

RANKINGS AND FACTS 2025



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
- **Ranks in the Top 10 in the U.S.** for patents filed and startups per million dollars in research funding (AUTM 2024)

- **\$283.3 million** total grant profile (2024-25)
- **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