FAST FACTS
2023-2024
ONLY AT CHARLOTTE

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE
– third-largest institution in the UNC System and North Carolina’s urban research university – is fast approaching R1 eligibility and recognition. The University matches world-class research with outstanding academics, innovative support services and access to deep community connections – all in the 15th-largest city in the U.S. – for its growing student body.

Charlotte is dedicated to purpose-driven learning with local-to-global impact that transforms lives, communities and industries.

POINTS OF NINER PRIDE

171,000+ alumni. 60% reside and work in the Charlotte region
First School of Data Science in the Carolinas, one of a select few in the U.S.
Named a “Best for Vets College” by Military Times and, for the second consecutive year, a Gold Military Friendly School by militaryfriendly.com

U.S. News & World Report rankings: a top 100 public university in the U.S., a best-value college, best for veterans and a leader in social mobility
Recognized by the Carnegie Foundation as a community-engaged university

21 programs or specialties ranked within the nation’s top 100, including no. 4 for online bachelor’s programs; also noted business, computer science, nursing, psychology and economics
One of 10% of colleges and universities nationwide to host a Phi Beta Kappa chapter

Up to $23 million: Mebane Foundation gift to support teacher literacy training, engagement and research
College of Computing and Informatics: No. 1 producer of computer science bachelor’s degrees in North Carolina
More than one-third of undergraduate students are first-gen

ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY

30,298 students; second-highest undergraduate enrollment in the UNC System
170+ undergraduate majors in 79 programs lead to bachelor’s degrees; 64 master’s degrees, 24 doctoral degrees

No. 1 in North Carolina for Latinx enrollment – up 122% over the past decade
Financial aid awarded to 70% of undergraduates; most Pell grant recipients in the UNC System

Largest-ever class of first-time-in-college students
No. 1 choice for North Carolina community college transfer students
$7,214 in-state, $21,876 out-of-state Undergraduate tuition and fees
No. 1 in North Carolina for bachelor’s degrees awarded to minority students (Diverse Issues in Higher Education)

More than $8.2 million awarded for 2,461 annual and endowed institutional scholarships

105 full-merit scholarships awarded by the Levine Scholars Program, Albert Engineering Leadership Scholars Program, Martin Scholars Program, Freeman Scholarship and Johnson Scholarship
21st in the U.S. for bachelor’s degrees awarded to African Americans; top 20 for Finance, Health Professions, Physical Sciences, Engineering, and Computer Information Sciences. (Diverse 100)

FRESHMAN CLASS/FALL 2023

33% of new undergraduates are first-generation college students
3.98 Average weighted GPA
40% are STEM majors

39% identify as a member of an underrepresented minority race or ethnicity. 41% are Black, Latinx or Asian

TOP TRENDING DEGREES

BACHELOR’S
• Finance/Business/Economics
• Public Health/Nursing
• Engineering
• Computer Science/Data Science
• Biology/Chemistry/Psychology/Sociology

MASTER’S
• Business Administration
• Computer Science
• Social Work
• Counseling
• Data Science and Business Analytics

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

FACULTY AND STAFF

19:1 Student-to-faculty ratio
3,700 permanent faculty and staff
84% faculty hold terminal degrees
RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

New research awards: $73.2M
Research expenditures: $55.2M

Top 10 in the U.S. for new startups created and patent applications filed per million dollars of research funding

A record 15 new National Science Foundation CAREER Awards over the past five years

Research and discovery take place in these and other campus centers of innovation:

BATT CAVE (North Carolina Battery Complexity, Autonomous Vehicle and Electrification Research Center): Drives innovation for batteries and applications for the next generation of autonomous vehicles, smart cities and intelligence systems

EPIC (Energy Production and Infrastructure Center): Innovative private-public partnership that supports career-ready students, leads advancements through applied research and enhances the Carolinas energy security

CKCRE (Childress Klein Center for Real Estate): Advances knowledge in real estate, public policy and urban economics through graduate education, applied research and industry/community collaboration

PORTAL (Partnership Outreach and Research to Accelerate Learning) building: Innovative center for regional and global business pioneers

CIPHER: (Center for Computational Intelligence to Predict Health and Environmental Risks): Convenes experts in public health, viral discovery, genomic sequencing and artificial intelligence to combat threats to human health

Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation: Helps students, faculty and community partners convert ideas to market success through specialized programs and support

Urban Institute at UNC Charlotte: Seeks solutions to the social, economic and environmental challenges facing communities

Plus: 13 new research centers exploring areas that span the environment, innovation, precision metrology, STEM education, aviation, AI, violence prevention, migration, community-engaged arts, education measurement and geospatial sensing

HISTORY

• 1946: Charlotte Center of the University of North Carolina opened
• 1965: Joined the UNC System
• 2011: The Dubois Center at UNC Charlotte Center City opened
• 2018: UNC Charlotte-Main light rail station opened
• 2020: First female chancellor named

ATHLETICS

• 19 Division I sports (including women’s lacrosse 2024-25)
• Joined American Athletic Conference, fall 2023
• 291 student-athletes (3.0 GPA) named to conference academic honor roll; 117 (3.75 GPA) awarded conference academic medals
• Seven NCAA tournament appearances (2022-23)
• School record eight conference team titles (2022-23)
• 2019 Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl: first football bowl appearance

“Every great city has a great university. UNC Charlotte is Charlotte’s great university.”

Chancellor Sharon L. Gaber

CHANCELLOR
SHARON L. GABER

Sharon Gaber, Ph.D., became UNC Charlotte’s fifth chancellor in 2020. She is Charlotte’s first female chancellor, following a trail blazed by founding educator Bonnie Cone. With an academic background in city and urban planning, Gaber joined Charlotte from the University of Toledo, where she served as president for five years. During her tenure, Charlotte has seen a dramatic rise in its national profile, achieving a coveted position among the nation’s top 100 public universities, according to U.S. News & World Report’s Best Colleges 2024 rankings.

Learn more about North Carolina’s urban research university at charlotte.edu