RESOURCES: ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH

Academic Advising Program
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Advisors

The Academic Advising Program (http://advising.unc.edu) serves all undergraduate students in the General College and the College of Arts and Sciences.

As juniors and seniors, students may receive academic advice regarding major studies, course registration, graduate school, internships, and career opportunities from faculty advisors in their major department or curriculum offices, or from the professional school to which they have been admitted. Some departments and schools require students to meet with a departmental advisor each term before they can register for the next term. Students in majors/minors that are part of the College of Arts and Sciences should also consult with an advisor in the Academic Advising Program at least once each year to ensure that they are making acceptable progress toward meeting degree requirements, including General Education requirements. Consulting Tar Heel Tracker can help students keep track of requirements, anticipate “what-if” scenarios, and prepare for meetings with advisors.

Each student is ultimately responsible for selecting appropriate courses and complying fully with all published regulations and requirements.

To avoid problems with registration and to ensure graduation by the expected date, students are strongly encouraged to declare a major during their sophomore year or early in their junior year. Students who have not declared a major before registration opens for their sixth semester will not be permitted to register for their sixth semester until they have consulted with an advisor in the Academic Advising Program.

Center for Student Success and Academic Counseling
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Kim Abels, Ph.D., Director, Writing Center and Learning Center
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CSSAC (http://cssac.unc.edu) is dedicated to promoting academic excellence and assisting students to achieve their academic goals while enrolled at Carolina. Its constituent programs—the Office for Student Academic Counseling, Summer Bridge, Carolina Male Scholars, and the Writing and Learning Center—provide support for students in developing the skills and strategies needed to achieve academic success and personal success. This commitment to student learning supports the University’s mission to “teach a diverse community of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students to become the next generation of leaders.”

CSSAC’s unit for Student Academic Counseling offers academic and personal support to all UNC-Chapel Hill students. Its primary objective is to sponsor programs and activities that promote academic excellence, increase retention, and improve the campus climate for diversity among American Indian and African American undergraduates. Support provided by Student Academic Counseling includes the Minority Advisory Program, individual academic counseling appointments, guidance for student led
initiatives and projects, and the annual Hayden B. Renwick Academic Achievement Awards Ceremony. Historically, this office has worked cooperatively with members of several student organizations, including the Black Student Movement, the Carolina Hispanic Student Association, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the Asian Student Association, Womxn of Worth, and the Carolina Indian Circle. CSSAC’s full-time and part-time professionals work with graduate assistants and undergraduate student assistants to meet the needs of any UNC–Chapel Hill student requesting assistance.

The Peer Mentoring Programs
The Minority Advisory Program (MAP) consists of students with cumulative grade point averages of 2.5 or higher who volunteer to serve as peer mentors mostly to minority first-year undergraduates. These peer mentors provide academic counseling, bridge communication between CSSAC and first-year students, and assist them with their transition from high school to university life. CSSAC also oversees the peer mentoring program for Carolina Covenant Scholars and community college students participating in the Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program (C-STEP). As with MAP, Carolina Covenant Scholars and C-STEP volunteers serve as peer mentors to first-year Carolina Covenant Scholars and C-STEP participants to assist them with their academic and social transition to Carolina.

Hayden B. Renwick Academic Achievement (3.0) Recognition Ceremony
These ceremonies acknowledge primarily minority students who have excelled academically while attending UNC–Chapel Hill. Students achieving a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better are recognized each spring semester and awarded a certificate of achievement. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend this annual event.

UNC Summer Bridge Program
The UNC Summer Bridge program is a six-week transition program that helps incoming first-year students adjust to Carolina by providing academic enrichment, community building and, co-curricular and experiential learning activities. Any student who has been admitted to UNC–Chapel Hill and is a North Carolina resident is eligible to apply. Summer Bridge students have the opportunity to engage in support programming throughout the academic year as well.

Carolina Male Scholars
A community designed to help males of color develop academically, socially, and professionally. Our current initiatives include mentor-coaching, monthly networking gatherings, Start Strong summer program, and a first-year male student retreat.

Learning Center
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Robert Pleasants, Ph.D., Assistant Director
0118 and 2109 SASB North, (919) 962-3782.

