



UNIVERSITY *of*
NORTH CAROLINA
WILMINGTON

Visiting International Program Guide

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ABOUT UNCW.

The University of North Carolina Wilmington is a large 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! At North Carolina’s coastal university, you’ll enjoy a powerful academic experience that stimulates creative inquiry, critical thinking and thoughtful expression in a beautiful campus setting.

UNCW ranks as one of the best public national universities in the state and nation, according to the “2022-2023 Best Colleges” rankings from *U.S. News & World Report*. The university is also among the publication’s top 20 best online bachelor’s degree programs in 2023, ranking 18th nationally.

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About Wilmington, North Carolina

Incorporated: 1739

Population: 117,643 (2021)

Nicknamed: “the Port City”

Rich historic downtown

Located 8 kilometers from the beach

Wrightsville Beach voted one of the “World’s Best Surf Towns” by *National Geographic*

Location of EUE/Screen Gems studio, one of the largest film studios outside of Hollywood

Your Adventure Starts Here



EXPLORE THE AREA.

Wilmington is a charming, friendly city on the southeastern coast of the U.S. Located just minutes from numerous beaches, Wilmington has a renowned historic district as well as a vibrant culture of art and literature, and a thriving film and music scene. Wilmington International Airport (ILM) provides commercial air service to cities both domestic and abroad and is just six miles from the UNCW campus.

To explore more, visit wilmingtonandbeaches.com



International Students at UNCW

In 2021-22, UNCW hosted more than 900 international students from more than 80 different countries.

The Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) provides:

- Events, excursions and trips specifically for international students each semester
- Visa sponsorship and advising
- International student orientation
- Airport pick-up
- Friendship family and student mentor programs

UNCW has more than 100 partner universities globally.

Questions? Email international@uncw.edu



Involvement
300+

Student Organizations

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**Academic, Health
and Career Resources**

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Sports & Rec
60+ **Intramural and
Club Sports**

**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)

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**International students are eligible to compete
as student-athletes for the university.**

Visiting International Program

The UNCW Visiting International Program welcomes students from across the globe to study on a short-term basis. There are three ways to participate in the Visiting International Program:

Exchange

Eligible students nominated directly by UNCW partner universities are permitted to attend UNCW for one or two semesters to gain credit at their home university. Permission to attend UNCW with the Visiting International Program does not constitute admission to UNCW.

- **Be nominated for exchange by home university**
- **Pay tuition to home university**
- **Confirm credit recognition with home university**

Study Abroad

Students from non-partner universities can request permission to attend UNCW for one or two semesters to gain credit at their home university. Permission to attend UNCW with the Visiting International Program does not constitute admission to UNCW.

- **No nomination from home university required**
- **Pay tuition to UNCW**
- **Confirm credit recognition with home university**

Gap Year

Students who have recently graduated from secondary education can request permission to attend UNCW for one or two semesters. Permission to attend UNCW with the Visiting International Program does not constitute admission to UNCW.

- **High school diploma (or equivalency), 2.5 minimum GPA, and letter of recommendation required**
- **Pay tuition to UNCW**
- **Limited to University Studies (first-year) coursework**

Application Deadlines

Fall: May 1

Spring: November 1



Visiting International Students Cost of Attendance and Admissions

UNCW welcomes students to enroll for one or more academic semesters in regular university courses as a visiting student. Courses taken and grades received in our Visiting International Student (VIS) program will appear on an official University of North Carolina Wilmington transcript.

Online Application

Passport

University Transcripts
(including courses in progress)

English Proficiency:

TOEFL: minimum 71

IELTS: minimum 6.0

2023-24 Estimated Expenses*

(per semester in U.S. dollars)

Tuition & Fees (study abroad only).....	\$10,929
On-Campus Housing	\$4,645
Meals	\$2,300
Health Insurance (or students can provide their own).....	\$1,352
Student ID	\$20
Student Mailbox	\$11
Study Abroad Total	\$19,252
Exchange Total	\$8,323

*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.

