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Campus Safety

The UNC Department of Public Safety (http://www.dps.unc.edu) is committed to creating and maintaining an environment where students, employees, and visitors to campus can feel safe in this vital community. Through its philosophy of community-oriented policing (COP), the department strives to employ professionalism, problem solving, and innovative strategies to remain one of the premier public safety agencies in the nation.

The Department of Public Safety needs your help in achieving its high standards of excellence. Visit the department’s Web site.

Familiarize yourself with security resources such as the campuswide network of emergency call boxes, Smart911, and UNC Mobile’s Rave Guardian services, self-defense instruction, other crime prevention classes, and much more.

In addition, the University has the capacity to send emergency warnings by text message to students, faculty, and staff through its Alert Carolina initiative. An emergency alert system siren will sound during an immediate life-threatening situation, such as an armed and dangerous person in the area, a major chemical spill or hazard, or a tornado. The entire University community is encouraged to educate itself regarding UNC’s emergency communications resources and to register cell phones for this method of communication by visiting the Alert Carolina Web site (http://alertcarolina.unc.edu).

Other initiatives by the UNC Department of Public Safety include a continued emphasis on bike patrols and the operation of a community response unit, consisting of the department’s successful larceny reduction unit and its highly visible motorcycle unit. Main administrative offices are in the Public Safety Building atop Hardin Drive off Manning Drive (adjacent to Morrison Residence Hall).

Download the free Rave Guardian (http://raveguardian.unc.edu) safety app to check in with family, friends, UNC Public Safety, or others you trust to help you stay safe both on and off campus. You can set a safety timer, manage and send messages to designated “guardians,” and contact Public Safety for help or send text tips or photos if you see anything suspicious. You can also set up a Smart911 safety profile, which contains information such as address details (home and school), medical conditions, and more.

UNC–Chapel Hill students and staff can learn how to respond in an active shooter scenario by attending a “Shots Fired” training presentation offered by UNC officers. Additionally, new videos offer tools to help prevent violence on campus, and a larceny reduction video has now been produced especially for UNC–Chapel Hill.

The department hopes that the information presented through contact with its officers and through its Web site will help the University partner with it in the mission of protecting North Carolina’s future.

For more information visit the Department of Public Safety during regular business hours (weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), in the Public Safety Building via Hardin Drive (just off Manning Drive) on south campus. For more information on safety and security at UNC–Chapel Hill, log onto the Department of Public Safety’s Web site (http://dps.unc.edu). You may also “like” the department on Facebook (UNC Department of Public Safety) or choose to follow us on Twitter (@UNCDPSS). Concerns may be addressed at the following campus telephone numbers:

- General Information (919) 962-3951, 3952
- Police Emergencies 911
- Police Nonemergencies (919) 962-8100

Carolina Union

“Carolina Union (https://carolinaunion.unc.edu)” is the term used for both the Frank Porter Graham Student Union Building and the University department that serves students in many areas of their cocurricular lives. Governed by a board of directors consisting of students and faculty, the Carolina Union’s role is to unify the campus community by providing programs, services, and facilities.

Cultural, educational, and social programs are planned and implemented by the Carolina Union Activities Board (CUAB). CUAB provides valuable leadership experiences for those involved, selecting a president and committee leaders each spring. Students are encouraged to stop by the CUAB office in Suite 3109 of the Union to find out how they can join the committees that plan a variety of events (e.g., films, lectures, forums, art exhibits, and concerts) presented throughout the year.

The Frank Porter Graham Student Union Building houses several student media organizations, including Blue and White, Yackety Yack, WXYC, and STV. The offices of officially recognized student organizations such as Student Government, the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, the Black Student Movement, the Carolina Athletic Association, and the Residence Hall Association are also located in the Union.

Official University recognition for student organizations is provided through the Student Activities and Student Organizations, located in Suite 2501 of the Union. The Office of Events Management, Suite 3105, schedules meeting rooms and event spaces in the Union, as well as in other campus facilities for activities of officially recognized student organizations and University departments.

The Union is an important gathering place for the University community. It offers event spaces, collaborative work spaces, and meeting rooms as well as comfortable lounges and an art gallery. Many activities take place in the Great Hall for large gatherings. There are also big-screen TVs, Alpine Bagels, Wendy’s, and vending machines for food
and entertainment. The Carolina Union provides information services, marketing and design, production services, and the box office. Wireless online access is available throughout most areas of the building. The Carolina Union is where the campus community comes together—the place to meet friends, to relax, to learn, to have fun, and to get involved.

