



Agenda

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6. Adjusting your class schedule



Online Orientation Resources



Online Orientation

ISSO Orientation webpage

- <https://isso.charlotte.edu/future-students/orientation>
- Online International Student Orientation

Canvas Course

- Upload immigration documents for “check-in”
- Upon completion, we will register your immigration status

Aug 18 - 19

- Student led in-person events
- See Orientation webpage for details



U.S. Academic Culture



What to expect...

- Read the syllabus
 - Each professor outlines his/her expectations on the syllabus, provided 1st day of class
 - Attend class, all of them
 - It is part of your grade
- Complete your assignments
 - Group projects
 - Regular/weekly assignments
 - Big projects/exams



Class Participation

Expectations:

- Speak-up in class
- Contribute your own ideas:
 - group discussions/projects
 - written work, etc.
- Class participation usually counts towards grade



Talk to professors during 'office hours'

- shows strong interest & enthusiasm!



Tips for Course Selection

Find the right 'balance'

- Heavy vs. light courses (read syllabus)
- Recommended maximum:
- 15 credit hours (undergraduate)- 9 credit hours (graduate)
- Opportunity to learn something new!
- May drop & add other classes or sections.
- **Deadline: Monday, Aug 28th at 11:59PM**

Reasons you may be unable to register:

- Course is restricted to students of a different major or minor
- Specific section of a course is full (Closed)
- Class has pre-requisites (qualifications)



US Grading Scale

Letter Grade	U.S. Grade (Percentage)	Grade Description
A	90 – 100 %	Excellent
B	80 – 90%	Solid work
C	70 – 80 %	Improvement needed; average
D	65 – 70 %	Unsatisfactory; remedial lessons needed
E	60 – 65 %	This is looked upon as failing
F	< 60%	Failing



Asking for help



**YOU are a
problems solver!**

- Stress is part of the cross cultural experience
- Ideas:
 - Seeking support from friends
 - Signing up for ISSO advising
 - Joining a club
 - Other ideas



Housing



Housing

- Living with a roommate!
- Role of a Resident Advisor (RA)
- Required 'floor meeting' to cover rules,
- Learn about process for room changes
- Get involved in activities so you can meet people
- And teach them about your country!



Housing

- Contract length
 - 1 semester students - Full semester
- Check-Out

Last day you may stay in your dorm

- Dec 15th at Noon, fall only students
- May 9th at Noon, full year or spring only

Room changes

- See your email for the room change dates
- Usually 2nd week of classes



Meal Plans

- If you live on campus...
 - A meal plan is required
 - Exception for students living in 'apartment' style housing (with a full kitchen)
- Changing meal plans:
 - \$25 processing charge
 - Last day to change – Sept 8@ 12 noon
 - Enroll at any time
- Submit requests
 - In person: Auxiliary Services, Mon 8am-Fri Noon
 - Online: www.aux.uncc.edu



Immunization & Health Insurance

Both are required by North Carolina state law

- Deadlines are NOT flexible!
- Missing immunizations must be completed within three weeks of the beginning of class (Aug 21)

Health insurance

- Purchase UNC Charlotte plan - \$1393/semester
- Submit proof of your own insurance and waive the UNC Charlotte plan
- <https://studenthealth.charlotte.edu/insurance>



Get Involved!

Lots of opportunities
– chance of a
lifetime!

- Gold Rush – welcome activities
 - <https://tsi.charlotte.edu/goldrush>
- Sunday, Aug 20 – Student Org Showcase
- Outside Barnhardt Student Activity Center



Immigration



Legal age to consume alcohol

- 21 years old
- Consequences of underage drinking:
 - On campus
 - drinking citation, fine, educational classes
 - Off-campus
 - arrest, court appearance, large fine, immigration consequences



J-1 Immigration

- Regular reporting of address:
 - <https://isso.charlotte.edu/exchange-students/current-exchange-students>
- On Campus Employment
 - On-campus employment must be reported to ISSO and
 - I-9 paperwork completed prior to first date of employment
 - Limited to 20 hrs/week while classes are in session
- Off-campus employment (Academic Training)*
 - must be authorized in advance by ISSO or sponsor.
 - 20 hours/week maximum during Fall and Spring semester



Academic Training - Off-Campus Internship

- When can I begin?
 - During or immediately after completing exchange program
- How long can I work?
 - Up to the length of your academic program (either 4.5 or 9 months).
 - Up to 20 hrs per week while enrolled in classes, up to full-time allowed after classes completed
- What is the authorization process?
 - Contact the ISSO to discuss details



Exchange – Administrative Details



Transcript of Grades

- UNC Charlotte transcript
 - You must request your transcript on your own towards the end of your program
 - See <https://ninercentral.charlotte.edu/grades-transcripts-graduation/order-transcripts>
 - Cost - \$0
 - Restrictions - Transcript cannot be released until you've paid ALL outstanding bills (housing, library, etc.)



If you are due a refund...

- Login to issoconnect.uncc.edu
 - Open your “International Exchange Student Application”
 - Tell us how you prefer to receive a refund.
- Default method is a paper check in USD.
- **ISSO staff will remind you via email before you go home**



Whom to Contact in Case of Emergency

- UNC Charlotte Campus Policy Emergency Number
 - 704-687-2200
- Campus police can contact ISSO staff after work hours



Making Changes to Your Schedule (adding or dropping classes)



Tips for Adding /Changing Class Registration

- Check OFTEN for open seats!
 - Seats can open at any time
 - Students change their schedules, drop classes, etc.
- Remember:
 - Last day to add/drop classes, Monday, August 28th at 11:59PM



Course Selection

- 'Permit' only starts the process
 - still must 'register' in my.charlotte.edu after permit is added by instructor
- Graduate-level courses
 - (5000 and higher)
 - not available to undergraduate-level students



Important Fall Semester Dates

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- Monday, Aug 28th
 - last day to drop/add/change classes
- Friday, Sept 8th
 - meal plan changes- by 12 Noon
- Monday, Sept 11
 - must complete immunizations, NO EXCEPTIONS
- Monday, Sept 11
 - health insurance waiver deadline



DS-2019 Travel Signatures

- Drop Your immigration document by the ISSO (CHHS 202)
- Pick it up signed within 3 business days



Niner Course Pack - \$20/credit

- Example, total course material costs
 - \$300/15 credits; \$240/12 credits
- Learn more
 - <https://aux.charlotte.edu/bookstore/niner-course-pack>
- Is this a good value (for me)?
 - Two student examples
- Last day to opt out
 - Tuesday, Sept 1, 2023



ISEP Students

- Meal Plan suggestion
- Break Stipend
- DS-2019 signature

- Meet with Amy & Dillon after today's meeting to discuss details regarding the above



Wishing you Success

- Be flexible,
- be politely proactive,
- and good luck!!

