The University of North Carolina at Charlotte is North Carolina’s urban research university and the third-largest institution in the UNC System, with nearly 30,000 students enrolled in fall 2022. A leading university with outstanding academics, world-class research opportunities, innovative support services and access to deep community connections — all in the 16th largest city in the U.S. — are just some of the reasons students choose UNC Charlotte.

Students and faculty engage in purpose-driven learning with local-to-global impact that transforms lives, communities and industries. UNC Charlotte is the place for students who want to make a meaningful difference in their lives, their neighborhoods and society.

2022-23 FAST FACTS

DIVERSE STUDENT BODY

• 29,551 students (23,461 undergraduate; 6,090 graduates) from 49 states and 126 countries
• NO. 1 school in the UNC System for transfer students; 86% from North Carolina
• NO. 1 institution in North Carolina for awarding bachelor’s degrees to Latinx students
• Students who identify with more than one race or ethnicity jumped by 10% since last year
• Approximately 70% of undergraduate students receive financial aid, 39% receive Pell grants

• 171 undergraduate majors in 78 programs lead to bachelor’s degrees, 64 master’s degrees, 24 doctoral degrees
• Undergraduate tuition and fees total $7,214 in state; $21,338 out-of-state
• 98 full merit scholarships awarded, including the Levine Scholars Program, Albert Engineering Leadership Scholars Program, Martin Scholarship, Freeman Scholarship and Johnson Scholarship
• 1,919 annual and endowed institutional scholarships awarded, totaling more than $6.8 MILLION

INCOMING FRESHMAN CLASS (FALL 2022)

• 33.5% of new undergraduate students are first-generation college students
• The average weighted GPA of the freshman class: 3.95
• Students who identify as a member of an underrepresented minority race or ethnicity make up 36.4% of the incoming class
• Enrollment among Black/African American freshmen grew by 1.5% over last year to make up 16% of the incoming class
• Latinx freshman enrollment increased by 6.2% to make up 14% of the incoming class
• STEM majors represent 36% of the class

COLLEGES / NOTABLE SCHOOLS

• Belk College of Business
• Cato College of Education
• College of Arts + Architecture
• College of Computing and Informatics
• College of Health and Human Services
• College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
• William States Lee College of Engineering
• The Graduate School
• School of Professional Studies
• School of Data Science

HISTORY

• 1946: Charlotte Center of the University of North Carolina opened
• 1949: Charlotte Center becomes two-year Charlotte College
• 1963: Four-year university status conferred
• 1965: Designated fourth institution of the UNC System
• 1969: First master’s programs offered
• 1992: Doctoral programs are approved
• 2011: The Dubois Center at UNC Charlotte Center City opened
• 2018: UNC Charlotte-Main light rail station opened
• 2020: First female chancellor named
ENGAGED FACULTY AND STAFF

- Student to faculty ratio = 19:1
- 3,700 permanent faculty and staff
- 85% of faculty hold terminal degrees

POINTS OF PRIDE

- 164,000+ alumni with approximately 60% residing in the Charlotte region
- Presented the 2019 Degree Completion Award by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
- 2022: First-gen Forward designation from the Center for First-generation Student Success and Military Friendly School Gold Award
- First School of Data Science in the Carolinas; one of only a select number of schools of data science nationally
- Awarded 178 doctoral degrees in 2021-22, a 51% increase over the past decade
- Belk College of Business faculty ranks in the world’s TOP 10 for entrepreneurship
- College of Computing and Informatics is the NO. 1 producer of computer science bachelor’s degrees in North Carolina
- Among 10% of all colleges and universities nationwide with a Phi Beta Kappa chapter
- Light rail connects UNC Charlotte to the heart of the city

U.S. News & World Report ranks UNC Charlotte’s online bachelor’s programs NO. 10 overall

NO. 2 producer of teachers in North Carolina

TOP TRENDING DEGREES

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

- Finance/Business/Economics
- Public Health/Nursing
- Engineering
- Computer Science/Data Science
- Life and Behavioral Sciences

MASTER’S DEGREES

- Business Administration
- Computer Science
- Social Work
- Counseling
- Data Science and Business Analytics

DOCTORAL DEGREES

- Computing and Information Systems
- Business Administration
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Educational Leadership
- Electrical Engineering

ATHLETICS

- 19 Division I sports (including women’s lacrosse to start in 2024-25)

69% of student-athletes were named to the C-USA Commissioner’s Academic Honor Roll

49ers football made first bowl appearance in the 2019 Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl

Joining the American Athletic Conference in 2023-24

SIX NCAA tournament appearances in 2021-22

RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- New research awards: $57.2 MILLION (2021-22)
- TOP FIVE nationally for number of startups per million dollars research funding
- PORTAL: The Partnership Outreach and Research to Accelerate Learning building is an innovative center for regional and global business pioneers
- EPIC: The Energy Production and Infrastructure Center, an innovative private-public partnership that supports ready-to-work students, leads advancements through applied research and enhances the Carolinas energy security
- The Center for Computational Intelligence to Predict Health and Environmental Risks (CIPHER) brings together experts in public health, viral discovery, genomic sequencing and artificial intelligence to combat threats to human health
- Recognized by the Carnegie Foundation as a community-engaged university

CHANCELLOR SHARON L. GABER

Sharon Gaber, Ph.D., became UNC Charlotte’s fifth chancellor in 2020. She is the University’s first female chancellor, following the trail blazed by founding educator Bonnie Cone. She joined UNC Charlotte from the University of Toledo, where she served as president for five years. Her career includes leadership roles at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Auburn University and the University of Arkansas. Gaber has an academic background in city and urban planning. Highlights at UNC Charlotte include:

- Initiating an inclusive, cross-institution process to develop “Shaping What’s Next: Strategic Plan 2021-2031,” which articulates a vision as an emerging top-tier research university that is ready and eager to meet new challenges
- Being named one of the top 10 leaders who will drive the Charlotte region’s next stage of growth on The Charlotte Business Journal’s inaugural Power List
- Becoming the first UNC System chancellor to join Excelencia in Education’s Presidents for Latino Student Success