

RANKINGS AND FACTS 2024-2025



The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

– the third-largest institution in the UNC System – is North Carolina's urban 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.

31,091*

Enrollment (Fall 2024)

Undergraduate: **24,868***

Graduate: **6,223**

Students from: **49** U.S. states,

97 NC counties and **99** countries

*UNIVERSITY RECORD



400+ Student organizations

19 NCAA Division I teams competing
in the American Athletic Conference

178,000+ Alumni with **nearly 60%**
living in the Charlotte region

170+ Undergraduate majors in **79** programs lead
to bachelor's, **64** master's and **24** doctoral degrees

Degrees/Grad Certificates
Awarded: **8,061 (2023-24)**

Bachelor's: **5,740**
Master's: **2,078**

Doctoral: **243**
Graduate Certificates: **527**



Notable U.S. News & World Report Rankings

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

#81

Best Public University
+28 spots since 2020

#45

Most Innovative Schools
Only ranked public university in NC

#7

Online Bachelor's Degrees
Top 10 in U.S. three consecutive years

#62

Top Performer for Social Mobility

20

Top 100 Graduate Programs

Research & Innovation

PROJECTED CARNEGIE R1 CLASSIFICATION IN EARLY 2025

- **\$92 million** raised in external research funding in FY 2023, a 272% increase over the past decade
- **Ranks #7** in the U.S. for patents filed per million dollars in research funding (AUTM, 2023)
- **\$220 million** in active grant profile (July 2024)
- **65** 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
- Bachelor's degrees to underrepresented students
- Hispanic undergraduate enrollment

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FRESHMAN CLASS PROFILE

4,678*

3.93

Average Weighted GPA

29%

First-Generation
College Students

40%

STEM Majors

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FINANCIAL AID

75% of all students receive financial aid

51% receive federal direct loans

37% of undergraduates receive federal Pell grants

SCHOLARSHIPS

\$8.5 million awarded for 2,803 annual, endowed scholarships

105 competitive, full-merit scholarships

90% increase in scholarships awarded over 5 years



HISTORY

1946: Charlotte Center of the University of North Carolina opened

1949: Became Charlotte College

1961: Campus opened

1965: Joined the UNC System

1969: First master's degrees established

1993: Doctoral programs authorized

2000: Reclassified as doctoral/research university

2011: The Dubois Center at UNC Charlotte Center City opened

2018: UNC Charlotte-Main light rail station opened

MOST POPULAR UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

- Business
- Computer and Information Sciences
- Engineering
- Biological and Biomedical Sciences
- Health Professions



ATHLETICS ACCOLADES (23-24)

5 conference championships for first year in AAC

259 Academic All-Conference honorees

12 All-American honors

3,875 community service hours

#94 in Learfield Directors Cup*

Excellence in Management Cup

Champions recognized for maximizing resources and winning championships

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"Every great city has a great university. UNC Charlotte is Charlotte's great university."

– Chancellor Sharon L. Gaber