



## New First-Year Student Checklist University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Class of 2020 Checklist for 2016-2017

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](mailto: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 16**. [Learn more](#) about CCI computers, and then [click here](#) to order.
- Reserve your spot at [New Student Orientation](#) by **May 18** (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 8**. 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](#).
- 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. **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!

## **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.
- 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](http://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.
- [Preorder your textbooks](#) through 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.

## **When You Arrive/First Semester:**

- Move in to your [on-campus residence hall](#) or [Granville Towers](#).
  - 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 21<sup>st</sup>**.
- Attend the [Carolina Summer Reading](#) discussion groups on **Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 10:30am-12:00pm. Group assignments and locations will be found in your Tar Heel Beginnings Guide.
- Take any [placement exams](#) you signed up for on **Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**.
- 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 smart phone, 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.
- 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 and Week of Welcome), newstudents@unc.edu, 919-962-8304

[Academic Advising](#), 919-966-5116

[Registrar](#), 919-962-3954

[Carolina Computer Initiative](#) (CCI), 919-843-8224

[The Learning Center](#), 919-962-3782

[The Writing Center](#), 919-962-7710

[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