The Learning Center (http://learningcenter.unc.edu) helps students optimize their learning strategies to achieve their academic potential at Carolina. To make an appointment with an academic coach or check out this year’s event calendar, visit the Learning Center’s Web site (http://learningcenter.unc.edu). The Learning Center regularly offers an array of programs and services popular with many undergraduate students, including:

- One-on-one appointments with an academic coach. Coaching appointments provide opportunities for students to set personal academic goals and get support and accountability in the process.
- Peer tutoring for many introductory courses. Students can find drop-in support on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at Dey Hall or make an appointment for select courses.
- STEM support, including academic coaching and learning groups for BIOL 101, CHEM 101, CHEM 102, CHEM 261, MATH 130, and MATH 231.
- Workshops on topics such as metacognitive learning strategies, reading speed and comprehension, time management, and more.
- Handouts and videos (http://learningcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools) offering tips and tools to make students’ academic lives easier.
- Study groups and boot camps providing opportunities to gather with other students to maximize study time and strategies.
- Test prep courses for GRE, GMAT, MCAT, and LSAT in partnership with The Princeton Review, often at discounts of 30 to 50 percent.
- ADHD/LD services. Both individual appointments and coaching groups are available.

Writing Center
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Vicki Behrens, Ph.D., Assistant Director
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The Writing Center (http://writingcenter.unc.edu) is a free service for students at UNC–Chapel Hill. Our main office is in SASB North, and we have a satellite location at 221 Greenlaw Hall. Our coaches are friendly graduate and undergraduate students from a variety of academic disciplines who are specially trained in teaching writing. We offer both 45-minute face-to-face sessions and an online system that allows students to submit writing and receive feedback via the Web. An array of popular handouts and videos (https://writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools) are available anytime via our Web site. Our face-to-face sessions take place by appointment. Additional services for international students and scholars and other multilingual writers are also available. Detailed information about our programs is available on our Web site (https://writingcenter.unc.edu).

What Happens During a Session?
When you arrive at the Writing Center, your coach will ask about your current writing task and help you set goals for your session. You can visit us at any point in the writing process for any kind of assignment. If you are just getting started, your coach might help you do some brainstorming or outlining. If you have a draft, your coach will read through it with you, ask questions to help you clarify your ideas, share some feedback, and teach you some new writing and revision strategies. You might do some writing during your session, and your coach will probably share some resources, such as handouts, videos, and information about other campus services. While we do not offer editing or proofreading, we are happy to help you work on these skills. Our goal is to support your long-term development as a writer, as well as help you improve your current paper or multimedia writing project.
Library System

- Library hours (http://library.unc.edu/hours)
- Ask a question (http://library.unc.edu/ask)

Everyone is welcome in all campus libraries, including the House Undergraduate Library (open 24/5), Davis Library, the Wilson Special Collections Library, the Health Sciences Library, and libraries with various subject specialties. Your OneCard is your library card.

The libraries’ Web page (http://library.unc.edu) provides direct access to many research materials including online books and journals, as well as information about places to study and experts who can help with research on any topic. You can contact the Library (http://library.unc.edu/ask) through e-mail, chat, and text messaging services.

Special facilities at the University Libraries include state-of-the-art design and media production labs in the R.B. House Undergraduate Library; a makerspace with 3D scanning and printing at the Kenan Science Library; and the Davis Library Research Hub, with equipment and expertise for GIS, data visualization, and digital humanities.

Math Help Center
Miranda Thomas, Ph.D., Director

The Math Help Center (http://math.unc.edu/undergraduate/math-help-center), located in 237 Phillips Hall, provides additional instructional support for students enrolled in MATH 110 through MATH 233. The center is staffed by both graduate and undergraduate tutors who work with students in small groups or individually. The center’s main purposes are to provide assistance and to increase the success rate for students in specific math courses.

Pre-Graduate School Advising
William Taylor, Ph.D., Coordinator

This resource is offered to students in the College of Arts and Sciences interested in pursuing graduate studies through the Pre-Graduate Education Advising Program (http://pregrad.unc.edu) in Hanes Hall (second floor). The program advises undergraduate students considering a graduate degree in various disciplines (sciences, arts and humanities, social sciences, and professional arenas). These advisors can help clarify the differences between a doctorate and a master’s degree and the opportunities a terminal degree may offer. The program is primarily responsible for helping students considering graduate school understand what their next steps are in researching and applying to graduate programs, so that they can move forward independently and effectively. Students interested in graduate study also should speak with departmental or curricular advisors, the director of undergraduate studies for their major, and other faculty members. The advisors are also happy to help you identify the individuals you should contact.