**Cocurricular Activities**

Undergraduate students encounter many experiences outside the classroom that contribute to personal and skills development. Involvement in cocurricular activities is one such experience. Through meeting and working with others in cocurricular activities, students gain self-understanding, develop relationships, establish personal values and beliefs, and further enhance their abilities and intellect. Each year the University extends official recognition to approximately 600 cocurricular organizations formed by students. These organizations include but are not limited to academic/preprofessional, cultural, international, honorary societies and service groups, music and performance groups, publications and media, religious groups, fraternities and sororities, sports and recreation clubs, student government, and special interest groups. This variety allows each student to select areas of particular interest, yet there are no limitations, as students may create new organizations if they have additional interests.

Opportunities exist to gain leadership experience and skills by serving as officers of these organizations. Training in leadership development is offered to members of recognized organizations through the Carolina Union’s Office of Carolina Leadership Development (https://carolinaunion.unc.edu/depts-services/carolina-leadership-development), Suite 3505, Frank Porter Graham Student Union. Teaching of program planning, event management, and organizational development is available through the Carolina Union’s Office of Student Activities and Student Organizations, Suite 2501, Frank Porter Graham Student Union. There are also opportunities for involvement in community service and related organizations on the campus, such as the Campus Y, APPLES, and the Carolina Union Activities Board. Involvement in these organizations provides students with the potential for personal and professional skills development.

Students interested in learning more about how to get involved and about the opportunities available are encouraged to visit the Associate Director for Student Activities and Student Organizations, 2501 Frank Porter Graham Student Union, or e-mail activities.organizations@email.unc.edu.

**The Office of the Dean of Students**

The Office of the Dean of Students (https://deanofstudents.unc.edu) provides support and assistance to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill community, empowering students to succeed in navigating the University environment. Its four pillars—Care, Collaborate, Celebrate, and Empower—inform its programs, services, and initiatives. The office often serves as a beginning point of contact for students, faculty members, staff, families, and community constituents regarding various student concerns. It supports student academic, personal, and professional development through a combination of individual initiatives, innovative outreach programs, and cocurricular opportunities, as well as policy development and oversight. The Office of the Dean of Students is located in the Student Academic Services Building North (SASB North), 450 Ridge Road, Suite 1106, and can be reached by telephone at (919) 966-4042.

**Fraternity and Sorority Life and Community Involvement**

Fraternity and Sorority Life and Community Involvement (OFSL-CI) (https://ofslci.unc.edu) provides services, programs, and assistance to the 58 fraternities and sororities that make up the Chapel Hill Greek community as well as students who are transitioning or who have transitioned to off-campus living. The office’s mission is to enhance the academic experience, holistic development, and civic contribution of students by providing effective services and developmental opportunities that enrich the Carolina experience. OFSL-CI advocates for the fraternal movement by educating, advising, and empowering fraternities and sororities and their members to live according to their organizational values and contribute to the University and greater community. The groups reach these goals by maintaining above-average grades, participating in community service, raising funds for charities, being involved in other student organizations, and nurturing a small-group, supportive environment that makes all of this possible. Being Greek at Carolina is a popular option, as 18 percent of undergraduate students are members of fraternities and sororities. The office promotes authentic relationships between students and their neighbors by encouraging them to be active and responsible members of the communities in which they live. For more information, call the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Community Involvement, located at 2100 Granville Towers Lane South, CB# 5100, (919) 962-8298, e-mail greeks@unc.edu, or visit the Office’s Web site.

**Housing and Residential Education**

Housing and Residential Education (http://housing.unc.edu) strives for student success, self-awareness, and satisfaction in the residential experience by creating inclusive communities that enhance the intellectual climate, promote student learning and citizenship, and provide students opportunities for involvement and leadership. Students are encouraged to embrace the “Carolina Way” and work towards leaving their “HEELprint” on the larger University by connecting with resources, modeling the way, and making a difference while they are Carolina students. By getting involved, students develop an identity with the larger University community, quickly develop social networks, and find opportunities for intellectual, spiritual, physical, and occupational growth.

