At The University of North Carolina at Greensboro you’ll find challenging academic programs, hands-on learning experiences, and a supportive community. Whether you want to finish your bachelor’s degree, or expand your associate’s degree, this guide provides valuable information about UNCG’s online degrees including cost, technology requirements, financial aid, key dates, and how to apply.
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If you have any questions, let us know. We can be reached at 336.315.7044 or at online@uncg.edu.
ABOUT UNCG

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) is a public, coeducational, doctoral-granting university chartered in 1891. With more than 18,000 students, UNCG is a global university integrating intercultural and international experiences into learning, discovery and service.

UNCG’s mission is to provide a learner-centered, accessible, and inclusive community preparing students for meaningful lives and engaged citizenship. Part of this is a commitment to online education for degree-seeking students and life-long learners.

With more than 30 degree programs, UNCG offers a wide variety of online undergraduate degree completion programs, graduate degrees, and post-baccalaureate and post-masters certificates across disciplines. We invite you to explore UNCG’s online degrees and certificates that allow you to continue learning at your convenience without having to come to campus.

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation by a reputable agency is your guarantee that the college or university you are considering can deliver the high-quality education it promises. It assures quality control. Traditional non-profit colleges and universities are usually regionally accredited; regionally accredited agencies are certified by the US Department of Education. UNCG is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Other reasons why accreditation matters to you:

Employers require it. Most employers that require a college or university degree want employees that have a degree from an appropriately accredited institution, whether online or face-to-face.

You can transfer college credit. Course credits earned at a regionally accredited college or university generally transfer to any other regionally accredited college or university.

Financial aid requires it. Federal financial aid requires that institutions receiving it be accredited by recognized accrediting institutions.
WHAT IS ONLINE LEARNING?

Online learning allows you to take courses and earn degrees through the Internet.

Benefits of asynchronous online learning include:

- **Flexibility**: There is no set time to attend class. You complete your coursework at times of the day that are most convenient for you.
- **Convenience**: Class is as close as an Internet connection; whether at home, at work, or on the road. If you have access to the Internet, you have access to your course.

Benefits of synchronous online learning include:

- **Collaboration**: Synchronous online learning has designated class times where meetings are held virtually with the professor and classmates through chat boards, video conferencing, or other virtual meeting technologies.
- **Convenience**: Class is as close as an Internet connection; whether at home, at work, or on the road. If you have access to the Internet, you have access to your course.

Is online learning as good as face to face?

Well-designed online learning employs engaging teaching strategies that include video, audio, graphics, interactive activities, case studies, and feedback. It is designed to make learning engaging and convenient. Research from both the US Department of Education and academic sources shows that online students perform as well or better than those in face-to-face courses, and multiple chief academic officers rate learning outcomes “as good or better” for online courses.

Is online learning challenging?

Yes. Online learning requires organization and self-discipline. You may have to fit study around work and family. You have to set your own schedule and make sure you get assignments in on time. If you are enrolled in an asynchronous program there is no designated class time to prompt you to study and stay on track.
ONLINE UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAMS

At UNCG, you can earn your bachelor’s with one of our degree completion programs. Our courses employ the latest in rich multimedia content, and you’ll be taught by the same faculty who teach on campus.

The versatile Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies program will teach you in-demand skills including communication, problem solving, and critical thinking—that are valuable across industries and professions. Choose from either the Humanities track with 7-week courses or the Social Sciences track where courses are full-semester.

The Bachelor of Arts in Peace and Conflict Studies exposes you to high-quality, professional training in multiple conflict intervention and prevention skills—mediation, negotiation, facilitation, violence prevention, and collaborative problem solving. You will gain a systemic perspective of the challenges facing individuals, families, organizations, and communities.

The Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy helps you develop skills in logical reasoning, critical thinking, analytics and ethical reasoning while you prepare for a career in education, science, law or government.

The Bachelor of Science in Business Administration program will prepare you to perform successfully as a business professional in a global economy. Get a broad exposure to the functional areas of business including economics, finance, management, marketing, and supply chain management.

The Bachelor of Science in Integrated Professional Studies uses hands-on experiences to teach core skills you can use throughout your career. You will develop depth and breadth in one of four industry focus areas: Health and Wellness; Management; Service; or Arts, Entertainment, and Media.