Prehealth Advising

UNC–Chapel Hill has no formal prehealth curriculum or major. Instead, students should choose one of the four-year B.A. or B.S. degree programs and incorporate appropriate prerequisite courses in their planning. Health profession schools/programs encourage students to major in what they are interested in studying; no specific majors are recommended. A variety of support systems are in place for students who want to pursue prehealth careers, including the Academic Advising Program, University Career Services, the professional schools across campus, and many knowledgeable faculty members. Students are encouraged to research programs of interest and carefully follow the requirements of each program, as well as the national standards for various health professions, to best prepare for further study.

Prelaw Advising
William Taylor, Ph.D., Advisor

UNC–Chapel Hill has no formal prelaw curriculum or major. Instead, students should follow one of the four-year B.A. or B.S. degree programs. Most law schools do not require, or even recommend, that students major in any particular field; instead, most law schools prefer applicants who have pursued a course of study that gives a foundation for undertaking legal studies, with an emphasis on reading, writing, speaking, and analytical and critical thinking. However, a student wishing to practice patent law will need a degree in one of the sciences.

Prelaw students should emphasize academics. The campus Learning Center offers programs designed to help enhance reading skills. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Students also are encouraged to call University Career Services to schedule an appointment with Dr. Taylor in Hanes Hall (second floor). They also may wish to visit the prelaw Web site (http://prelaw.unc.edu), where they can gain helpful information and join the prelaw listserv to receive important announcements.

Research Institutes and Centers

The intellectual life of the University and the research activities of undergraduates, graduate students and faculty alike receive valuable encouragement and support from a variety of institutes and centers. These institutes do not operate as instructional agencies within the University; rather, they serve to obtain financial and organizational assistance for the scholars who constitute their membership.

Most research centers and institutes can be found on the UNC Research Web site (http://research.unc.edu/units/a-z).

Scholarly Journals

The University has published scholarly journals since 1884, when the Journal of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society first appeared.

The following list contains some of the publications currently produced by the University’s graduate and professional programs.


Annali d’Italianistica (http://www.ibiblio.org/annali). The mission of this publication is to promote the study of Italian literature in its cultural context, to foster scholarly excellence, and to select topics of interest to a large number of Italianists.

Carolina Papers in International Health and Development (http://cgi.unc.edu/about/history). A series of UNC–Chapel Hill graduate student working papers designed to promote scholarship in the fields of health and development and to raise awareness of such issues among international studies specialists.

Endeavors (http://endeavors.unc.edu). Features outstanding research and creative work undertaken by faculty and students at the University. Distributed free, the magazine reaches 8,600 on- and off-campus readers in an effort to engage others in Carolina research.
North Carolina Law Review (http://www.nclawreview.org). Published by the School of Law to stimulate research and publication by faculty and students.

Studies in the Romance Languages and Literatures (http://romlpub.unc.edu/romlsl). For 60 years, this publication has supported and disseminated scholarship in the romance literatures.


In addition, the University of North Carolina Press (http://uncpress.unc.edu/bm-journals.html) publishes the following journals

Social Forces, one of the best known journals in sociology and related fields.

The High School Journal, for educational practitioners and theorists nationwide.

Studies in Philology, publishing articles on British literature before 1900 and articles on relations between British literature and works in the classical, Romance, and Germanic languages.

Southeastern Geographer, publishing the academic work of geographers and other social and physical scientists since 1961.

Southern Literary Journal, premier publication devoted to the fiction, poetry, and drama of the American South.

Southern Cultures, dedicated to the exploration of what makes the South the South.

Early American Literature, journal of the Division on American Literature to 1800 of the Modern Language Association.

Appalachian Heritage, a leading literary magazine of the southern Appalachian region.

The University of North Carolina Press

The University of North Carolina Press (http://uncpress.unc.edu) is the primary publishing arm of the University in the scholarly field. In addition to its publication of the journals of research, it carries on a book publishing program of about 80 new titles a year. Electronic publications also are available. Although these books are the work of scholars from all parts of the world, the presence in the University of a professionally staffed book publishing organization, with facilities for the international distribution of works of scholarship, is a stimulus to research and writing by members of the University community. The Press' program is an important contribution to the development of that aspect of the University's service which has to do with the advancement of learning.