Housing and Residential Education is an integral part of the academic and social community at UNC–Chapel Hill. It is committed to providing an environment conducive to the educational, psychological, and social development of residents. It strives to build a community that balances respect for the individual as well as the rights and interests of the whole community. All members of the residence hall and apartment community—residents, staff, and visitors—are expected to act in a manner that demonstrates respect and consideration for those around them.

Housing and Residential Education offers a variety of academic success and engagement initiatives to help student staff and on-campus residents develop healthy academic habits and support systems that lead to student success. These initiatives include residential learning programs, academic advising in the residence halls, transitional programming for first-year students, faculty engagement programs such as Meals with Heels and Scholar in Residence, individual community programming on academic success, and an experiential education course, EDUC 318.
This holistic approach complements classroom experiences and lays the foundation for students to become better prepared to succeed in life beyond college.

**Graduate Student Housing.** The Department of Housing recognizes that the living needs of graduate and professional students are usually different from those of undergraduates. At Carolina, graduate and professional students can enjoy the benefits of being affordably close to classes, facilities, and events, and living in a community of fellow graduate students where the atmosphere is characterized by early quiet hours and respect for personal time and space.

Odum Village and Baity Hill Apartments are Carolina's on-campus communities for graduate students providing apartment-style housing. Odum Village is located on south campus off Manning Drive near the medical facilities, the Dean Smith Center, and the Kenan–Flagler Business School. Its quiet yet friendly atmosphere lends itself to graduate student interests and study. The Baity Hill and Mason Farm communities serve as the Student Family Housing apartment complex for students with families. These one- and two-bedroom apartment communities are situated on rolling hills adjacent to the campus. The apartments are within walking distance of the campus and are served by campus and city bus routes. Rental costs compare favorably with similar area housing. These communities consist of nine buildings with 398 apartments.

Parking is available for graduate students on a limited basis, and a fare-free campus bus service offers several routes that connect the north, middle, and south regions of campus. Find specifications for apartments by visiting the Department of Housing’s Web site (http://housing.unc.edu) and clicking on "Apartments.”

Generally, demand for on-campus housing for graduate students exceeds the supply. On-campus housing is not guaranteed for graduate students, although every effort is made to offer a space to all applicants. Returning residents have priority to re-sign up for the following academic year before spaces are offered to new graduate students. Additional information is available on the Department of Housing’s Web site (http://housing.unc.edu).

**Off-Campus Graduate Student Housing.** Off-campus housing refers to any housing not owned and operated by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This category includes small group housing, such as fraternities and sororities, as well as apartments, houses, and rooms. Two-thirds of the University’s students live in the off-campus market. Some units are furnished and within walking distance to campus. Other off-campus housing consists of large, unfurnished apartment complexes located throughout Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

**Information Technology Services**

We know how important technology is to everyday life and to your success at Carolina. Information Technology Services (http://its.unc.edu) (ITS) at UNC–Chapel Hill offers many services and resources to help you stay connected while at college.

**ConnectCarolina**

ConnectCarolina (http://connectcarolina.unc.edu) is a central, online application that students use for several administrative functions, including registering for classes, receiving financial aid awards, paying tuition bills, viewing academic records, and updating personal information.

For tips on using ConnectCarolina, see the Office of the University Registrar’s Web site (http://registrar.unc.edu) and the Student Account Services Web site (http://cashier.unc.edu).

Students can grant parents or others access to pay bills and view some student information. Information about setting up proxies and authorized users is available online (http://connectcarolina.unc.edu/more-student-links/how-to-set-up-proxies-and-authorized-users). Keep in mind that it is a violation of University policy to share your Onyen and password with others (even parents).

**ITS Response Center (also known as the ITS Help Desk)**

UNC–Chapel Hill offers students free technical support for computer, Internet, software, and other technical issues. Students can contact the ITS Response Center using one of several convenient methods:

To submit a help request or view step-by-step guides, documentation, and answers to frequently asked IT questions, visit the ITS Response Center’s Web site (http://help.unc.edu).

- Call (919) 962-HELP (4357) or toll-free (within the United States) at (866) 962-4457
- Chat via help.unc.edu/chat (http://help.unc.edu/chat)
- Like on Facebook at facebook.com/unchelpdesk (http://facebook.com/unchelpdesk)
- Follow on Twitter at twitter.com/unchelpdesk (http://twitter.com/unchelpdesk)

Visit the Robert B. House Undergraduate Library basement or the first floor of the Student and Academic Services Building South (SASB South).

