

# What will your *Story Be?*

UNDERGRADUATE VIEWBOOK, 2023-24



UNIVERSITY OF  
**NORTHERN  
COLORADO**

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# Welcome to the University of Northern Colorado

College is about finding a place where you can grow, explore and thrive.

The University of Northern Colorado is a public, doctoral research and educational institution that is home to about 9,000 students and more than 200 undergraduate and graduate programs, many nationally recognized. Plus, as a research university, we have opportunities to work alongside faculty in the lab, in the field and more, which makes you competitive in the workforce or well-prepared for grad school.

Our culture is marked by academic excellence in education, health sciences, business, the humanities and the performing and visual arts. We are proud to be an emerging Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and to serve more than 42% of our undergraduates who are the first in their families to graduate from college.

*Your Story*   
**STARTS HERE**

**9,000**  
students

**138,000+**  
alumni

**200+**  
undergraduate and graduate programs

**42%**  
first-generation students

**25%**  
As an emerging Hispanic  
Serving Institute, 1/4 of  
our students identify as  
Hispanic/Latinx



**5 out of 5 stars** on the  
Campus Pride Index, a  
national listing of LGBTQ-  
friendly colleges and  
universities

# One University

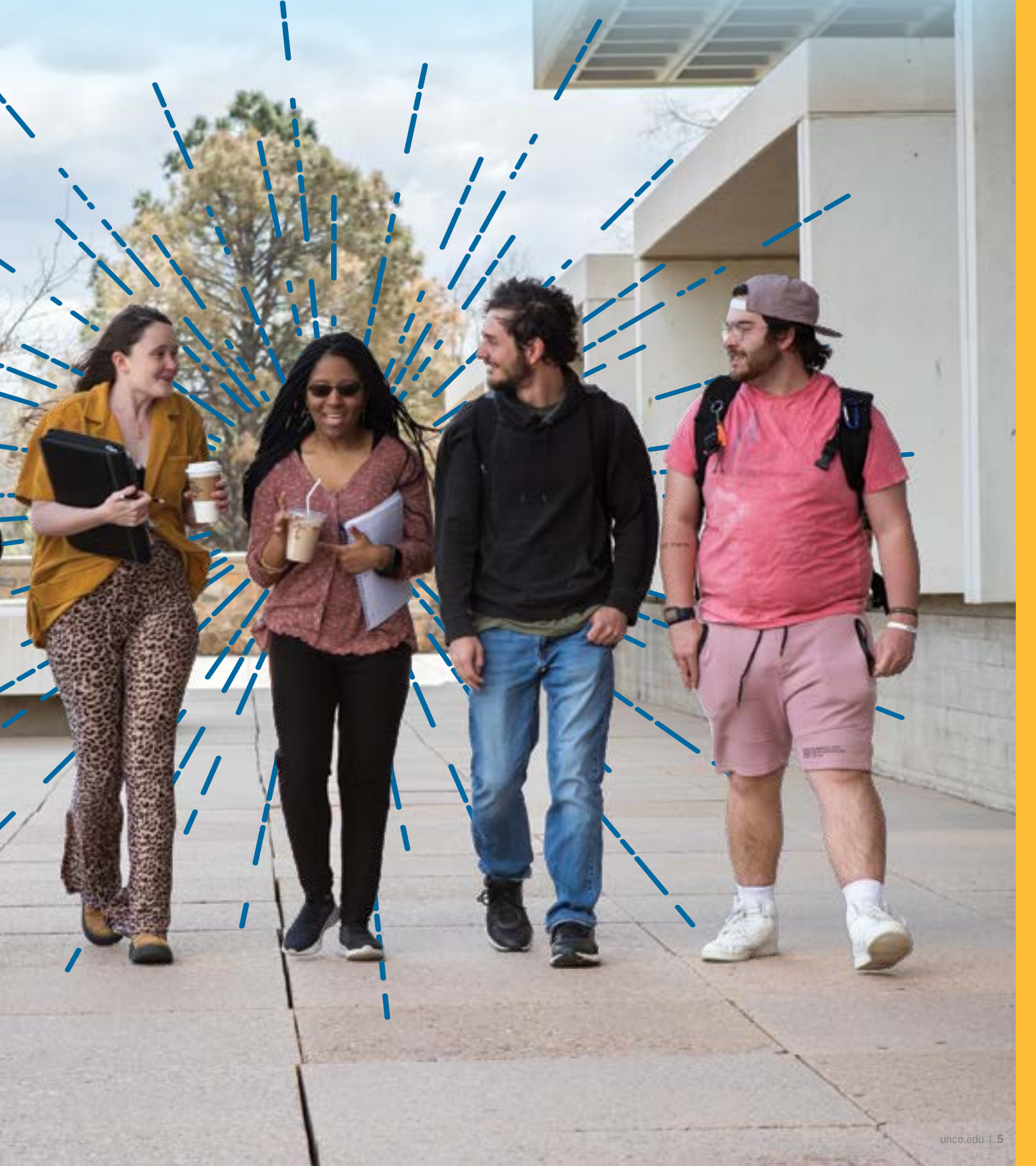
FIVE COLLEGES

**Our programs  
are led by expert  
faculty who love to  
teach, share their  
research and open  
doors for students.**

Small class sizes and hands-on opportunities define our nationally recognized, highly regarded education, business, health sciences, the arts, human services and humanities programs. Make close connections with faculty, here, where your professors know your name.

It's OK not to know what to study. Exploring your passions and finding out what sparks your interest is all part of the journey. We're here to help you!