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The Bachelor of Science in Supply Chain Management will prepare you for a career in one of North Carolina’s fastest growing industries, helping corporations source, procure, produce, and distribute goods and services more efficiently and effectively.

The Bachelor of Science in Public Health, will prepare you for positions in health-related fields, create a base for graduate study, and continue your personal growth. The Health Studies concentration will give you a foundation in the core areas of public health, such as social and behavioral sciences, epidemiology, environmental health, and public health statistics.

The Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies, BK Licensure concentration prepares you for Birth through Kindergarten Teacher Licensure, enabling you to teach in public school Pre-K and kindergarten classrooms as well as community-based programs, serving children with and without disabilities. The Early Care and Education concentration prepares students for careers in early childhood settings and agencies serving young children and their families including private kindergartens and childcare centers.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS – ONLINE UNDERGRADUATE COMPLETION DEGREES

Note: Admission to all programs is contingent upon admission to the university as a whole.

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HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO FINISH?

The answer is, it depends—on:

- your total number of transferable credits
- how your courses transfer into UNCG
- the number of courses your program requires
- how many courses you take each semester
- how often the courses you want are offered

Undergraduate students in our online degree completion (ODC) programs who enter UNCG with 60 or more credit hours will generally take an average of 9 credits a semester (3 courses = 9 credits), with the average number of semesters it takes to finish an online completion degree at 7 semesters.

TIME COMMITMENT

How much time should students dedicate to coursework?

Most college courses are 3 credits. Traditionally in 3-credit face-to-face courses you are in class 3 hours per week. You should probably allow 3 hours per week to read/listen to the online content for each course you take. This does not include offline class work.

Weekly to daily. For each course, you should probably estimate:

- 3 hours per week reading the content online
- 4–5 hours doing the related readings, papers, etc.
- Total: 8 hours per course per week
- Or a little more than 1 hour per day

How much you need to study always varies, of course. A good plan is to create a schedule on your weekly calendar and plan for blocks of time to complete your coursework.
STUDENT SUCCESS SERVICES

UNCG provides a supportive online environment that extends beyond the classroom to include services that enhance the learning experience. Services include:

Accessibility Resources and Services
Register to receive documented accommodations.

Advising Centers
Assigned advisors help guide your academic progress and help you make informed decisions about your career and life goals.

Bookstore
Order textbooks online.

Cashiers & Student Accounts
Pay your tuition and fees.

Career Services
The Career Services team assists in developing individualized career plans.

Financial Aid
Apply for financial assistance.

Information Technology Services
Get technical support. Activate your accounts and reset your passwords.

Learning Assistance Center
An academic support program that challenges students to become independent and successful learners.

Library
Helpful resources and videos to help you succeed in your online courses.

Registrar
Register or withdraw from your classes. Change your major. Request a transcript. Apply for graduation.

Speaking Center
Provides consultation support designed to help speakers further their oral communication confidence and competence.

Transfer & Adult Student Academic Success
Receive additional guidance in mapping out short-term and long-term plans.

Writing Center
Improve your writing skills with the help of a specialized consultant.
COST

Tuition for online courses is charged differently than face-to-face. Categories include:

**In-State:** Legal resident of North Carolina and online education is received within the state of North Carolina.

**Out-of-State:** Legal resident of a state other than North Carolina and online education is received within the state of North Carolina.

**Outside North Carolina:** Online education is received in a state other than North Carolina.

This table shows online tuition and fee charges per credit hour for the academic year.

Online undergraduates also have to pay some associated fees, including orientation, technology and registration fees, which generally add up to less than $200 per semester. Online students are not required to obtain student health insurance.

Additional cost and payment information is available at our Cashiers and Student Accounts Office website.

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TECHNOLOGY

To take an online course at UNCG, you must make sure your computer meets one of the following minimum requirements:

**MAC**
- Mac OS X Leopard (10.5) or better
- 196 MB of RAM
- G3 processor or better
- At least 56Kpbs modem connection (many cases will need Broadband/fast access)
- Safari or Firefox

**PC**
- Windows XP
- 196 MB of RAM
- Pentium III or better (or at least a processor running 333 Mhz or better)
- At least 56Kbps modem connection (Broadband/fast access preferred)
- Internet Explorer 5.5 or better
FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Financial Aid and Scholarships are available to help you pay for your education.

**FAFSA**

Most student aid comes through the federal government. To apply for it you must fill out the [FAFSA](#) form—Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Most regionally accredited schools, like UNCG, require it to receive any type of aid—scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study.