**ONYEN and Password**

All enrolled UNC–Chapel Hill students must have an Onyen, a login ID known at Carolina as the “Only Name You’ll Ever Need.” Students use their Onyen and password to access online campus services, including e-mail and ConnectCarolina. To create an Onyen, change your Onyen password (expires every 90 days), or to subscribe to online services, visit the Web site (http://onyen.unc.edu).

**E-mail (HeelMail)**

Because the University uses UNC–Chapel Hill e-mail addresses for official communications to students, every student must have a University e-mail account. HeelMail is the student e-mail system at the University and offers many features and services:

- Single sign-on using your Onyen and password (just like ConnectCarolina and Sakai)
- Sync e-mail on your mobile device
- Integrated calendar with the Exchange e-mail used by faculty, advisors, and staff, allowing students to schedule meetings easily
- Windows live messenger service

**Tar Heel Tracker**

Students who entered Carolina in fall 2009 or later have access to Tar Heel Tracker, a useful online tool for checking your progress towards graduation. Tar Heel Tracker is a live-updating report with the capacity to evaluate your coursework against the applicable General Education, major, and other degree requirements needed for your undergraduate degree.
Security
You may not think your computer has anything a hacker would want, but everyone on the University network has one priceless commodity: connectivity. A hacker can use your Internet connection to engage in various illegal activities and possibly destroy the everyday information on your computer that is often precious and irreplaceable to you. Just as you would never leave your residence hall or apartment without locking the door behind you, you should never leave your computer unsecured.

It is critical that you take steps to protect your computer from intrusions. Not doing so could result in the loss of your personal information and Internet connectivity. Safe computing tips (http://its.unc.edu/security/safe-computing-tips) are available online.

If you think you may have a security issue, contact (919) 962-HELP or e-mail security@unc.edu.

ResNET (Residential Networking, Education, and Technology)
The ResNET (http://its.unc.edu/resnet) program, one of the largest in the nation, employs students who live in residence halls as computing consultants who provide on-site support and educational activities to their classmates. ResNET is also in charge of providing high-speed wired and Wi-Fi (wireless) networking.

Cable TV (ResTV)
The Department of Housing and Residential Education and ITS provide University residence halls with connections to the ResTV (http://help.unc.edu/6544) system, with more than 100 channels of HD informational, educational, and entertainment programming. All costs are included in basic room rental.

Computer Labs
ITS Labs partners with campus groups to provide computer study areas in Davis Library, Robert B. House Undergraduate Library, Health Sciences Library, and Student Academic Services Building South. These locations include computer stations, seating for laptop users, and/or group collaborative study areas. CCI Pharos print stations are also available. All fee-paying students are given a print allotment each semester that is available through their OneCard. A list of CCI Pharos print locations (http://its.unc.edu/service/cciprinting) and other information is available online.

Training
ITS provides access to multiple training platforms to help users across the campus community gain and improve their technology skills. Students can explore the in-person and online technology training options available to them by visiting the training Web site (http://its.unc.edu/services/training).

Software
ITS Software Acquisition provides access to software (http://software.unc.edu) for students at UNC–Chapel Hill. This includes licensed software (which is often free but may have a fee) and free shareware software.

Computer Purchase and Repair
You may purchase a Lenovo or Apple laptop through the University’s Carolina Computing Initiative (CCI (http://cci.unc.edu)). If you buy your computer through CCI, you may drop off computers at the ITS Response Centers in the Undergraduate Library or SASB South for repairs authorized by Lenovo and Apple. If you have another type of computer (Dell, Gateway, etc.), the ITS Response Center can typically assist you with software repairs.

Sakai
Your courses may utilize the collaboration and learning environment called Sakai (http://sakai.unc.edu). Core tools include announcements, e-mail/messages, syllabus, and course documents/resources. ITS Teaching and Learning provides technical support for Sakai.

Web Site Services
Students can easily create and manage Web sites using the WordPress-based system supported by ITS Digital Services and the Office of Arts and Sciences Information Services (OASIS). Learn more about this self-serve Web publishing (http://web.unc.edu) solution online.