**With more than 200 degree programs across five colleges, there is something for everyone to study at UNC.**

## **OUR TERMINOLOGY**

### **UNIVERSITY VS. COLLEGE**

A common misconception is universities are large and colleges are small. Universities come in all sizes! What's consistent is that universities are made up of smaller divisions called colleges. Colleges offer specific academic programs and contain specialized schools. For example, UNC's College of Natural and Health Sciences is home to the School of Nursing.

### **UNDERGRADUATE VS. GRADUATE STUDENT**

Undergraduate students or undergrads are students attending college and are working on their bachelor's degree. Graduate students have earned their bachelor's degree and are pursuing additional education to earn a master's, doctoral or specialized degree.

### **4+1 PROGRAMS**

We offer a range of degree programs including 4+1 programs. They provide students in select programs a pathway to complete their bachelor's and master's degrees in five years, whereas most master's degree take at least an additional two years to complete, after earning a bachelor's degree in four years.

## **FIND YOUR FOCUS**

\*Exploring the Liberal Arts (Undeclared)

### **A**

Acting (B.F.A.)

Africana Studies (B.A.)

American Sign Language English Interpretation:  
(Exploring B.A.)

American Sign Language English Interpretation:  
(Seeking Second B.A.)

Anthropology (B.A.)

Art & Design: Art Education K-12 (B.A.)

Art & Design: Art Studio (B.A.)

Art & Design: Graphic Design (B.A.)

Asian Studies: Liberal Arts (B.A.)

### **B**

Biological Sciences: Cell & Molecular Biology (B.S.)

Biological Sciences: Ecology & Evolutionary Biology (B.S.)

Biological Sciences: Liberal Arts (B.S.)

Biological Sciences: Pre-Health & Biomedical Sciences (B.S.)

Biological Sciences: Secondary Teaching (B.S.)

Business Administration: Accounting (B.S.)

Business Administration: Computer Information Systems (B.S.)

Business Administration: Finance (B.S.)

Business Administration: General Business (B.S.)

Business Administration: Management (B.S.)

Business Administration: Marketing (B.S.)

### **C**

Chemistry: Biochemistry (B.S.)

Chemistry: Chemistry (B.S.)

