



Study in North Carolina

**Information / Short Description**

Founded in 1947, the **University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW)** is a public university with currently over 18,000 students, which combines the typical American college experience with seaside living. Academically, 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 and holds the outstanding AACSB accreditation in the Cameron School of Business. With more than 260 student organizations and a traditional American campus setting, UNCW offers a great academic experience. Wilmington itself is often referred to as "Hollywood of the East" by locals, as it is a well-known movie production and TV location. The wonderful and charming city on the southeastern coast of North Carolina is located just a few minutes from Wrightsville Beach which has been ranked one of the world's best surf beaches by National Geographic.

Website

international-student-office.org/en/study-in-the-usa/uncw and uncw.edu/seahawklife/support-success/international/students-scholars/prospective-students/visiting-international/

Study Opportunities

UNCW offers a number of interesting Bachelor, Master, and Doctorate Degrees programs. International students can choose from the following schools and colleges:

- College of Humanities, Social Sciences, & the Arts
- Cameron School of Business
- College of Science & Engineering
- College of Health & Human Services
- Watson College of Education

During one semester at UNCW, Bachelor students select 4 to 6 courses and can mix and match classes from different programs, provided that the home institution agrees. Master students take 3 to 5 courses per semester choosing from a limited number of programs.

Tuition and Fees per Semester*

*Fees listed are comprised of Tuition fees, Ed&Tech, Security und University fees, except for the IMBA program.

**Fees are subject to change. Tuition fees will be raised by approx. 5 % in summer 2026

Program	Price for students from a partner university	Regular Tuition & Fees at UNCW
Bachelor Study Abroad (24 - 36 ECTS)	9,370 USD	12,770 USD
Master Study Abroad (18 - 30 ECTS)	9,395 - 11,945 USD	12,795 - 15,345 USD
IMBA (24 ECTS)		9,500 USD

Start Dates & Deadlines

The academic year at UNCW is divided into semesters, each running for four months. There are two start dates each year, in January and August:

- **Fall 2026:** August 19 - December 11 (Deadline: **May 1, 2026**)
- **Spring 2026:** beginning of January - beginning of May (Deadline: **November 1, 2026**)

A mandatory two-day orientation takes place prior to course start. Earlier applications are strongly recommended to better your chances to get your first wishes for your classes and room type. Late Applications can often be accepted. For a study abroad semester please contact your home university's international office for individual internal deadlines.



“ Hi, I’m Theresa, and I spent a semester at UNCW in fall. Since my first day in North Carolina, I felt very comfortable and was immediately integrated into the community. Through the orientation right at the beginning of the program, you not only get to know the campus, but also the contacts and many international and American students right in the first week of university. There is also so much to see and experience during the semester, making my time here a truly great experience. Everyone should take advantage of this opportunity—for me, it was the best time of my life so far. ”

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Application	To start your UNCW application, please e-mail us the following: name, birthdate, email, phone number, study program, length of stay at UNCW (1 or 2 semesters). Once you have access to the UNCW application portal, you will be asked to upload the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transcript from home university in English (including signature and stamp of the home university)• Passport copy (must be valid 6 months after your stay)• Master students: Bachelor diploma in English• English proof (TOEFL (iBT) 71, IELTS 6.0, Cambridge FCE/CAE, Duolingo English Test (DET) at least 105 or a DAAD of at least level B2)• Proof of Financial Support in English
Accommodation <small>*Fees are subject to change. UNCW reserves the right to increase housing fees once every summer by about 4%.</small>	It is recommended that international students live on-campus at UNCW. UNCW On-Campus Housing fees per semester are: 4,043 - 4,808 USD* A spot in on-campus housing is guaranteed if students apply for the following housing deadlines: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fall 2026: April 15• Spring 2027: October 15
Scholarships & Funding	The office of UNCW awards partial scholarships on a regular basis. Find more information about our scholarships at: international-student-office.org/en/how-to-pay-for-study-abroad/scholarships-usa/ Students on a F1/J1 visa are allowed to work on campus for up to 20 hours a week. UNCW offers 1,000 - 2,000 students jobs on campus which international students can apply for. Further stipends may be offered by your government, home institution or other organizations in your home country.
Visa	As a study abroad student, you will enter the United States on a J1 or F1 visa. Students can request a visa only after their application has been approved. Visas can only be requested at US embassies and consulates. Please find more information via travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/study.html

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