The James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence
James Leloudis, Ph.D., Director
The James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence (http://honorscarolina.unc.edu/johnston-center) was founded to lead a renaissance in undergraduate education at Carolina. Building on the University’s 200-year commitment to outstanding teaching and scholarship, the Johnston Center serves as the intellectual crossroads of the College of Arts and Sciences and welcomes students, faculty, and staff from all departments and programs.

The Johnston Center supports curricular initiatives that enliven undergraduate education. It offers opportunities for learning outside the traditional classroom and for building a strong sense of intellectual community. The center hosts visits from civic and community leaders, philosophers, artists, scientists, poets, and politicians. It also provides a warm and welcoming environment, where students can get to know their professors as scholars and as people, meet Carolina alumni, and perform or present their own creative and scholarly works.

The Johnston Center houses Honors Carolina, the Office of Burch Programs and Honors Study Abroad, the Office of Distinguished Scholarships, the Office for Undergraduate Research, the Robertson Scholars Program, and the Beasley Multimedia Center.

The Johnston Center also serves as a laboratory for innovation in teaching and learning by providing access to technological resources. Faculty and students use its state-of-the-art classrooms to engage in collaborative inquiry with peers close to home and around the globe. The center’s teleconferencing facilities connect UNC–Chapel Hill programs abroad back to campus and give students in Chapel Hill access to academic experts from all parts of the world.

The Johnston Center’s student-faculty advisory committee advises its director on all aspects of programming and planning.

LGBTQ Center
The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Center (http://lgbtq.unc.edu) works to foster a safe, inclusive environment for UNC–Chapel Hill community members of all sexualities, gender identities, and gender expressions.

The LGBTQ Center, located in the Student Academic Services North Building, Suite 3226, offers social and educational programs, confidential peer support and discussion groups, drop-in support hours, and
a resource library with more than 1,000 holdings. The center also coordinates the Safe Zone program and has a wealth of information about local organizations and resources.

**Minority Male Mentoring and Engagement**

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Newly created during the 2013–2014 academic year and housed in the Center for Student Success and Academic Counseling (http://cssac.unc.edu) (CSSAC), this initiative develops, implements, and assesses programming for minority males. It focuses on mentoring and promoting academic success and engagement, especially for students after their first year at the University. The coordinator trains and supervises graduate/professional students, faculty and staff members, alumni, and members of the community to engage and mentor undergraduates in high impact activities. Additionally, this initiative provides a clearinghouse for University-wide efforts tailored to undergraduate, underrepresented males of color.

**New Student and Carolina Parent Programs**

New Student and Carolina Parent Programs (https://nscpp.unc.edu/parents-families) mission is to provide new undergraduate students the information and activities needed to transition smoothly to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and to promote an ongoing relationship between the University and the parents and families of all Carolina students in support of their success at Carolina. The core values are

- Learning: Facilitate the student academic experience
- Student success: Provide support through transitions
- Inclusivity: Cultivate an inclusive campus community
- Collaboration: Foster community connections with internal and external partners
- Communication: Communicate expectations, services, and resources
- Leadership: Promote leadership and engagement opportunities

To fulfill this mission, several programs and services are offered, such as New Student Orientation programs (first-year students, transfer students, and their families), Summer Send-Offs, Week of Welcome, Tar Heel Beginnings, New Student Convocation, Carolina Summer Reading Program, Tar Heel Transfers student organization, Tau Sigma honor society, T-LINKS mentoring, new student and parent monthly e-mails, new student and parent Web site, Family Weekend, Carolina Parent and Family Handbook, Parent Clubs, Carolina Parents Association, and Carolina Parents Council. For more information, call (919) 962-8304, e-mail newstudents@unc.edu, or visit the Web site (http://nscpp.unc.edu).

**Student Affairs**

Student Affairs (https://studentaffairs.unc.edu) serves the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in collaboration with academic programs by providing transformational opportunities for students in the areas of student life, health and wellness, leadership and service, and diversity.

The importance of the learning process is paramount at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Student Affairs provides many services and programs that encourage and support the learning that takes place beyond the classroom. These departments and programs aim to assist students in integrating the various aspects of their lives so as to promote learning, self-awareness, self-determination, and broadened perspectives on the world. Student Affairs departments and programs afford students the opportunity to gain knowledge and develop skills to improve performance inside and outside the classroom; to enhance leadership potential; to find opportunities to serve fellow students and the community; to explore, plan, and prepare for a career; to plan for an active and rewarding life; to develop citizenship; and to improve interpersonal and life skills.

