New First-Year Student Checklist
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Class of 2019
Checklist for 2015-2016

Congratulations on your admission to UNC-Chapel Hill! Here is a comprehensive checklist of everything you need to do between now and your first day of classes. Click the hyperlinks for more information, and check out the Helpful Contacts on the bottom.

Questions? Contact New Student & Carolina Parent Programs at newstudents@unc.edu, 919-962-8304, or follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

Before New Student Orientation:

☐ Accept your admissions offer. Pay or defer your $250 enrollment deposit on Connect Carolina by May 1.
☐ Create your ONYEN (the Only Name You’ll Ever Need). You will be prompted to enter your UNC PID (Personal Identification Number) which is included in your online letter of admission. You can also use the PID Lookup site.
☐ Submit your FAFSA and CSS Profile for financial aid consideration if you have not already done so. The priority deadline is March 1.
☐ Set up your Heelmail, your UNC email account. Visit selfservice.unc.edu, log in with your ONYEN, and choose the Email Sign-Up link.
  - Once your account generates (wait 30-60 minutes), you can access your email via heelmail.unc.edu
☐ Apply for on-campus housing by May 15. Learn about your options, including a Residential Learning Program, and then apply through the MyHousing Portal. (Note: All first-year students are required to live on campus).
☐ Order your CCI laptop computer by May 15. Learn more about CCI computers, and then click here to order.
☐ Reserve your spot at New Student Orientation by May 20 (first-come, first-serve sign-up). Family members/guests are invited and encouraged to attend. Make your reservation here.
☐ Complete your Immunization & Health History form by June 15. Learn more about UNC Campus Health.
☐ Send your final high school transcript to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by July 10. If you’ve completed courses at a college that you wish to receive transfer credit for, arrange to have an official transcript sent from that institution too.
☐ If you need math placement for your intended major and have not taken the ACT, AP Calculus Exam, or SAT Math Subject Test, register with the College Board to take the SAT Math Subject Test.
☐ Send official score reports of AP, IB, SAT, ACT scores to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Bring a copy of your test scores to Orientation.
☐ If you are receiving financial aid, visit your Connect Carolina Student Center To-Do List and complete items related to financial aid.
☐ To prepare for your Academic Advising appointment at Orientation, you must complete the online module, “Connecting to Carolina: Your Orientation Advising Guide.” To access the module:
  - Go to Academic Advising’s website to first view a short video on Sakai, UNC-CH’s online learning environment.
  - Then, log in to Sakai to begin the “Academic Advising: Class of 2019” course. Complete Steps 1-4 before coming to Orientation. Completion of all 4 steps is required in order to register for your fall courses.
☐ If you studied Spanish, French, German, or Latin in high school, you must take the online language placement test before coming to orientation.
☐ Check Sakai frequently throughout the summer for updates and announcements.
Consider signing up for summer opportunities such as WAFFYS (Wilderness Adventures for First Years), Carolina Kickoff, and the APPLES Service Learning Initiative. More information here.

During New Student Orientation, you will:
- Get your UNC OneCard, your official UNC student ID.
- Pick up your CCI laptop if you ordered one and have it configured to the UNC network.
- Meet with an academic advisor in a 2-student per 1-advisor setting. You will meet for 25 minutes to discuss your course planning for your first semester. Make sure you have completed the Get Ready to Register (GRR) form on Sakai to prepare for this meeting.
- Connect with current UNC students (Orientation Leaders), staff, faculty, and your peers. Get a taste for what Carolina’s atmosphere, people, and campus are like!
- Purchase a copy of the 2015 Summer Reading Book Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson. The book is available for $17.36 (38% off) at Bull’s Head Bookshop in UNC Student Stores. You will be participating in discussion groups about the reading on August 17th during Week of Welcome.

