The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, NC

STUDENTS
17,918 undergrad enrollment

42% Male
58% Female

ADMISSIONS
28,437 applicants
28% admitted
50% enrolled

EARLY NR applicants accepted
NR applicants accepted

4.5 avg. high school gpa

27–32 ACT range

0–36

590–690 reading
580–690 writing
610–710 math

FINANCIAL INFO

in-state $5,823 annual tuition
out-of-state $26,575

$9,734 room & board

$1,182 avg. book expenses
$1,870 required fees

$16,983 avg. indebtedness

ACADEMICS
14:1 student to faculty ratio
22% classes taught by TAs

GRADUATION RATES
77% of students graduating within 4 years
90% of students graduating within 6 years

* NR = Not reported
Why The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Is No. 1

The University of North Carolina system’s flagship school has a long-standing place among leaders in higher education. Tar Heels are legendary for their devotion to their school, and with around 18,000 undergrads enrolled at a time, there sure are a lot of them. Somehow, the school finds a way to form a community (and smaller communities). Whether through majors, departments, sports, Greek life, or any of the other resources to which the school offers access, Carolina students are a happy and proud bunch.

Academic rigor certainly doesn’t take a back seat to value here, and the vast majority of students say it’s one of the main reasons they chose the school. The education at UNC is top notch, and all of its schools and departments consistently demand (and produce) the best from their students across the board. So long as students are willing to put in the time and effort and ask for help when they need it, Carolina will provide them with the tools to succeed. Accessibility is a hallmark of the school, and the university is committed to making certain that no admitted undergraduate student who qualifies for need-based aid will be barred from attendance because of lack of financial resources. Its Carolina Covenant program (an aid program for truly low-income students who remain dependent upon their families for support) is now in its tenth year and recently welcomed its largest class.

Why Students Love UNC—Chapel Hill

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ABOUT THE SCHOOL

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has a reputation for top academics, top athletics, and great overall value. Chartered in 1789 as the first public university in America, UNC Chapel Hill has a long legacy of excellence. Although its relative low cost makes Carolina a great bargain in higher education, the school is all about “top-notch academics while having the ultimate college experience.” Professors are at the top of their fields and “will work with you above and beyond the normal scope of their position to help you with any concerns or interests you could possibly have.” The chancellor even “holds meetings for students to meet with him to discuss school issues.” The journalism, business, and nursing programs are ranked among the best in the country, and study abroad programs are available in more than seventy countries. The student body is composed of students from every state and nearly 100 countries, and the university has produced more Rhodes Scholars over the past twenty-five years than any other public research university. There are “many opportunities to gain experience for a future career,” and just by applying to Carolina, students are considered for opportunities such as the school’s First-Year Fellows Program, Carolina Research Scholars Program, Global Gap Year Fellowship, and assured enrollment in the university’s business and journalism programs. The university’s comprehensive career center assists students throughout their entire undergraduate education, and students are “at ease knowing that their hard work pays off.” There are clubs for anyone of any interest, “from ballroom dancing to skydiving to paintball to religious groups.” Even with so many activities beckoning (and downtown Chapel Hill just out the door), “people think about getting their work done for classes and then having fun.”

Fun Facts

- Chapel Hill derives it name from the highest point where a church (of England) was located in the late 1700s. Called New Hope Chapel Hill (where the Carolina Inn stands today), the name was shortened to Chapel Hill.
- Chapel Hill has been referred to as the “Southern Part of Heaven,” after the title of the book by William Meade Prince, which was published in 1950.
- Franklin Street, the main street through downtown Chapel Hill was named after Benjamin Franklin. Rosemary Street, a parallel street, was named after residents who lived at its opposite ends—Rose and Mary.
- Franklin Street’s Carolina Coffee Shop was established in 1922 as the Carolina Confectionery, making it one of the oldest original restaurants in the area.
- Traditionally, fire engines are red. In Chapel Hill, however, the fire trucks are Carolina blue, like the color of the Carolina Tar Heel sports teams. In Chapel Hill, the Carolina blue fire truck tradition began in 1996 to commemorate the joint purchase of Engine 32 by the town of Chapel Hill, UNC, and UNC Hospital. Since then there have been several joint purchases of trucks and since the Carolina blue truck was so well liked it was decided to convert the entire fleet.

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BANG FOR YOUR BUCK
Carolina meets 100 percent of students’ need, regardless of whether they are North Carolinians or out-of-state residents. Aid packages generally contain at least 60 percent in grant and scholarship assistance, with the remaining 40 percent in work-study and loans. Low-income students who are 200 percent below the federal poverty standard do not have to borrow at all to pay for their education—these students are designated Carolina Covenant Scholars and receive packages of grants, scholarships, and student employment. The university awards about 250 merit scholarships each year to students in the first-year class. These scholarships range in value from $2,500 to a full ride. Best of all, there is no separate application for merit scholarships; students are awarded scholarships on a need-blind basis based on information provided in the regular admissions application.

