QUICK FACTS

- Nation's 1st public university – only public university to award degrees in the 18th century
- 18,350 undergraduates
- 10,785 graduate & professional students
- 3,696 faculty
- 8,287 staff
- More than 70 majors and minors in 60 departments, 68 doctoral programs, 112 master's programs offered

Over 304,000 alumni living in all 50 states and 150 countries and 159,509 living in North Carolina

WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

1st among the 100 best U.S. public colleges and universities that offer students high-quality academics at an affordable price, according to Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine for the 14th time in a row

- 1st on the “Top 10 Best Value Public Colleges for 2014” list published by The Princeton Review
- 5th best public university in U.S. News & World Report’s 2015 “Best Colleges” guidebook for the 14th consecutive year
- 32nd among the top 500 world research universities as ranked by U.S. News & World Report
- 14 faculty members in prestigious National Academy of Sciences, one of the highest honors a U.S. scientist or engineer can receive
- 28 graduate and professional programs ranked in the top 10 by U.S. News & World Report “Best Graduate School” Rankings

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- 49 Rhodes Scholars since the program began in 1904
- 37 Luce Scholars for internship in Asia – highest in the U.S. (as of 2015)
- 44 Goldwater Scholars, including 30 since Fall 2000
- More than 250 Fulbright Student Program Awards for global research and study since 1973
- 90.0% total undergraduate student body 6-year graduation rate; 4th among AAU public universities

Based on 2007-2008 entering first-year undergraduate 6-year graduation rates at Association of American Universities (AAU) institutions

More than one-third of Carolina undergraduates study in other countries before graduation – one of the highest study abroad rates among public universities nationwide – with 325 programs in 70 countries

- 14:1 student-faculty ratio
- 87% of classes have less than 50 students

More than 3,000 undergraduates produce original research in 140 courses in humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, and UNC-Chapel Hill’s professional schools

17 Carolina varsity athletic teams posted a four-year Academic Progress Rate of 980, with 6 teams posting a perfect 1,000

Carolina finished 5th in the 2014-15 Director’s Cup, its 18th top-10 finish in the 22-year history of the award
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UNC-Chapel Hill launched the Coastal Resilience Center for Excellence with a five-year $20 million grant from the Department of Homeland Security to collaborate with more than a dozen partner universities to address the unique challenges facing communities across the United States that are vulnerable to coastal hazards.

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Michael Gerhardt became the first independent scholar to advise Library of Congress American Law Division of the Congressional Research Service, revising and updating the official U.S. Constitution Annotated (CONAN).


UNC-Chapel Hill research and entrepreneurial students and faculty have founded more than 150 active businesses, creating nearly 8,000 jobs in North Carolina and 38,000 jobs worldwide.

$792.7 million in total research grants & contracts for fiscal year 2014; supports more than 10,000 positions in North Carolina.

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- Named to the 2014 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction in General Community Service
- Received 2015 Community Engagement Classification as determined by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching

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