After New Student Orientation:
- Log into Sakai for detailed instructions on registering for fall classes.
  - Check for any updates or announcements.
  - Fill your shopping cart on Connect Carolina with the classes you wish to take.
  - Register for your classes. Check the Office of the University Registrar’s Registration Guide and Registration Video Series for tips and instructions.
  - Remember that Connect Carolina will open again at 11am EST on Thursday, August 6, for a drop-add period during which you will be able to make changes to your schedule.
- Purchase a meal plan if you plan to utilize the on-campus dining halls.
- Either waive out with your private health insurance or purchase the UNC Student Health Insurance Plan as Health Insurance is mandatory. For more information please visit campushealth.unc.edu/insurance.
- Sign up for placement exams, as appropriate.
- Familiarize yourself with Sakai. This website is where many of your professors will place assignments, resources, syllabi, grades, etc.
- Read your summer reading book Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson. You will be participating in discussion groups about the reading on August 17th during Week of Welcome.
- Two weeks before moving to campus, look for an email on your UNC Heelmail account with information regarding required online alcohol education, sexual assault prevention, and conduct modules.
- Preorder your textbooks though UNC Student Stores’ New Student Textbook Reservation program by the July 31 deadline. Preordering your textbooks allows you to save time and effort. UNC Student Stores will pull and box all of your required books, and have them waiting for you when you arrive on campus. Preordering also saves you money because you will get first choice of used textbooks, which are often considerably cheaper than new textbooks.
- Vote on the Class of 2019 logo.

When You Arrive/First Semester:
- Move in to your on-campus residence hall or Granville Towers.
- Make any adjustments to your course schedule. The final day to add classes online via Connect Carolina is August 24, 2015. The final day to drop courses online via Connect Carolina is August 31, 2015. For additional registration dates, please visit the University Registrar’s calendar at
http://registrar.unc.edu/academic-calendar/. Please visit the Academic Advising website for important rules governing course drops and withdrawals.

- Look through your Tar Heel Beginnings (THB) Guide (which you will receive when you move in to your residence hall) for the Week of Welcome schedule. Attend any/all Week of Welcome events to kick off your start to Carolina! Extra THB guides can be picked up at the New Student & Carolina Parent Programs office (3318 SASB South) or at Week of Welcome tents around campus.
- Attend New Student Convocation, your formal welcome to Carolina, on Sunday, August 16th.
- Attend the Carolina Summer Reading discussion groups on Monday, August 17th from 1-3pm. Group assignments and locations will be found in your Tar Heel Beginnings Guide.
- Take any placement exams you signed up for on Monday, August 17th.
- Get acquainted with campus via campus maps and the Chapel Hill Transit bus routes.
- If you did not preorder your textbooks from UNC Student Stores, don’t worry. UNC Student Stores is conveniently located in the center of campus and carries every textbook for every class. Students have the option to buy or rent used and new textbooks at UNC Student Stores.
- If you did not get your laptop connected to UNC’s network during orientation or if you have a smartphone, another laptop, or a gaming system that you would like to connect to the network, visit Information Technology Services (ITS) in SASB South or the Undergraduate Library.
- Use Academic Advising’s drop-in hours during the first week of the semester, August 17-21, 8am-5pm, if you have questions about your fall schedule.
- During your first semester, meet with an academic advisor to discuss classes, potential majors, etc. You will have to meet with an advisor at least once before enrolling for your third semester at Carolina.
- In October, look for announcements for major-specific pre-registration workshops on Sakai and the Academic Advising website.

Helpful Contacts:

- Scholarships and Student Aid, aidinfo@unc.edu, 919-962-8396
- Housing, housing@unc.edu, 919-962-5401
- New Student and Carolina Parent Programs (Orientation), newstudents@unc.edu, 919-962-8304
- Academic Advising, 919-966-5116
- Registrar, 919-962-3954
- Carolina Computer Initiative (CCI), 919-843-8224
- Dining Services, feedback@dining.unc.edu, 800-UNCMEAL
- Campus Health, Immunizations: immunizations@unc.edu, 919-966-2283
- Mandatory Health Insurance: 919-966-6550 or 919-966-9599
- ITS Help Desk (technological issues), 919-962-HELP
- UNC Student Stores, 919-962-5066
- Undergraduate Admissions, 919-962-3621