UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE

Exchange Students – Spring 2027
Pre-Arrival Information

(Checklist works best with the **Adobe Acrobat** app)

*Updated October 12, 2026

Pre-Arrival Checklist for:	

(Student Name)

Dear _____,

Congratulations on being accepted to the UNC Charlotte exchange program beginning **Jan 2027**. Please read this arrival information carefully, including important deadlines for things you must complete before you arrive at UNC Charlotte. If you still have questions AFTER you have read through this material, please contact your UNC Charlotte exchange coordinators (Amy Mabery or Dillon Clausner) at isso-exchange@charlotte.edu. Remember to include your name in your emails.

Sincerely,

Amy Mabery and Dillon Clausner

My Important Information

My Immigration Information	
SEVIS Number:	
UNC Charlotte EV Program Number:	P-1-04774
EV Category:	Student non-degree
Site of activity:	UNC Charlotte 9201 University City Blvd Charlotte, NC 28223

My UNC Charlotte (NinerNET) Credentials	
Student ID Number:	
Email address: (NinerNET username before @)	
Activating your UNC Charlotte Account:	Activate my NinerNET account

UNC Charlotte Pre-Arrival To-Do List

Below are instructions for items you are responsible for completing before you arrive on-campus.

Check box	***Due Date***	***Item***
	Between October 21st and before Nov 1	*APPLY FOR CAMPUS HOUSING* Housing & Residence Life provides instructions for Applying for On-Campus Housing. This process charges a non-refundable $100 application fee. When you are ready to apply, keep these tips in mind: • **Login** - You'll need to login using your NinerNet credentials (your UNC Charlotte email address and password) starting October 21st. • **Browser problems** - If the application doesn't seem to work, then try a different browser while on a Virtual Private Network (VPN). UNC Charlotte has a VPN for students. • **Contract** – Read the housing contract carefully. You are responsible for observing all important contract dates. • **Questions** - Have housing questions? Email Housing and Residence Life directly (hrlmailbox@charlotte.edu) be sure to include your name, student ID number, and a description of the problem. *Apply early for your best chance of obtaining an open space. Read more about on-campus housing.*
	As soon as you can & before Nov 23rd	*GLOBAL GATEWAYS/GLOBAL LIVING ON CAMPUS (optional, space is limited)* Global Gateways is an interactive residential program for learning about the world with other international and U.S. students**.** Read more about Global Gateways. PRIORITY is given to EARLY APPLICATIONS.
	As soon as you can	*SCHEDULE J-1 VISA APPOINTMENT* **ISEP Students** – ISEP, your J-1 visa sponsor, will provide you with visa instructions **Non-ISEP Students** - The visa status you will have while in the U.S. is J-1. Use your UNC Charlotte issued immigration document DS-2019 to apply for your J-1 visa and as a travel document when entering the U.S. 1) Pay Your $220 SEVIS fee - https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/ 2) Complete form DS-160: Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application 3) Schedule your visa appointment, refer to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate website where you will be interviewed for specific instructions. This process charges a fee. Documents to bring to the interview: • DS-2019 • Letter of acceptance to UNC Charlotte

		• Proof of financial support • Evidence that you have paid the SEVIS fee For more info, see ISSO's web page for newly admitted students Applying for a U.S. Visa stamp
	Oct 15 – 31	*COURSE "WISH LIST"* Login to the ISSO Portal, open your pending "Exchange Student Application" and complete the forms in "**Step 2: Course Wish List"** of your application. The form provides instructions for looking up courses. • **Sept 28:** UNC Charlotte Spring 2026 course list is published • **Nov 1:** We close the wish list and start requesting your classes • **Early December:** Our advising team shares your course schedule with you
	You may finalize upon arrival	*FOOD ON CAMPUS* If you live on-campus you may be automatically assigned a meal plan. Meal plans are optional for students living in on-campus apartments with a kitchen. Even if you are automatically assigned a meal plan, you may still change to a larger meal plan. Read more about the meal plan options. You may finalize your meal plan after you arrive at UNC Charlotte. **Meal plan change deadlines** – If you need to make changes to your meal plan, pay attention to the following meal plan deadlines: • Deadline to change without a $25 administrative fee • Last date to make changes
	Dec 1	*(Optional) REQUEST TEMPORARY HOUSING WITH A LOCAL FAMILY (Jan 4th or Jan 5th ONLY)* If you need to arrive 1 or 2 days early before on-campus housing opens, complete the temporary home stay form and we will try to place you with a local family for 1 or 2 nights (Only complete one form, either the **Jan 6th** airport pick up request or the **Jan 4th and 5th** temporary home stay request).
	Dec 1	*REQUEST AIRPORT PICKUP FOR ARRIVAL ON JANUARY 6th* The ISSO can arrange to pick you up from the airport if you arrive January 6th. This is also the date on-campus housing opens for the semester. Let ISSO know if you need to be picked up from the airport (CLT) on **January 6th** between 8 am – 8 pm. The ISSO provides airport pick-up on that day free of charge.
	Dec 12	*Earliest date you may enter the U.S. with a Jan 12, 2026, DS-2019 start date* (You may enter up to 30 days before DS-2019 start date)
	Dec 11	*SET UP 49ER MOBILE ID AND UPLOAD STUDENT ID CARD PHOTO* Set up your *49er Mobile ID* and *submit your ID photo before you arrive*. Your 49er Mobile ID needs to be set up prior to arrival for you to easily and immediately access important campus services, including access to your dorm, meal plan, etc.

