Nation’s 1st public university – only public university to award degrees in the 18th century

18,421 undergraduates
10,669 graduate & professional students
3,667 faculty
8,297 staff

More than 75 majors and minors in 60 departments, 68 doctoral programs, 113 master’s programs offered

Quick Facts

Two Nobel Laureates:
- Dr. Aziz Sancar co-recipient of the 2015 Nobel Prize in Chemistry
- Dr. Oliver Smithies co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Prize in Physiology/Medicine

Over 308,000 alumni living in all 50 states and 150 countries and more than 167,000 live in North Carolina

4,081 joined the Class of 2019 – Record pool of 31,955 first-year applicants

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 15th time

- 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 15th consecutive year
- 15th on the list of the world’s “Top 100 Most Innovative Universities” according to Reuters 2015 survey
- 14 faculty members in prestigious National Academy of Sciences, one of the highest honors a U.S. scientist or engineer can receive
- 7th overall and tied for 4th among public Universities in best undergraduate business programs in the U.S. News & World Report rankings

Student Achievement

Nearly 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

- 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

Carolina athletics placed 5th in the 2014–2015 Learfield Directors’ Cup ranking of best collegiate athletic programs

13:1 student-faculty ratio
87% of classes have fewer than 50 students

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

More than 3,000 undergraduates produce original research in 140 courses in humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, and UNC-Chapel Hill’s professional schools
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 addressing the unique challenges faced by communities across the U.S. vulnerable to coastal hazards.

8th among private & public universities nationwide for National Institutes of Health research funding—$417.3 million received by faculty researchers in fiscal year 2014.

17th in Sierra Club ranking of America’s greenest colleges and universities.

More than $7 billion in annual revenue generated in North Carolina from Carolina-based start-ups.

UNC-Chapel Hill research and entrepreneurial students, along with 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; supporting more than 10,000 positions in North Carolina.

ACCESSIBILITY

- In its 11th year, The Carolina Covenant is UNC-Chapel Hill’s promise to youth from low-income families toward a debt-free opportunity in higher education—13% of last two incoming classes were Carolina Covenant Scholars.
- Cited by The New York Times as one of the Most Economically Diverse Colleges in 2015.

$123 million distributed per year from 1,200 scholarship programs through the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, assisting 43% of students with need-based aid.

UNC Core, the Friday Center’s new distance-learning program
- Launched in 2015
- Focused on helping service members and veterans accelerate higher education opportunities
- Now includes an undergraduate general education certificate.

OUTREACH & SERVICE

- 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.

42 advisers of the Carolina College Advising Corps are serving 59 high schools in 22 counties across the state of North Carolina in 2014-15.

In its 28th year, the Carolina Blood Drive has collected 24,705 pints of blood helping save as many as 74,115 lives.