While Student Affairs offers programs designed primarily for undergraduate students, The Graduate School, on its own and in conjunction with various Student Affairs offices, offers programs and services intended to specifically address the needs of graduate and professional students.

The Office of the Vice Chancellor, located at the north end, first floor of Carr Building, coordinates Student Affairs programs and provides guidance and leadership for its departments. The office also acts in a consulting role for faculty, administrators, and students who wish to raise issues that concern the University community, with a particular focus on student needs. Members of the Office of the Vice Chancellor also serve on many University committees to represent various constituencies. Contact the office at (919) 966-4045, CB# 5000, e-mail dsa@unc.edu, or visit the Web site.

**Student Dining Services**

Carolina Dining Services operates 10 separate dining facilities at UNC–Chapel Hill. Meal purchases can be made with the UNC One Card using a meal plan, Dining Flex, À la carte, expense, or cash. All meal purchases made with the UNC One Card are not subject to the 6 percent North Carolina state sales tax on such items. Cash purchases are taxable. To find out more about acquiring a UNC One Card, visit the One Card Office Web site (http://www.onecard.unc.edu) or the UNC One Card office in the Daniels Building on South Road.

Students can use their meal plans at several of the campus all-you-care-to-eat dining facilities. Top of Lenoir is an award-winning facility with an array of menu choices. The Rams Head Dining Hall is a 30,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility that includes several restaurants and all-you-care-to-eat venues.

Carolina Dining Services offers several meal plans that offer the convenience and value of purchasing meals on campus ahead of time. To find out more about the different meal plan options, visit the Carolina Dining Services Web site (http://www.dining.unc.edu).

**Student Government**

The by-laws of the Board of Trustees of the University invest in the chancellor of the University “the duty . . . to exercise full authority in the regulation of student conduct and in matters of student discipline.” At the same time the chancellor has delegated authority to exercise disciplinary and administrative functions in student life to agencies of student government. Within the context of this delegated authority and responsibility, the student body at the University has been self-governing for decades.

Student government at Carolina is more than 100 years old, and hundreds of students are involved in the various branches every year. From serving on the Board of Trustees to the appropriation, oversight, and authority of student fees, from instituting governmental service to enforcing the
Honor Code, student government affects the life of every student every day.

The entire framework of student government’s activities rests on its ability to maintain the foundation of administrator-student relations. The University should serve as an advisor, not as a supervisor, to the student body. In order to enjoy this freedom, students at Carolina must be willing to take a certain amount of responsibility to develop their own community and community values. Student government serves to maintain this freedom and the advisory, not supervisory, relationship.

In 1876 the Honor System officially ended all vestiges of the monitorial system; in 1904 a judicial body, the University Council, was established; in 1938 the Student Legislature was established; and in 1946 a written constitution was approved. In 1968 the coeducational Honor Court was formed out of the Men’s Court and Women’s Court to hear all Honor Code cases. The Instrument of Student Judicial Governance was ratified and put into operation in 1974, was significantly revised in 2003, and then amended in 2015.

Student government at UNC–Chapel Hill approximates the federal system of government with its three branches: an executive branch, a legislative branch, and a judicial branch.

The Executive Branch of Student Government

This group (http://execbranch.unc.edu) serves as the official voice of the student body to the University and broader community, including the town of Chapel Hill and the state of North Carolina. Heading the executive branch is the student body president, assisted by the vice president, the president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, student body treasurer, student body secretary, the chief of staff, and the senior advisor. As determined by and reflective of the needs of the student body, the president structures his/her cabinet and committees and makes appointments to a wide range of University committees that address those needs and other concerns as they arise during the year. These committees usually include hardship parking, elections board, University services, information technology, student life, minority affairs, first-year focus council, and public service.

Legislative Branch

Student Congress (http://congress.unc.edu) is unicameral, consisting of 41 representatives elected by the student body, with the student body president and the student body treasurer serving as nonvoting ex officio members. The speaker of the Student Congress is elected from among the 41 representatives. Graduate and professional students and on- and off-campus undergraduates are proportionally represented in the Congress.