	Dec 17	*HEALTH INSURANCE – PURCHASE OR OPT OUT (Waive)* J-1 visa holding students will need to purchase the Global Solutions insurance plan **(Per semester rates: $773.18)** unless your sponsor (sending program) mandates that you have a specific plan (e.g. ISEP) and you successfully apply for a waiver out of the Global Solutions plan. Waiver approval is not guaranteed. *Need help with insurance?* Do you need help with health insurance? Contact the Student Health Center; details below: **By phone:** 1-704-687-7435 (8 am – 5 pm) **By Email:** myinsurance@charlotte.edu **In Person:** Go to the Student Health Center, Insurance Office (Campus Map).
	Jan 6 Beginning at 1:00 pm	*RESIDENCE HALL MOVE-IN (this is an 'early' move-in specific for exchange students)* You will receive specific move-in instructions from Housing closer to your arrival date. **What to bring:** Remember, you must provide your own towels, sheets (54 X 80 in or 150 cm X 200 cm), a blanket and pillow. If you hope to buy these items after you arrive, prepare a back-up plan for the first few nights in case you can't go shopping for several days.
	Jan 7-8	*INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION & DOCUMENT CHECK-IN* All international students are required to participate in international student orientation. Additional details will be posted on the ISSO Orientation webpage, including sessions specifically for international exchange students.
	Jan 11	*UPLOAD PROOF OF IMMUNIZATIONS* North Carolina state law requires all college students to submit proof of the required immunizations by the first day of classes. • **List of Required vaccines** – Available from the Student Health Center Immunization Requirements page **Upload Proof of vaccines** - See FAQs instructions on submitting your immunization records.
	Jan 11	FIRST DAY OF CLASS
	Jan 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no classes)
	Jan 19	*Last Day to Change Classes*
	Jan 20	*PAY UNC CHARLOTTE BILLS* By this date, you must enroll in a payment plan or pay your UNC Charlotte bill in full. Your bill may include: tuition (if it is not covered by a tuition exchange), on-campus housing, meal plan, and any other semester charges. View your e-bill and pay your charges through My Charlotte.

		As exchange students, you are given special permission to pay your bill after you arrive at UNC Charlotte. This is true even though there is an earlier deadline listed for all students. You may receive emails about the earlier deadline—you may ignore these.
	Mar 8 - 13	*Spring Break (no class)*
	Apr 9 - 10	*Refresh Weekend (no class)*
	Apr 28	*Last Day of Classes*
	Apr 30 – May 6	*Final Examinations*
	May 7	*Campus Housing Closes* All students must move out of on-campus housing by this date.
	Jun 6	*Last date students with a May 7, 2027 DS-2019 end date may remain in the U.S.* You must leave the U.S. no later than 30 days after your DS-2019 end date.

See also UNC Charlotte Academic Calendar.

ESTIMATED SEMESTER EXPENSES

Item	Exchange Costs	Self-Pay Costs
Tuition & Fees	$0	$12,500*
On-Campus Housing (average cost, double occupancy, limited availability)	$4,735	$4,735
On-campus Meal Plan (average cost)	$2,631	$2,631
Health Insurance	$774	$774
Miscellaneous/Personal Expenses	$3,360	$3,360
TOTAL	$11,500	$24,000

**UG amount listed, GR amounts may be higher*