Exchange Student

Fact Sheet 2026-2027

University Information

International Office	College of Health and Human Services Building, Room 202 (CHHS 202)
Postal Address	9201 University City Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28223-0001, U.S.A.
Email	intlsso@charlotte.edu
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Webpage	https://isso.charlotte.edu/exchange-students

Contact Information

Contact Person	Title	Role	Email
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Important Dates

	Fall 2026 (August - December)	Spring 2027 (January - May)
Preferred Application Deadline	March 1, 2026	October 1, 2026
Airport Pick Up & Housing Move-In	August 10, 2026*	January 5, 2027*
Orientation	August 12-14, 2026*	January 7-8, 2027*
Beginning of Classes	August 17, 2026	January 11, 2027
End of Final Exams	December 10, 2026	May 6, 2027

*Arrival and orientation listed above are tentative. Actual dates will be confirmed in students' acceptance letters.

Application Information

Application Overview	1. Partner institution sends nomination email including student name, email, length of exchange (1 or 2 semesters), date of birth, and student type (tuition exchange vs. self-pay) to isso-exchange@uncc.edu 2. Student receives an email to complete electronic application and submit supporting documents including: • Passport biographical page • University transcript in English (include courses in progress) • Proof of financial support • Proof of English proficiency (if required) 3. Once admitted, UNC Charlotte emails the J1 exchange student immigration document (DS-2019) and acceptance letter to exchange student
English Proficiency	TOEFL IBT – 70; IELTS – 6.0
Application Webpage	https://isso.charlotte.edu/exchange-students/exchange-application

Financial Information

Fee Description	Estimated Cost Per Semester (subject to change)
Tuition and Fees (N/A for exchange)	$12,500
On-Campus Housing (average cost, double occupancy, limited availability)	$4,650
On-Campus Meal Plan (average cost)	$2,600
Health Insurance	$1,600
Indirect Costs (books, misc. personal expenses, varies per student)	$2,650
Total	$11,500 – Tuition Exchange* $24,000 – Self-Pay†

*Typical exchange †Not as common, UG tuition listed, GR tuition may be higher
Speak with your home university to determine your category.

Immigration Information

Obtaining a U.S. Student Visa	Once admitted, students will receive an acceptance letter along with an electronic DS-2019. Using the two documents, students will need to complete the following: • Pay the J1 SEVIS Fee • Complete form DS-160: Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application • Locate your nearest U.S. Embassy. Follow the embassy's website instructions for obtaining a Non-Immigrant J1 Exchange Student Visa
Accommodation	Students are eligible to apply for on-campus housing after they have been admitted. Students will be emailed further instructions upon admission.
Airport Transportation	We offer airport pickups on one day only (the day on-campus housing opens). We are able to pick up students from Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT). Students will receive instructions regarding airport pickup once they are admitted.

Course Information

Course Registration	UNC Charlotte Course Wish List: During the application process, students will submit their desired courses for the upcoming semester.
Courses Offered – by Semester	Most courses in the university catalogue are only offered one semester per academic year. Use the instructions below when selecting your courses: Go to Banner Self Service (https://selfservice.uncc.edu), select "Class Schedule," choose the upcoming term (Fall 2026 or Spring 2027) then click "Submit." Choose the subject you are searching for in the "Subject:" box. Then scroll to the bottom of the screen and click "Class Search." (Note - you can only search for one subject at a time.) Predicting courses to be offered in a future term: If the semester list isn't yet available, you can "guess" what may be offered for an upcoming term (ex. Fall 2026) by reviewing courses that were offered the same term the previous year (ex. Fall 2025).
Course Load Per Semester	Undergraduate students: between 12 – 18 credits per semester Graduate students: between 9 – 12 credits per semester 1 lecture credit = 750 minutes of face-to-face instruction per semester 1 laboratory credit = 1500 minutes of face-to-face instruction per semester
Language of Instruction	English

Health Information

UNC Charlotte Mandatory Health Insurance

All UNC Charlotte international students are required to purchase health insurance that meets the minimum insurance requirements. Exchange students will be automatically billed and enrolled in the university's premium health insurance plan, (approximately $1600/semester), which complies with visa regulations. There is no option to waive the university plan. Read more about UNC Charlotte insurance at:
https://studenthealth.charlotte.edu/charges-insurance/insurance

Calendar

Important UNC Charlotte Calendar Dates (2026-2027)		
	Fall 2026 (August – December)	Spring 2027 (January – May)
Recommended Arrival	August 10*	January 5*
Residence Halls Open for Exchange	August 10*	January 5*
International Student Orientation	August 12 - 14*	January 7 - 8*
First Day of Class	August 17	January 11
Labor Day (fall)/MLK (spring) Holiday	September 7	January 18
Semester Break	October 12 -13	March 8 - 13
Thanksgiving/Spring Weekend	November 25 - 28	April 9 - 10
Last Day of Classes	December 2	April 28
Exams	December 4 - 10	Apr 30 - May 6
Residence Halls Close (Residence halls remain open over winter break for continuing students)	December 11*, Noon	May 7*, Noon
Winter Break	December 12 - January 10	N/A

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