Our Mission
The University College supports students as they explore undergraduate curriculum and career paths, prepare to declare an appropriate major, and succeed in their transition to UNCW. The University College (UC) serves several student populations to include freshmen, select transfer, early college, military student, first-year spring admit and pre-professional students at UNCW.

Our Goals
- Provide advising services that empower students to make informed academic choices related to both major and course selections as well as academic and administrative policies
- Deliver academic courses designed to foster student development, academic inquiry and successful transitions into our university
- Administer programs that incorporate high-impact practices to support retention, persistence and student success
- Collaborate with students, faculty and staff across campus to build a campus community focused on student success

Curricular Programs

First-Year Seminar: First-Year Seminar (UNI 101) is a mandatory three credit University Studies requirement designed to assist students in their transition to the university environment.

Transfer Seminar: Transfer students can take a three credit transfer seminar (UNI 201) to support their transition into UNCW.

Learning Communities: Learning communities are structured academic experiences in which a small group of first-semester students share common classes and activities related to an academic or personal interest. Some learning communities are connected to residence halls and are called living-learning communities.

Services and Programs

Academic Advising: University College has full-time professional advisors and faculty advisors who support students until they declare their major and matriculate into their new academic department.

Special Populations Advising: Advising services and programs are designed to support identified transfer students, undecided or exploratory students, military students, first-year spring admits, early college students, and pre-professional students who are interested in health sciences or law.

University College coordinates programs and events that support student transitions. Students who are exploring their major or career interests can attend a major fair or participate in our consultation program. Pre-professional students can engage in learning communities, courses and programs that are designed to assist them with applying to graduate or professional school.