

RANKINGS AND FACTS 2025



The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

– the third-largest institution in the UNC System – is the Charlotte region's only R1 research university. Charlotte's outstanding academics, world-class research, innovative student success services and productive community connections – all in the 15th-largest city in the U.S. – serve a dynamic and growing student body and the region's vibrant business community.

32,207

Enrollment (Fall 2025)

Undergraduate: **26,213**

Graduate: **5,994**

Students from: **50** U.S. states,
99 NC counties and **128** countries



400+

 Student organizations

19

 NCAA Division I teams competing
in the American Athletic Conference

187,000+

 Alumni with **nearly 60%**
living in the Charlotte region

170+ Undergraduate majors in **83** programs lead
to bachelor's, **64** master's and **25** doctoral degrees

Degrees/Grad Certificates
Awarded: **8,970 (2024-25)**

Bachelor's: **6,101**
Master's: **2,081**

Doctoral: **181**
Graduate Certificates: **607**



Notable U.S. News & World Report Rankings

One of the fastest-rising
universities in the U.S.

#74

Best Public University
+35 spots since 2020

#38

Most Innovative Schools
The highest ranked public university
in North Carolina

#69

Top Performer for
Social Mobility

Research & Innovation

CARNEGIE R1 CLASSIFICATION AWARDED FEBRUARY 2025

- **\$94.9 million** in research expenditures
in 2024-25, 307% increase over 10 years
- **\$283.3 million** total grant profile
(2024-25)
- **Ranks in the Top 10 in the U.S.** for
patents filed and startups per million
dollars in research funding (AUTM 2024)
- **51** Charlotte faculty lead initiatives
with \$1 million or more in active
external funding

Outcomes

- **80%** of bachelor's degree graduates
experienced research, internships,
co-ops and/or study abroad
(2023-24)
- On Money's 2024 **Best Colleges** list
for quality and affordability
- **87%** of recent graduates are
employed, self-employed or
continuing their education six months
post-graduation (Next Destination
Survey, 2023)
- **85%** first-year retention rate

Stellar Campus

- 1,000-acre, **bike-friendly** main campus
- **143,000**-square-foot Dubois Center
Uptown
- Campuses connected by **light rail**
- **No. 1** most beautiful campus among
NC public universities (Niche, 2025)



#1 IN NORTH CAROLINA:

• Community college transfers • First-generation college students