**Financial Aid Office/Website**

Like all colleges, UNCG has a [financial aid office](#) with counselors who can guide you through the application process and a website where you can learn key financial aid information. There are many scholarships available and some qualifications are based on different factors such as program of interest, county of residence, or academic achievement. The UNCG website is a key source of information about available [UNCG scholarships](#) and financial aid in general.

**Outside Sources**

Other reputable online sources for how to find college funding are listed below. Check them out.

- fastWEB
- Peterson’s [College Quest](#)
- [CollegeNET MACH 25](#)
- [College Board](#)
- [Army Health Care](#)
HOW TO APPLY FOR ONLINE UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE COMPLETION AT UNCG

Before You Apply

1. Decide when you want to start and check deadlines. Fall deadline for transfer students is July 15. Spring is November 15. This is subject to change, so check Undergraduate Admissions.

2. Check your eligibility. All undergraduate online degree programs are degree completion programs. You need at least 30 hours of transferable college credit to be admitted to the University. Additional credit hours may be required for specific program admission. Contact UNCG Admissions for help.

3. Make sure your computer meets system requirements.

4. Consider sending your transcripts NOW. Undergraduate Admissions will hold them for one year until it receives your completed application.

   Mail to:
   UNCG Undergraduate Admissions
   P. O. Box 26170
   Greensboro, NC 27402-6170

5. Be aware of the costs. UNCG has a $55 nonrefundable application fee. Your prior institution(s) may require payment to send your transcripts.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Apply Online

☐ Create a Spartan Link account to apply online. This also gives you access to a personal web page, where emails will keep you up to date with UNCG events and important reminders.

☐ Complete the online application. This is on the Spartan Link page above. As you do so, make sure you:

☐ Specify your planned major.
  • Business Administration: Business Studies Online (BS)
  • Human Development and Family Studies: Birth through Kindergarten Teacher Licensure (BS)
  • Human Development and Family Studies: Early Care & Education (BS)
  • Information Systems and Supply Chain Management: Supply Chain Management (BS)
  • Integrated Professional Studies (BS)*
  • Peace and Conflict Studies (BA)
  • Philosophy: Philosophy (BA)
  • Public Health: Health Studies Online (BS)
  • Special Programs in Liberal Studies: Humanities (BA)
  • Special Programs in Liberal Studies: Social Sciences (BA)

☐ Complete the Community Standards Questions and NC residency portions of the application.

☐ Submit your $55 nonrefundable application fee.

☐ Order your transcripts. Ask the registrar of each institution you’ve attended to send your transcripts directly to UNCG. Remember: You must be in good standing at your previous institutions. Schools will not release your transcripts if you have ANY outstanding bills.

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APPLICATION DEADLINES

Subject to change; please verify via Admissions

Former UNCG Students

- 2018 Summer Session 1 ........................................May 1
- 2018 Summer Session 2 .........................................June 1
- 2017 Fall.................................................................August 1

Transfer Students

- 2017 Fall....................................................................July 15

Second Degree Students

- 2017 Fall....................................................................July 15

Financial Aid Deadlines

- Priority Deadline .................................................. March 1

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall 2017

- Classes Begin.......................................................... August 15
- Fall Break Begins.................................................... October 7
- Fall Break Ends ...................................................... October 10
- Thanksgiving Break Begins ....................................November 22
- Thanksgiving Break Ends .......................................November 26
- Last Day of Classes...............................................November 29
- Final Exams .........................................................December 1–2, 4–7

Spring 2018

- Classes Begin.......................................................... January 8
- Spring Break Begins................................................ March 5
- Spring Break Ends ................................................... March 12
- Spring Holiday ....................................................... March 30
- Last Day of Classes................................................ April 25
- Final Exams ...........................................................April 27–May 3

Summer 2018

- Classes Begin – BLS 1st Session ...............................May 7
- Classes Begin – 1st Session .....................................May 10
- Memorial Day Holiday ...........................................May 28
- Final Exams – 1st Session........................................June 13
- Final Exams – BLS 1st Session................................June 18
- Classes Begin – 2nd Session ....................................June 14
- Classes Begin – BLS – 2nd Session .........................June 19
- Independence Day Holiday .....................................July 4
- Final Exams – 2nd Session .......................................July 20
- Final Exams – BLS – 2nd Session .............................July 31