Learn more at uncw.edu/international/issv/visiting.html

Academic Colleges & Majors

College of Humanities, Social Sciences & the Arts

Code	Major
ANT	Anthropology
FSC	Forensic Sciences
ARH	Art History
ART	Art
COM	Communication Studies
CRW	Creative Writing
GRN	Gerontology
ENG	English
FST	Film Studies
HST	History
AFN	Africana Studies
IDS	Inter-Disciplinary Studies
INT	International Studies
FNA	Fine Arts
MUS	Music
PAR	Philosophy & Religion
PSY	Psychology
PLS	Political Science
CRM	Criminology
SOC	Sociology
THR	Theatre
WGS	Women's & Gender Studies
ARB	Arabic
ASL	American Sign Language
CLA	Classics (World Language & Culture)
FRH	French
GER	German
ITN	Italian
JPN	Japanese
LAT	Latin
PRT	Portuguese
RUS	Russian
SPN	Spanish
WLC	World Languages & Cultures

College of Science & Engineering

Code	Major
BIO	Biology & Marine Biology
CIT	Computer Information Technology
CSC	Computer Science
CYBR	Cybersecurity
ISE	Intelligent Systems Engineering (limited options)
DSC	Data Science

GGY	Geography
GLY	Geology
OCN	Oceanography & Lab
EVS	Environmental Sciences
MAT	Mathematics
STT	Statistics
EGN	Coastal Engineering
PHY	Physics

College of Health & Human Services

Code	Major
ATR	Athletic Training
CHM	Chemistry & Biochemistry
EXS	Exercise Science
HEA	Health
HFE	Healthful Living & Fitness Education
PBH	Public Health
PED	Physical Education
REC	Recreation
RTH	Recreation Therapy
WPA	Wellness & Physical Activity
SWK	Social Work & Lab

Cameron School of Business

Code	Major
ACG	Accounting
BLA	Business Law
BAN	Business Analytics
INB	International Business
MIS	Management Information Systems
SCM	Supply Chain Management
ECN	Economics
FIN	Finance
EBD	Entrepreneurship
MGT	Management
BUS	Business (Writing)
CHHS	College of Health & Human Services
MKT	Marketing

Watson College of Education

Code	Major
SED	Special Education
EDN	Education
LED	Leadership
SEC	Secondary Education
TSL	Teaching English as a Second Language



Class Options for Visiting Internationals

Visiting international students are enrolled in university-level, in-person classes with all other UNCW students. Visiting students must review the coursework options offered to ensure that a variety of class options are suitable for their home university degree.

The [UNCW Undergraduate Catalogue](#) is the primary source for academic requirements and structure. The section on University Regulations contains important information concerning UNCW grading policies, the policy on “defining of a UNCW credit hour,” and degree requirements.

Undergraduate students choose subject codes between 100–400 (first-year to fourth-year options).

Full-Time Coursework

Visiting international students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits (4 classes) per semester (with exceptions for students enrolled in graduate coursework). Students must submit a preferred list of course options, which will be evaluated according to your academic background prior to arrival. UNCW will attempt to obtain your preferred coursework, but it is not guaranteed.

Students should be aware that UNCW classes have prerequisites (classes that require previous course background) and should be prepared to have alternative class options. The university recommends students obtaining approval in advance for eight classes per semester.



Residence Life

Living on campus is guaranteed for visiting international students in the University Suites, Seahawk Crossing, Seahawk Landing and Seahawk Village.

UNCW Residence Life offers 24/7 security, free wifi and laundry as well as standard furnishings. On-campus housing is an affordable and convenient option. Many residence halls offer multipurpose facilities, study rooms and game rooms, and on-site pools.

Student Services and Support

UNCW offers a range of free support services to students during their time at the university:

Career Center

A career counseling and resource center dedicated to empowering students and alumni as active participants in their own career development.

University Learning Center

The ULC provides students a variety of learning opportunities that complement the classroom experience including peer-to-peer mentoring and tutoring for math, writing and more.

Disability Resource Center

Ensures that qualified individuals with disabilities are provided equal access and reasonable accommodations to all programs, services and activities offered.

Crossroads

Commits to the advancement of thoughtful and healthy decision-making regarding the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

CARE: Collaboration for Assault Response & Education

Offers university resources for students, staff and faculty who have been impacted by interpersonal violence.

Counseling Center

Provides a broad range of psychological, counseling and educational services that facilitate personal and academic success.

Student Health Center

Provides student-centered, affordable, quality health and preventive services.

