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 2015. 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 have developed 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 a sealed final transcript to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at UNC-Chapel Hill. Be sure that it includes your degree 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 do not receive 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 site, 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 have been able to register for fall classes since April, and incoming first-year students will be registering for classes throughout the summer.
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. We will be hosting a series of online webinars throughout the summer. Our first one, “So You’ve Been Accepted... Now What”, will be held on May 1st from 12-1pm EST and you may register [here](http://advising.unc.edu). Stay tuned to our website for additional topic offerings.

**Getting Oriented:**

- RSVP for Academic Advising’s Transfer Student Welcome Reception on Friday, April 24, 2015. 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. RSVP by April 22, 2015.
- Attend one of the required [Transfer Student Orientation sessions](http://advising.unc.edu) 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 get engaged 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 that at least weekly. 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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