

WELCOME FUTURE 49ERS!



WELCOME TO UNC CHARLOTTE!



Summer/Fall 2019

Dear Future 49er,

This is such an exciting time for you! Whether you are getting ready for senior prom, preparing for graduation, or wrapping up final projects, you are probably feeling a little sad and excited at the same time.

Graduation is not just about an ending—it's also about a new beginning. At UNC Charlotte, you're going to meet a lot of new and interesting people, make new friends, get involved with new clubs and organizations, and have the opportunity to take intriguing classes. You may even choose to take advantage of the opportunity to study abroad or work an internship in Uptown Charlotte.

This newsletter contains important information about your next steps for enrolling at UNC Charlotte, including financial aid, housing, new student orientation, and submitting health forms. Here are a few additional reminders:

Apply for Financial Aid if you haven't already done so by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available at fafsa.gov. For more information, visit ninercentral.uncc.edu.

Submit your "Intent to Enroll" in your Future 49er Portal. This lets us know that you accept our offer of admission and confirms that you plan to enroll at UNC Charlotte. The deadline to submit your intent to enroll is May 1. A financial aid deposit is not required when you submit your intent to enroll.

Apply for on-campus housing Living on campus will provide you with many opportunities to get involved on campus and be prepared to be an active leader in your career and community. You'll also get the opportunity to make new friends and broaden your horizons by going on field trips, attending social events, and joining student organizations. Make living on campus your home away from home!

Summer Orientation: All entering freshmen must attend a Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) program during the summer. Registration for SOAR will open on April 1. Visit soar.uncc.edu for details.

Submit your final high school transcript showing your graduation date to the admissions office after graduation. If you've taken any dual enrollment classes at a college, submit an official college transcript as well. In addition, don't forget to submit AP or IB exam scores for credit!

Amazing things await you this fall and we look forward to having you as part of Niner Nation!

Sincerely,

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SUMMER ORIENTATION

All entering freshmen must attend a Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) program during the summer.

During SOAR, you will meet with an academic advisor from your department and register for fall classes. You will be assigned to a student orientation counselor and will participate in presentations and activities as part of a small group. All students are required to spend the night in a residence hall as an integral part of the experience. SOAR is a great way to get to know your future classmates!

A concurrent program is held for parents and family members, so that they may also become familiar with UNC Charlotte. Separate social activities are planned in the evening for family members and students. More information is available at soar.uncc.edu.



NINER FAQs

Q. What if I requested Engineering (or another competitive major) but I was admitted as “Undecided”?

A. Admission into competitive majors such as Business, Computer Science, Engineering, Architecture, and Nursing requires that students present a higher combination of GPA and test scores than is required for general admission to the University. An academic advisor in University College will assist you with selecting your courses so you can transition into your intended major once you meet requirements.

Q. How do I get my AP credit (or IB or dual enrollment credit)?

A. You will need to send Admissions your official score reports from your AP or IB exams to receive course credit. If you have taken classes at a college while enrolled in high school, you will also need to send us an official college transcript to receive transfer credits. Please send score reports and transcripts as soon as possible to ensure credits are awarded prior to orientation and advising.

Q. Will I have an academic advisor?

A. Yes. All students have an academic advisor in their area of academic interest/major. You will meet your advisor at SOAR. Your advisor will help you schedule your classes each term and is an invaluable resource when it comes to planning out your course of study, pursuing independent studies, seeking internships, and deciding when to study abroad.

Q. Do you have an Honors Program?

Yes. The University Honors Program (UHP) is open to freshmen in all majors. Students must apply for admission to the program. UHP students are eligible for honors housing and graduation with honors distinction. For more information and to apply, visit uhp.uncc.edu. Students are able to join UHP or various departmental honors programs later on in their college career as well.

Q. What is there to do on weekends?

A. Tons! Through UNC Charlotte’s Campus Activity Board (CAB), you can take awesome trips for free or attend fun events they host on campus. Every year CAB will organize a stadium concert in Halton Arena where popular artists like Mac Miller, Capital Cities, Chance the Rapper, and J-Cole have performed. Best of all, most programs are FREE! Starting from UNC Charlotte’s light rail station, you are connected to restaurants, museums, and sporting events all across Uptown Charlotte! All you need to ride is your university ID.

Q. Should I bring my own computer?

A. Many students choose to bring their own computers, but it’s not essential that you do so unless you are an Architecture or Engineering major. There are many computer labs around campus including some that are available 24/7. For more information, visit labs.uncc.edu.

edu. If you are planning to buy a computer, the NinerTech Computer Store, located in the Student Union, offers discounts - even to newly admitted students - on computers, software and accessories. Take a look at ninertech.uncc.edu.

