ONLINE STUDENT GUIDE

Undergraduate Degree Programs

UNC Greensboro offers challenging academic programs, hands-on learning experiences, and a supportive community. Whether you want to earn your bachelor’s online or you left college years ago and want to finish your 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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ABOUT UNCG

UNC Greensboro (UNCG) is a public, coeducational, doctoral-granting university chartered in 1891. With 20,000 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 lifelong learners.

UNCG offers a wide variety of online undergraduate degrees, graduate degrees, and post-baccalaureate and post-master’s certificates across disciplines. These programs 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 nonprofit 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).

Why does accreditation matter?

**Employers require it.** Most employers that require a college or university degree want employees who have a degree from an appropriately accredited institution, whether online or on campus.

**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.
ALL ABOUT ONLINE LEARNING

Online learning allows you to take courses and earn degrees through the Internet. Online courses are either synchronous (with set class times) or asynchronous (without set class times).

- **Asynchronous** online learning offers a great deal of flexibility. There is no set time to attend class. You complete your coursework at times of the day that are most convenient for you.

- **Synchronous** online learning offers many opportunities for collaboration. There are designated class times where meetings are held virtually with the professor and classmates through chat boards, video conferencing, or other virtual meeting technologies.

Is online learning as good as on-campus learning?

Well-designed online courses employ engaging teaching strategies that include video, audio, graphics, interactive activities, case studies, and feedback. Research from 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.

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ONLINE UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

UNC Greensboro offers eight outstanding undergraduate programs fully online. Admission to all programs is contingent upon admission to the university as a whole.

B.A. in Liberal Studies
This highly customizable program connects learning in the humanities and social sciences to the development of skills that are valuable across industries and professions, such as communication, problem solving, and critical thinking. Choose the track that best aligns with your interests and career goals: Humanities, Social Sciences, or Professional Studies.

Admission Requirements:
- High School Diploma*
  - Must meet N.C. high school course requirements
- Transferable College Credits (if applicable)
  - Only grades of C or higher can transfer
  - Recommended cumulative GPA of 2.3+
- ACT or SAT Scores*† (if under age 21)

B.A. in Peace and Conflict Studies
This program develops skills to create peace that builds supportive communities. Gain exposure to professional training in mediation, negotiation, facilitation, violence prevention, and collaborative problem solving. Explore the challenges facing individuals, families, organizations, and communities. Graduates enjoy a wide range of career possibilities in mediation, politics, law enforcement, education, government, and more.

Admission Requirements:
- Completion of 30+ semester hours of transferable college credit
  - Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Visit Peace and Conflict Studies for details

B.A. in Philosophy
This program is designed for those wanting a basic education in the liberal arts, preparing for a career in law or government, or contemplating graduate study in philosophy or a related discipline. Develop skills in logical reasoning, critical thinking, analytics, and ethical reasoning. Choose from a variety of courses in logic, ethics, metaphysics, and the theory of knowledge.

Admission Requirements:
- High School Diploma*
  - Must meet N.C. high school course requirements
- Transferable College Credits (if applicable)
  - Only grades of C or higher can transfer
  - Recommended cumulative GPA of 2.3+
- ACT or SAT Scores*† (if under age 21)

*Not required if you have 24+ transferable college credits.
†Not required if you have 3+ years of active military service.
B.S. in Business Administration
The online Business Studies concentration prepares students to succeed as business professionals in a global economy. Build a foundation of business knowledge with broad exposure to key functions—economics, finance, management, marketing, and supply chain management. Explore real-world business situations through class projects, case studies, and internships.

Admission Requirements:
• High School Diploma*
  - Must meet N.C. high school course requirements
• Transferable College Credits (if applicable)
  - Only grades of C or higher can transfer
  - Recommended cumulative GPA of 2.3+
• ACT or SAT Scores*† (if under age 21)

B.S. in Integrated Professional Studies
This innovative program uses hands-on experiences to develop transferable skills students can use on the job right away and throughout their careers. Learn how to solve problems creatively, collaborate across cultures and organizations, analyze and interpret data, and adapt to changing environments. Choose an area of focus to build depth in your field and then demonstrate what you’ve learned by creating an electronic portfolio in the capstone course.

Admission Requirements:
• High School Diploma*
  - Must meet N.C. high school course requirements
• Transferable College Credits (if applicable)
  - Only grades of C or higher can transfer
  - Recommended cumulative GPA of 2.3+
• ACT or SAT Scores*† (if under age 21)

B.S. in Supply Chain Management
Today’s global economy requires linking multiple places into a single process, with skilled managers needed to make the connections. Program graduates are prepared to help corporations source, produce, and distribute goods and services more efficiently and effectively. Develop skills in project management, data management, business computing, and more.

Admission Requirements:
• High School Diploma*
  - Must meet N.C. high school course requirements
• Transferable College Credits (if applicable)
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B.S. in Public Health
Public health is the science of preventing disease, promoting health, and prolonging life within populations. Professionals work to identify the root causes of health problems and then implement large-scale solutions to prevent injury or illness. Develop a strong public health foundation and enhance your ability to promote health equity by thinking critically about the root causes of health problems and analyzing solutions.

