SUMMER BEFORE JUNIOR YEAR

- Start SAT/ACT test prep. Utilize test prep resources, such as Khan Academy or ACT Academy.
YOUR PLAN FOR SUCCESS.

JUNIOR YEAR

JUNIOR YEAR (FALL)

☐ Parents: Help your student make summer plans. Summer is a great time to explore interests and learn new skills. Consider one of UNCW’s summer programs, like MarineQuest or Engineering Expectations.

☐ Take the SAT or ACT. Since you have been studying all summer, you should be well-prepared! Remember to list UNCW as a school you want to have your scores submitted to.

☐ Determine your target score for the SAT or ACT for the schools you want to apply to. Then, you can decide if you need to retest and identify ways to improve your score. We recommend you finish testing before the start of your senior year.

☐ Attend college fairs and read the material you get from all types of schools. You should also meet with college representatives if they visit your high school. Many universities (including UNCW) will post their fall and spring travel schedules on their website so students can be aware when a representative will be in their area.

☐ Parents: Be sure to attend college fairs with your student! These events allow you to meet with college representatives and get answers to questions you may have.

JUNIOR YEAR (SPRING)

☐ Make a preliminary list of colleges you want to apply to. Compare institutions, their offerings and their application requirements.

☐ Parents: Search with your student for colleges that will meet their needs. Take time to visit these schools during an official campus tour.
SENIOR YEAR

SENIOR YEAR (FALL)
- Make sure you are familiar with the application requirements and deadlines for each school. Begin your search for scholarship and grant opportunities.

You can learn about scholarship opportunities from your high school counselor or individual institutions. Keep track of certain scholarship deadlines and apply for them when the time comes.

- Parents: Start gathering financial aid documents, such as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which opens on October 1. Create an FSA ID. Students, parents and borrowers are required to use an FSA ID to confirm their identity when accessing financial aid information and electronically signing federal student aid documents.

- Formally ask for your recommendations early in the semester. We encourage you to select your high school counselor or a core academic teacher as one of the individuals providing a recommendation.

- Submit all applications, forms and test scores by their advertised deadlines. Make a checklist for each school of what you need to submit and the associated deadlines.

SENIOR YEAR (SPRING)
- Continue researching and visiting colleges that accept you to select the college that will be the best fit for you.

- Pay attention to deadlines! Submit your enrollment deposit to the college of your choice no later than May 1. Send an email notification to the schools you did not choose to decline your offer of admission.

- Parents: Help your student search and apply for scholarships. Research scholarship opportunities at your place of employment or various community organizations for your student.

- Parents: Help your student process college responses. Allow your student to provide his/her opinion before you offer your own.
Just as every student is unique, so is every college! We are confident there is a college for every student. When beginning the college search process, it is important that you research a variety of institutions. On the right side of this page is a worksheet to help guide your research and help navigate your college search. We hope you utilize these tools to gain a better understanding of what different institutions offer and how you can prepare for the college admissions process!

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| **Size**                | ▶ Enrollment  
                          ▶ Physical size of campus                                    |
| **Environment**         | ▶ Type of school (2- or 4-year)  
                          ▶ School setting (urban, rural)  
                          ▶ Nearest city  
                          ▶ Student body makeup                                            |
| **Admission Requirements** | ▶ Deadline  
                          ▶ Tests required  
                          ▶ Average test scores  
                          ▶ Average GPA  
                          ▶ Notification                                                   |
| **Academics**           | ▶ Academic programs offered  
                          ▶ Student to faculty ratio  
                          ▶ Average class size                                              |
| **Financial Aid**       | ▶ FAFSA deadline  
                          ▶ Percentage receiving aid  
                          ▶ Scholarships                                                   |
| **Room & Board**        | ▶ On-campus housing requirement  
                          ▶ Meal plan                                                       |
| **Activities**          | ▶ Clubs, organizations  
                          ▶ Greek life  
                          ▶ Athletics                                                      |
| **Campus Visits**       | ▶ Open houses  
                          ▶ Campus tours                                                     |
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<td>62% Female, 38% Male, 14.5% Minority</td>
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<td>First-year fall students are required to live on campus. Housing is guaranteed.</td>
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<td>18 CAA Division I teams, a variety of club and intramurals</td>
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<td>Just Juniors Open House: Spring of junior year</td>
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**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

**FRESHMAN**

- Early Action (Non-Binding) Notification on or around January 20
- Regular Decision Notification on or around April 1

**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)

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**Visit our campus...**

[uncw.edu/applynow](uncw.edu/applynow)

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.