Congress handles considerable legislation and, as one of its primary responsibilities, oversees the student activity fees budget and other student fee areas. Established by student and University committees before approval by the Board of Trustees, a predetermined amount of the fees paid by each student provides the source of funds for Student Congress’s annual allocation and subsequent appropriations budgets. These funds are allocated to petitioning student organizations that have received official University recognition. The student body can petition for changes in the student activities fee at any time.

Student Congress representatives are elected in the spring for one-year terms, and each member serves on one of three standing committees: finance, rules and judiciary, and student affairs. A fourth committee, ethics, is composed of senior members of the Congress.

Judicial Branch

There are two major areas that comprise the judicial branch; the first is responsible for the Instrument of Student Judicial Governance, and the second is responsible for resolving issues related to the Student Code (http://congress.unc.edu/student-code).

The Honor Court hears all cases involving potential violations of the Honor Code. There are separate courts for undergraduate students, graduate students, and students in the Schools of Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Business. The Honor Court is organized as follows:

- Office of the Student Attorneys General: The appropriate (undergraduate or graduate) student attorney general investigates all potential violations of the Honor Code. Staff members also present cases to the Honor Court and assist students accused of violating the Honor Code.
- University Hearings Board: These boards are made up of faculty, staff, and students. The University Hearings Board generally hears appeals of Honor Court cases.
- Students interested in serving on the Honor Court or the student attorney general’s staff should contact the Honor System Office at (919) 966-4084 for information about how to apply.
- Student Supreme Court: This court adjudicates all issues of student constitutional law to be decided under the Student Code. This body most closely fills the traditional judicial branch of government and consists largely of students with previous experience in student government, mediation, and/or law.

For Graduate Students

The Graduate and Professional Student Federation (GPSF) (http://gpsf.unc.edu), the official representative of graduate and professional students at the University, is organized on the basis of school, departmental, and curricula organizations. The GPSF provides communication between graduate and professional students, represents graduate and professional students both within and outside the University community, and provides structures capable of dealing with ongoing issues and concerns. It also allocates and administers the funds appropriated to it from student fees. Every duly enrolled graduate and professional student is automatically a member of the GPSF.

Transportation and Parking

Parking

Every student at UNC–Chapel Hill who parks an automobile during the week in University parking areas is required to obtain and display a parking permit. Parking permit holders must park only in specific zones as indicated on their parking permits. Please note the signs at the entrances to each lot which detail the hours of enforcement for that parking area.

Motor vehicle parking permits may be applied for during online registration procedures (http://move.unc.edu) or at the UNC Transportation & Parking offices in the Public Safety Building. Vehicles found parked illegally may be cited by Transportation & Parking's Parking Control Division, and subsequent violations may result in further citations, immobilization (“booting”), or towing of the vehicle. Citations may be appealed through UNC Transportation & Parking’s Appeals Office within 10 calendar days upon receipt of the citation. Citations can be appealed in person during office hours Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., online (http://move.unc.edu), or by regular mail.
The Parking Control Division operates MAP, the cost-free Motorist Assistance Program. If a vehicle requires a jump start or if the keys are locked inside the vehicle, motorists may call for assistance at (919) 962-8006, during business hours. During all other times (and on University holidays), the UNC Police Department may be contacted for jump starts at (919) 962-8100.

The Commuter Alternative Program
The Commuter Alternative Program (CAP) is an initiative with the goal of reducing campus traffic congestion and parking demand through the promotion and management of viable alternatives to single-occupancy vehicle use at UNC–Chapel Hill. It is designed to reward campus community members for the use of bicycling, walking, transit, and ridesharing. CAP is only available to off-campus students who do not have a parking permit. CAP offers prizes, discounts from local merchants, and other benefits in relation to alternative transportation programs. For more information, call UNC Transportation & Parking at (919) 962-3951 or visit the CAP Web site (http://move.unc.edu/cap).

Local and Regional Transit
The University, Chapel Hill, and Carrboro work together to provide the fare-free Chapel Hill Transit system. No exchange of money, coupons, or display of a bus pass is needed when boarding a Chapel Hill Transit bus. Campus U route and RU (Reverse U) shuttles run in continuous loops from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., serving nearly every area on campus.