Chemistry: Forensic Science (B.S.)

Chemistry: Industrial Chemistry (B.S.)

Chemistry: Pre-Health (B.S.)

Chemistry: Secondary Teaching (B.S.)

Communication Sciences and Disorders (B.S.)

Communication Sciences and Disorders  
(Second Bachelor's) (B.S.)

Communication Studies (B.A.)

Computer Science (B.S.)

Criminology & Criminal Justice (B.A.)

### **D**

Dietetics (Seeking Second B.A.)

Dietetics: Exploring (B.S.)

## E

Early Childhood: Liberal Arts (B.A.)  
Early Childhood: Teacher Education –  
Ages Birth-8 (B.A.)  
Earth Sciences: Environmental Earth  
Sciences (B.S.)  
Earth Sciences: Geology (B.S.)  
Earth Sciences: Meteorology (B.S.)  
Earth Sciences: Secondary Teaching (B.S.)  
Economics: Business Economics (B.A.)  
Economics: Environmental Policy (B.A.)  
Economics: International Economic  
Policy (B.A.)  
Economics: Liberal Arts (B.A.)  
Elementary Education: Culturally and  
Linguistically Diverse – Grades K-6 (B.A.)  
Elementary Education: Education New  
Literacies – Grades K-6 (B.A.)  
Elementary Education: Mathematics –  
Grades K-6 (B.A.)  
Elementary Education: Non-Licensure  
Educational Studies (B.A.)  
Elementary Education: Performing and Visual  
Arts – Grades K-6 (B.A.)  
Elementary Education: Science –  
Grades K-6 (B.A.)  
Elementary Education: Social Studies –  
Grades K-6 (B.A.)  
Elementary Education: Special Education –  
Grades K-6 (B.A.)  
English Secondary Education: Cultural &  
Linguistic Diversity (B.A.)  
English Secondary Education: English  
Language Literature (B.A.)  
English Secondary Education: Special  
Education (B.A.)  
English: Liberal Arts (B.A.)  
English: Writing, Editing, and Publishing (B.A.)  
Environmental and Sustainability Studies (B.A.)

## G

Geography: Community Development (B.A.)  
Geography: Field Studies (B.A.)  
Geography: Geographic Information  
Sciences (GIS) (B.A.)  
Geography: Regional Studies (B.A.)

## H

Health Sciences: Healthcare  
Administration (B.S.)  
Health Sciences: Public Health (B.S.)  
History: Liberal Arts (B.A.)  
History: Secondary Teaching (B.A.)  
Human Services (B.S.)

## I

International Affairs: Area Studies (B.A.)  
International Affairs: International  
Political Economy (B.A.)

## J

Journalism (B.A.)

## M

Mathematics: Computer Science (B.S.)  
Mathematics: Middle School Teaching (B.S.)  
Mathematics: Pure & Applied Mathematical  
Science (B.S.)  
Mathematics: Secondary Teaching (B.S.)  
Mathematics: Statistics & Data Science (B.S.)  
Mexican American Studies: Liberal Arts (B.A.)  
Mexican American Studies: Secondary  
Teaching (B.A.)  
Music Education: Instrumental (B.M.E.)  
Music Education: Vocal/Piano/Gen (B.M.E.)  
Music: Business (B.M.)  
Music: Composition (B.M.)  
Music: Culture and Expression  
Concentration (B.A.)  
Music: Instrumental Perf. (B.M.)  
Music: Jazz Studies (B.M.)  
Music: Latinx Concentration (B.A.)  
Music: Piano (B.M.)  
Music: Vocal Performance (B.M.)  
Musical Theatre (B.F.A.)

## N

Nursing (Exploring B.S.N.)  
Nursing (Seeking Second B.A.)  
Nursing: Dual Enrollment – Aims CC (B.S.N.)  
Nursing: Dual Enrollment – Front Range CC  
(B.S.N.)  
Nursing: Dual Enrollment – Other U.S.  
Community College (B.S.N.)