UNCW Dining

15+ on-campus dining options are available with healthy options to fit individual student needs. Students can choose from a variety of affordable meal plan options according to their personal preference and schedule.

University Testing Services

Offers secure, professional and efficient testing services to UNCW and surrounding communities.



Majors

College of Science & Engineering

Biology*
Chemistry*
Coastal Engineering
Computer Science*
Cybersecurity*
Environmental Sciences*
Geography &
Geospatial Sciences*
Geology*
Geosciences
Information Technology*
Intelligent Systems Engineering
Engineering – 2 + 2 Program
Marine Biology*
Mathematics*
Oceanography*
Physics*
Psychology*
Statistics*

College of Humanities, Social Sciences & the Arts

Anthropology*
Art History*
Communication Studies
Creative Writing*
Criminology*
Digital Arts*
English*
Film Studies
French*
German Studies*
History*
Interdisciplinary Studies
International Studies*
Music*
Music Education
Philosophy & Religion*
Political Science*
Sociology*
Spanish*
Studio Art*

College of Health & Human Services

School of Health & Applied Human Sciences

Exercise Science
Healthful Living &
Fitness Education
Public Health
Recreation Therapy
Respiratory Therapy
Tourism, Recreation & Sport

School of Nursing

Nursing (BSN)
R.N.-BSN
(online accelerated program)
Clinical Research*

School of Social Work

Social Work

Cameron School of Business

Cybersecurity
Business Administration
Accountancy
Business Analytics
Economics
Entrepreneurship &
Business Development
Economics
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

Education of Young Children
Elementary Education
Healthful Living &
Fitness Education
Middle Grades Education
Secondary Education
Special Education

Additional Minors

Africana Studies
Applied Behavior Analysis
Asian Studies
Assistance Dog Training
Brazilian & Portuguese Studies
Business
Campaign Management
Choral Music
Classical Studies
Coastal & Environmental Writing
Cybersecurity
Data Science

Educational Studies
Teaching 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
Medical Humanities
Middle East & Islamic Studies
Native American Studies
Neuroscience
Nonprofit Management
& Leadership
Online Teaching & Learning
Philosophy
Physical Oceanography
Postcolonial Studies
Pre-Law
Public Administration
Religion
Russian Studies
Science, Humanities & Society
Security Studies
Sustainability
Women's & Gender Studies
Yoga Studies

Pre-Professional Programs

Pre-Health
Allopathic Medicine (MD)
Chiropractic (DC)
Dental (DMD)
Occupational Therapy (OT)
Optometry (DO)
Osteopathic Medicine (DO)
Pharmacy (PharmD)
Physical Therapy (DPT)
Physician Assistant (PA)
Public Health (MPH)
Veterinary Medicine (VDM)
Pre-Law

Graduate School

M.A. Conflict Management
& Resolution
M.A. English
M.A. Film Studies
M.A. History
M.A. Integrated Marketing
Communication (online)
M.A. for History Educators (online)
M.A. Liberal Studies (online)
M.A. Psychology
M.A. Sociology & Criminology
M.A. Spanish
MAT Education –
Specialization Options
MBA Business Administration –
International, Professional
& Executive (online options available)
M.Ed. Education –
Specialization Options
MFA Creative Writing
MFA Filmmaking
MPA Public Administration
MSA School Administration
M.S. Applied Gerontology
M.S. Athletic Training
M.S. Biology
M.S. Business Analytics (online)
M.S. Chemistry
M.S. Clinical Research
& Product Development
M.S. Coastal & Ocean Policy
M.S. Computer Science
& Information Systems
M.S. Data Science
M.S. Environmental Studies
M.S. Finance & Investment
Management (online)
M.S. Geoscience
Master of Healthcare
Administration
M.S. Instructional Technology
M.S. Marine Biology
M.S. Marine Science
M.S. Mathematics
MSAC Accountancy
MSN Family Nurse Practitioner
& Nurse Educator
MSW Social Work

Doctorates

DNP Doctor of Nursing Practice
Ed.D. Educational Leadership
Ph.D. Applied Coastal
& Ocean Sciences
Ph.D. Marine Biology
Ph.D. Pharmaceutical Chemistry
Ph.D. Psychology

* Major & Minor offerings



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