**Annual Visit Day Programs**

- Soaring Sophomores (for high school sophomores)
- Just Juniors (for high school juniors)
- Seahawk Saturday (for high school seniors)
- Seahawk Preview Day (for accepted students)

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**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.
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/finaid](http://uncw.edu/finaid). 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.
College of Arts and Sciences
uncw.edu/cas
Anthropology*
Art History*
Biology*
Chemistry*
Coastal Engineering **NEW 2019**
Communication Studies
Computer Science*
Creative Writing*
Criminology*
Digital Arts* **NEW**
English*
Earth & Ocean Sciences*
Film Studies
French*
Geography*
Geology*
Geosciences
German Studies
History*
Interdisciplinary Studies **NEW**
International Studies*
Information Technology*
Marine Biology
Mathematics*
Music*
Music Education
Oceanography*
Philosophy & Religion
Physics*
Political Science*
Psychology*
Sociology*
Spanish*
Statistics*
Studio Art*
Theatre*

College of Health & Human Services
uncw.edu/chhs

School of Health & Applied Human Sciences
Exercise Science
Physical Education & Health
Public Health Studies
Recreation, Sport Leadership & Tourism Management*
Rehabilitation Therapy

School of Nursing
Professional Nursing
RN to BSN
(online accelerated program)
Clinical Research (online)*

School of Social Work
Social Work

Cameron School of Business
uncw.edu/csb
Accountancy
Business Analytics **NEW**
Economics*
Entrepreneurship & Business Development
Finance
General Business
Human Resource Management
Information Systems
Information Technology
International Business
Management & Leadership
Marketing
Professional Selling
Marketing Strategy
Supply Chain Management

Watson College of Education
uncw.edu/ed
Education of Young Children
Elementary Education
Middle Grades Education
Secondary Education
Special Education

Additional Minors
African Studies
Applied Behavior Analysis
Asian Studies
Brazilian & Portuguese Studies
Business
Campaign Management
Choral Music
Classical Studies
Educational Studies
English as a Second Language
Entrepreneurship & Innovation
European Studies
Forensic Science
Geospatial Technologies
German
Gerontology
Health
International Affairs
Japanese
Jazz Studies
Journalism
Latin American Studies
Leadership Studies
Middle East & Islamic Studies
Native American Studies
Neuroscience
Nonprofit Management & Leadership
Philosophy
Physical Oceanography
Postcolonial Studies

Pre-law
Public Administration
Religion
Russian Studies
Science, Humanities & Society
Security Studies
Sustainability
Women's & Gender Studies

UNCW@Onslow
uncw.edu/onslow
Criminology (online)
Elementary Education (online)
Exercise Science
(online accelerated program)
General Business
Human Resource Management
Social Work

Pre-Professional Programs
uncw.edu/preprofessional
Pre-Chiropractic
Pre-Dentistry
Pre-Law
Pre-Medicine
Pre-Occupational Therapy
Pre-Optometry
Pre-Pharmacy
Pre-Physical Therapy
Pre-Physician Assistant
Pre-Podiatry
Pre-Veterinary Medicine

Graduate School
uncw.edu/gradschool
M.A. Conflict Management & Resolution
M.A. English
M.A. Film Studies **NEW 2019**
M.A. History
M.A. Liberal Studies
M.A. Psychology

M.A. Sociology & Criminology
M.A. Spanish
M.A.T. Education – Specialization Options
M.B.A. Business Administration – International, Professional & Executive
M.Ed. Education – Specialization Options
M.F.A. Creative Writing
M.F.A. Filmmaking
M.P.A. Public Administration
M.S.A. School Administration
M.S. Applied Gerontology
M.S. Athletic Training **NEW 2020**
M.S. Biology
M.S. Business Analytics **NEW**
M.S. Chemistry
M.S. Clinical Research & Product Development
M.S. Coastal & Ocean Policy
M.S. Computer Science & Information Systems
M.S. Data Science **NEW**
M.S. Environmental Studies
M.S. Finance & Investment Management **NEW**
M.S. Geoscience
M.S. Instructional Technology
M.S. Marine Biology
M.S. Marine Science
M.S. Mathematics
M.S.A.C. Accountancy
M.S.N. Family Nurse Practitioner & Nurse Educator
M.S.N. Nursing
M.S.W. Social Work

Doctorates
B.N.P. Doctor of Nursing Practice
Ed.D. Educational Leadership
Ph.D. Marine Biology
Ph.D. Psychology

*Major & Minor offerings