STUDENT BODY
One student after another comments about the feeling of generosity that pervades UNC—the epitome of Southern hospitality”—and how it extends beyond mere school spirit and the wearing of Carolina blue and white on game days. “Carolina is family,” one student says. “Most of us here are crazy about sports, but most will do anything at all to help a fellow UNC student.” Although the student body is very diverse, a commonality among students is the desire to serve others and work for humanitarian efforts.” One reason for the closeness is that the vast majority of students hail from the Tar Heel state. So there are “lots of down-home, North Carolina types who excelled in their rural high schools.” Students and faculty are viewed as leaning liberal politically, which makes for some interesting exchanges. “Political activism is huge here,” a student says. But even though it’s a vast school, “it has a place for everyone.” “There are really only two common denominators: commitment to some kind of excellence (academic, extracurricular, etc.) and rooting against Duke.”

WHY STUDENTS LOVE UNC CHAPEL HILL
Carolina is unique in that “every person who attends or works with the university is in love with it.” “UNC Chapel Hill is my Narnia,” says one student. Basketball and football games at UNC are always “charged with energy,” and student organizations dole out free t-shirts, food, and pompoms to get the crowd going. “There are few experiences that can top being in the risers at a UNC basketball game or rushing famous Franklin Street when UNC beats Duke,” says a student. Students do all sorts of things for fun, and “there are hundreds of active clubs and student organizations in which you can meet people with the same interests, or different interests.” No student should be able to say that he or she incapable of understanding a concept, “because there are always people there to help.” Professors genuinely want students to succeed, and “it is quite common to look at a book list for a class and have three texts written by your teacher.” “I just wonder why anyone would go anywhere else,” says a student.
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GENERAL INFO
Activities: Choral groups, concert band, dance, drama/theater, jazz band, literary magazine, marching band, music ensembles, musical theater, opera, pep band, radio station, student government, student newspaper, student-run film society, symphony orchestra, television station, yearbook, campus ministries, international student organization. Organizations: 592 registered organizations, 32 honor societies, 62 religious organizations. 32 fraternities, 23 sororities. Athletics (Intercollegiate): Men: Baseball, basketball, cross-country, diving, fencing, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis, track/field (outdoor), track/field (indoor), wrestling. Women: Basketball, crew/rowing, cross-country, diving, fencing, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track/field (outdoor), track/field (indoor), volleyball. On-Campus Highlights: The Pit, McCorkle Place, Polk Place, Dean Smith Center, Student Union, Old Well, Coker Arboretum, Morehead Planetarium, Ackland Art Museum, Kenan Stadium. Environmental Initiatives: Partnered with Orange (County) Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA) to install a water reclamation and reuse system that replaces more than 175 million gallons of potable water annually. Fare Free Transit and Commuter Alternatives Program. The campus also features a 32MW cogeneration plant and 1 MW landfill gas generator.

THE BOTTOM LINE
The cost of attending Carolina is a real bargain—especially if your home state is North Carolina. In-state students can expect to pay about $7,500 in tuition and fees. Out-of-state students have it pretty good too; they can expect to cough up about $28,000 for the cost of tuition and fees for one year. Cost of living in Chapel Hill is pretty cheap too—you can expect room and board to run you just shy of $10,000 per year.

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SELECTIVITY
Admissions Rating 97
# of applicants 28,437
% of applicants accepted 28
% of acceptees attending 50
# offered a place on the wait list 2986
% accepting a place on wait list 48
% admitted from wait list 14

FRESHMAN PROFILE
Range SAT Critical Reading 590–690
Range SAT Math 610–710
Range SAT Writing 580–690
Range ACT Composite 27–32
Minimum paper TOEFL 600
Minimum web-based TOEFL 100
Average HS GPA 4.5
% graduated top 10% of class 79
% graduated top 25% of class 97
% graduated top 50% of class 100

DEADLINES
Regular Deadline 1/10
Early Action Deadline 10/15
Nonfall registration no

FACILITIES
Housing: Coed dorms, special housing for disabled students, men’s dorms, special housing for international students, women’s dorms, fraternity/sorority housing. Computers: 75% of classrooms, 15% of dorms, 100% of libraries, 100% of dining areas, 100% of student union, 50% of common outdoor areas have wireless network access.

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% needy frosh rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid 11
% needy UG rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid 6
% needy frosh rec. need-based self-help aid 66
% needy UG rec. need-based self-help aid 70
% frosh rec. any financial aid 69
% UG rec. any financial aid 64
% UG borrow to pay for school 35
Average cumulative indebtedness $16,983