Admission Requirements:
- Completion of prior degree (AA, AS, BA, or BS)
  - Only grades of C or higher can transfer
  - Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Completion of all public health related courses
- Visit Public Health for details

B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies
This interdisciplinary program combines knowledge of child development with early education and early childhood special education. Courses include a family-centered philosophy and embrace diversity of all types. Choose from two concentrations:

Birth through Kindergarten Teacher Licensure: Prepare for B–K teacher licensure, which enables you to teach in public school Pre–K and kindergarten classrooms as well as community-based programs.

Early Care and Education: Prepare for a career in early childhood settings and agencies serving young children and their families, including private kindergartens and childcare centers.

Admission Requirements:
- Completion of a 2-year Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Early Childhood from a North Carolina community college
- Secondary admission process requires minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 and completion of at least 12 credit hours at UNCG
- Visit 2Plus Programs for details
TIME COMMITMENT

How long will it take to finish?
The answer is, it depends—on:

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

For example, undergraduate students in our online degree programs who enter UNCG with 60 or more credit hours will generally take an average of 9 credits a semester (3 courses = 9 credits).

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, so you should allow 3 hours per week to read/listen to the online content for each course you take. This does not include offline class work.

Here’s an estimate of the time you’ll need for each course:

- 3 hours per week reading the content online
- 6 hours doing the related readings, papers, etc.
- Total: 9 hours per course per week
- Or a little more than 1 hour per day per course

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

UNC Greensboro 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 and Student Success**
Advisors help guide your academic progress and help you make informed decisions about your career and life goals.

**Bookstore**
Order textbooks online.

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

**Cashiers & Student Accounts**
Pay your tuition and fees.

**Financial Aid**
Apply for financial assistance.

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

**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**
Get consultation support designed to help you further your oral communication skills and confidence.

**Tutoring and Academic Skills Program**
An academic support program that challenges students to become independent and successful learners.

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

Tuition Categories

Tuition for online courses is not the same as tuition for face-to-face courses. 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.

### 2018–2019 Online Tuition & Fees

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**Cost Table**

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

Additional cost and payment information is available at our [Cashiers and Student Accounts Office website](online.uncg.edu).
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, such as UNCG, require it to receive any type of aid—scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study.

**Financial Aid Office/Website**

UNCG has a Financial Aid Office with counselors who can guide you through the application process and a website that explains key financial aid information. Many scholarships are available and some qualifications are based on different factors such as program of interest, county of residence, or academic achievement. The website is also a good source of information on 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
- The College Board
HOW TO APPLY

1. Decide when you want to start and check deadlines. See page 13 for details.

2. Check your eligibility. Some undergraduate online degree programs are degree completion programs. That means transferable college credit is required to enroll. The amount varies by program. Visit Undergraduate Admissions for details.

3. Make sure your computer meets system requirements. See page 8 for details.

4. Consider sending your transcripts NOW. Undergraduate Admissions will hold them for up to one year. Have your transcripts sent to:

   UNCG Undergraduate Admissions
   P.O. Box 26170
   Greensboro, NC 27402–6170

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

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

☐ Create a SpartanLink 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 SpartanLink 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 (BA)
  - Public Health: Health Studies Online (BS)
  - Special Programs in Liberal Studies: Humanities (BA)
  - Special Programs in Liberal Studies: Professional Studies (BA)
  - Special Programs in Liberal Studies: Social Sciences (BA)

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

☐ Submit your $65 nonrefundable application fee.

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

Fall 2018
Classes Begin.................................August 14
Fall Break......................................October 6–9
Thanksgiving Break ......................Nov. 21–25
Last Day of Classes ...............November 28
Final Exams ..............................Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 3–6

Spring 2019
Classes Begin.................................January 14
Spring Break.................................March 3–10
Spring Holiday...............................April 19
Last Day of Classes ..................May 1
Final Exams ..............................May 3–4, 6–9

Summer 2019
Classes Begin: BLS 1st Session ......May 13
Classes Begin: 1st Session .............May 15
Memorial Day Holiday ..................May 27
Final Exams: 1st Session ...............June 19
Classes Begin: 2nd Session ..........June 20
Final Exams: BLS 1st Session ..........June 24
Classes Begin: BLS 2nd Session .....June 25
Independence Day Holiday ............July 4
Final Exams: 2nd Session .............July 25
Final Exams: BLS 2nd Session .....August 6

APPLICATION DEADLINES
Application deadlines are subject to change; please verify via Undergraduate Admissions

Freshman Students
Fall (priority)...............................December 1
Fall (rolling)...............................March 1*
Spring .....................................December 1
Summer Session 1...............May 1
Summer Session 2 .................June 1
*If space is available, applications will be accepted until July 15.

Transfer Students
Fall ............................................March 1*
Spring .....................................December 1
Summer Session 1 .............May 1
Summer Session 2 .................June 1
*If space is available, applications will be accepted until July 15.

Financial Aid
Priority Deadline ....................December 1
If you are a former UNCG student or you’re seeking a second bachelor’s degree, visit Undergraduate Admissions for deadline information.