Q: Can I bring a microwave into my residential hall?

A: Yes; however, please visit housing.uncc.edu/campus-living/about-your-room/what-bring-campus to learn what appliances are approved or prohibited in various housing facilities on campus.

Q. Can freshmen have cars on campus?

A. Yes. Parking permit fees are approximately \$465/yr for on-campus parking. For students who do not plan on bringing a car to campus, the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) has several bus stops on campus. Students can also find Zipcar rentals on campus to drive by the hour or day with gas & insurance included. Included in your student transportation fee is an all-access light rail pass! Students will be able to ride the light rail, CATS street car, Special Transportation Service (STS), local and express bus routes, including the Airport Connector, fare-free!

NEED TO KNOW

Financial Aid: There are many different types of financial aid available to students: federal grants, state grants, student loans, parent loans and work-study employment. Only one application is required to apply for all of these types of financial aid; it is commonly referred to as the “FAFSA” or Free Application for Federal Student Aid. If you haven’t done so already, we encourage you to complete your application at fafsa.gov as soon as possible to determine any assistance which may be available. Please be sure to include our school code (002975) on the FAFSA so that we will receive your FAFSA information. To view your award, log in to My UNC Charlotte, the official UNC Charlotte student web portal, at my.uncc.edu.

Housing: Now that you have been admitted, you may apply for housing. The application is available at housing.uncc.edu/apply. Please make sure to have your UNC Charlotte student ID number, which is listed on your acceptance letter. Housing applications will be accepted as long as space is available. Priority status is given to applications received prior to June 1.

Immunizations: North Carolina State law requires enrolled students to provide proof of immunizations. This information is required within 30 days of the start of classes or your class registration will be cancelled. A list of required vaccines is available on the Student Health Center website at studenthealth.uncc.edu/immunizations/immunization-requirements. You can upload your documentation in the online Student Health Portal at studenthealth.uncc.edu.

Student Health Insurance: In addition to immunization records, you are required to either demonstrate proof of insurance or purchase a Student Health Insurance plan. You will automatically be charged for the Student Health Insurance Plan on your student account, but if you have your own health insurance, you will need to complete an online waiver to have the charge removed. Once the waiver is accepted, your student account will be credited for the cost of the student health insurance premium.



Gisell Munoz

MEET A NINER

Hey Future 49ers! My name is Gisell and I am proud to be part of the Niner Nation Family! My favorite part of being on campus is being able to interact and network with people from all across the world. I enjoy meeting new people on campus and being able to give, as well as receive, support from peers, friends, advisors, and professors.

How do I Stake My Claim as a student? I stake my claim by trying to make a positive impact on those around me every day, and making the most of everything the university provides me! UNC Charlotte has so many ways to get involved. I have been able to join organizations such as the Latin American Student Organization (LASO). With LASO, I have found other students and now friends that share the same experiences and passions that I do. I have a job as a Zumba instructor with Univeristy Recreation (UREC). Being part of UREC has given me the opportunity to share my passion for Zumba with other students. I also serve as a member of my residence hall’s leadership team. Through Lead Team, I have been able to plan fun programs to make my residential community feel at home.

What’s my favorite tradition on campus? My favorite tradition at UNC Charlotte is Gold Rush! Gold Rush kicks off the beginning of each semester with events such as concerts, sports games, plays and more! Students come together as a community to learn about student organizations, UNC Charlotte traditions, and Niner Pride! It’s a perfect opportunity for new students to see so much of the university while celebrating the start of the new term.

“It’s amazing to see all the spirit UNC Charlotte has! I love walking around campus on Wear Green Wednesday, when everyone is showing off their Niner Pride.”

GET INVOLVED



Offering more than 400 different student organizations, UNC Charlotte provides the opportunity for you to make new friends, develop new skills and abilities, work as part of a team, learn to set and achieve goals, share your time and talents, and most of all, have fun!

The Student Organization Showcase gives you an opportunity to check out the student organizations to join for the upcoming year. Student organizations include clubs focusing on academics, special interests or hobbies, international topics, multiculturalism, religion, sports, and more. At the beginning of each semester, UNC Charlotte engages and involves students in block parties, ice cream socials, outdoor movies, and a variety of other events during “Gold Rush” which helps introduce you to these organizations and other students!