Welcome to the Carolina Family!

The Academic Advising Program at UNC-Chapel Hill extends a warm welcome and congratulations as you enter your first semester with us in Fall 2017. We know that you bring a level of intellectual maturity and engagement that will contribute greatly to the richness of our academic community.

Academic advisors are here to encourage your academic and personal development. We created two important resources to help you in the transition to UNC-Chapel Hill:

- This letter gives you basic instructions for planning your fall schedule and registering for classes. Please follow the checklist, consult all the links, and make an advising appointment as soon as you receive your transfer credit report from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
- The online Transfer Student Advising Module is a comprehensive guide to the curriculum, your transfer credit, course registration, and planning resources, with self-checks to aid your comprehension. This module can be found on your Sakai site by logging on to sakai.unc.edu.

**CHECKLIST FOR GETTING STARTED**

**First Steps after Admission:**

1. Have the Registrar of your previous school submit an official final transcript to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at UNC-Chapel Hill. Be sure that it includes your degree award date (if any) as well as final grades.
2. Review your transfer credit e-mail from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, which you should receive within two weeks of your initial acceptance. If you have not received it after two weeks, please contact Admissions.

**Next Steps – Choosing Classes and Registering for the Fall Semester:**

1. Go to the Newly Admitted Transfers section of our website, watch the video, and follow the instructions to get you on your way! In the process, you’ll complete the Transfer Student Advising Module to gain basic knowledge needed to register for classes.
2. Utilize the Registrar’s registration videos for help navigating ConnectCarolina.
3. **GET REGISTERED!** It sounds counterintuitive, but it is very important that you begin registering for classes **NOW**, even before you make an advising appointment. Registering right away is important because class availability is somewhat limited; currently enrolled students registered for fall classes beginning in April, and incoming first-year students will register for classes starting May 15th. Go to the online catalog to look up major, minor, and general education requirements. You can also find worksheets for specific majors on the Advising website under Worksheets. We realize that you may not be certain what requirements you will have already met and still need to meet, but you can adjust your schedule if needed when you meet with an advisor.
4. Schedule your **first advising appointment** with any advisor who serves your intended major. You may request an in-person, phone or Skype appointment. **Watching the module and registering BEFORE your advising appointment will make your appointment more productive.**
5. If you are interested in majoring in Business, we will be hosting an online webinar that you may want to check out. On May 12th from 12-1pm EST, join us to learn more about the Kenan-Flagler Business School, pre-requisite courses and their application process. Beginning on May 1, you can RSVP on either the Sakai website or the Transfer Student section on the Advising website.

**Getting Oriented:**

- **RSVP for Academic Advising’s Transfer Student Welcome Reception**, which will be held on Friday, May 5, 2017 at 4:30. This informal reception will allow you to meet future classmates and get in touch with professors and campus resources. Please note that this is a social event and you will still need to make an individual appointment with an academic advisor to answer specific advising questions. Please RSVP by May 4, 2017.
• Register for and attend one of the required Transfer Student Orientation sessions this summer and plan to attend the Week of Welcome activities.
• Spend time exploring your Academic Advising Sakai site and our Academic Advising website. You will find a wealth of information about academic planning, opportunities beyond your first semester, resources to enhance your academic success, and ways to engage in your new university community.

Please note that all future communication from us will go to your new UNC e-mail address, so please check it at least once a week. We look forward to seeing you this summer at Orientation and in the fall.

With best wishes for a fulfilling and successful career at UNC-Chapel Hill,

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