Commuting students can use any of the town Park & Ride lots, or they can join the Commuter Alternative Program and gain access to additional lots. All Park & Ride lots require a permit, which may be purchased online (http://move.unc.edu/pr). Chapel Hill Transit provides free and quick service to and from campus to the lots. Student CAP participants may obtain a one-day pass per semester allowing free parking in Park & Ride lots or in the S11 "Manning" lot on Skipper Bowles Drive. In addition, in the case of an emergency, UNC–Chapel Hill's Emergency Ride Back service is available to provide transportation to the Park & Ride lots or any location within Carrboro or Chapel Hill municipal boundaries.

Regional transit to and from RDU, Raleigh, Durham, and other nearby cities is available through GoTriangle (formerly Transit Transit). Included in the full complement of regional service is direct service from Raleigh, Durham, and Hillsborough to UNC–Chapel Hill. GoTriangle also provides free Park & Ride lots around the area and the option to planning a transit trip online (http://transit.google.com). Buses can be seen in real-time online (http://triangle.transloc.com) or by downloading the TransLoc app. For more route information, call GoTriangle at (919) 485-RIDE or visit the GoTriangle Web site (http://gotriangle.org).

Point-to-Point
Point-to-Point (http://move.unc.edu/p2p) (P2P) offers fare-free, fixed-route service aboard the P2P Express buses, operating on a continuous loop around campus during evening hours, 7:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m., seven nights a week when residence halls are open during fall, spring, and summer semesters. Students must show their UNC OneCard to board the P2P Express. After dark, a demand-response van can be accessed by students in areas that are not served by the P2P Express route. P2P also offers fare-free, demand-response transportation service to disabled students and students going to or from Campus Health Services 24 hours a day.

Safe Ride
Safe Ride, operated by Chapel Hill Transit (http://chtransit.org), aims to provide increased mobility between 11:00 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. There are three Safe Ride bus routes operating on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. They provide service between campus and many private student housing developments, as well as other off-campus destinations.

UNC Bicycle Registration
Bicycle registration is required for bicycles on campus. The program serves as a deterrent to crime, aids in the identification of lost or stolen bicycles, and enables UNC to plan for improved bicycle parking facilities around campus in the future. All students who register their bikes will receive a 50-percent-off coupon for a u-lock from UNC Student Stores. Forms for the free bicycle registration are available online (http://move.unc.edu/bike) or at the Public Safety Building. Cyclists who live off-campus may join the Commuter Alternative Program.

Zimride Rideshare Matching
Zimride (http://zimride.unc.edu) is an easy way to share the seats in your car or catch a ride. The UNC–Chapel Hill private Zimride community allows you to find friends, classmates, and coworkers going the same way you are. Zimride helps you offer or request rides for commutes, road trips, and popular events. If you have a car, split costs by offering rides. If you don't have a car, find rides where you need to go.

Zipcar
In 2004 UNC–Chapel Hill introduced Zipcar, the world's largest provider of cars on demand by the hour or day. Since then, students, faculty members, and staff from UNC–Chapel Hill have been taking advantage of this car-sharing program by self-reserving Zipcars on campus, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, though online and mobile devices.

Students can join Zipcar for $15 a year and will gain access to UNC–Chapel Hill's Zipcars starting at $7.50/hour and $69/day. Gas, insurance, and 180 miles per day are included, along with reserved parking spots and 24-hour roadside assistance. Full details are available on the Web site (http://www.zipcar.com/unc).

For More Information
Visit UNC Transportation & Parking during regular business hours (weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) in the Public Safety Building at 285 Manning Drive (via Paul Hardin Drive) on south campus. For more information on parking and transportation at UNC–Chapel Hill, visit the Web site (http://move.unc.edu). You may also "like" the department on Facebook (UNC Transportation & Parking) or choose to follow us on Twitter (@MoveUNC). Concerns may be addressed at the following campus telephone numbers:

- General Information (919) 962-3951, 3952
- Parking Control (919) 962-8006
- Accounts Receivable (919) 962-6073
- Parking Appeals (919) 962-3953
- Point-to-Point Shuttle Dispatcher (919) 962-7867 (962-"P-TO-P")
- Commuter Alternative Program (919) 843-4414

Students with temporary physical handicaps or other hardships requiring special consideration should contact Accessibility Resources & Service (http://accessibility.unc.edu) for complete information on transportation options.