Nursing: Registered Nurse Seeking Bachelor  
of Science in Nursing (R.N. to B.S.N.)  
Nutrition (B.S.)

## P

Philosophy (B.A.)  
Philosophy: Ethics & Public Policy (B.A.)  
Physics (B.S.)  
Physics: Astronomy (B.S.)  
Physics: Engineering (B.S.)  
Physics: Mathematics (B.S.)  
Physics: Secondary Teaching (B.S.)  
Political Science (B.A.)  
Psychology (B.A.)

## R

Recreation, Tourism and Hospitality (B.S.)

## S

Sociology (B.A.)  
Software Engineering (B.S.)  
Spanish: K-12 Spanish Teaching (B.A.)  
Spanish: Liberal Arts (B.A.)  
Special Education: K-12 Teaching (B.A.)  
Special Education: Liberal Arts (B.A.)  
Sport & Exercise Science: Exercise  
Science (B.S.)  
Sport & Exercise Science:  
Human Performance (B.S.)  
Sport & Exercise Science: Physical Education  
K-12 Teaching (B.S.)  
Sport & Exercise Science: Sport  
Administration (B.S.)  
Statistics (B.S.)

## T

Theatre Arts: Drama Education K-12 (B.A.)  
Theatre Arts: Theatre Studies (B.A.)  
Theatre: Design & Technology (B.F.A.)

## 4+1 Combination

Educational Psychology: Accelerated  
(4+1) (M.A.)  
English: Accelerated (4+1) (M.A.)  
History: Accelerated (4+1) (M.A.)  
Public Health: Accelerated (4+1) (M.A.)

Explore all programs:  
[unco.edu/programs](https://unco.edu/programs)





## College of Natural and Health Sciences

**Whether you want to help others with a career in health care or you can't wait to get out in the field or into the lab and make your own discoveries, you'll be ready for your career from day one with a degree in science.**

With our just-right size, you'll have opportunities to do research, work alongside your professors, build connections and make an impact in your community that students at larger universities just don't have.

The College of Natural and Health Sciences (NHS) is our largest college on campus. But you can still get hands-on experience with faculty in a wide range of research areas, including our one-of-a-kind Cancer Rehabilitation Institute.

NHS is also constantly evolving their programs based on market demand. This year alone, we added degrees in Computer Science and Statistics, to match educational skillsets to the fastest growing areas of career growth in the country.



### CONNECT WITH EXPERT SCHOLARS

Study climate change with Cindy Shellito, Ph.D., and chase storms with David Lerach, both Fulbright Scholars. Discover how snake venom might fight cancer with renowned expert Steve Mackessey, Ph.D. Learn how the effects of exercise impacts the quality of life for cancer patients at UNC's groundbreaking Cancer Rehabilitation Institute.

***"I got to take the 'Cancer Biology' class at UNC, along with 'Medical Genetics,' 'Mammalian Endocrinology' and all the upper-level Biology classes and they've really made a difference with my research experience and with my life at Johns Hopkins."***

**–Kelli Johnson, B.S. '13**

Biology

Ph.D. Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine





## Kenneth W. Monfort College of Business

Whether studying business, finance, accounting or hospitality, the Monfort College of Business (MCB) offers you hands-on learning experiences to help you stand out — from launching mobile applications with faculty to traveling to New York to meet with top business merchandise executives.

Employers know a UNC business education gives you the foundational — and transformational — experiences you need to make an impact in the workplace from day one.

As an MCB student, you can step onto a trading room floor in the Financial Education Center to trade and manage real stocks. UNC's Entrepreneurial Club can help you start a student-led business, such as Bear Box ([bearboxstore.com](http://bearboxstore.com)).

You'll get access to the latest business insights and trends from faculty who study cutting-edge research and analyze the markets to bring thoughtful lessons to the classroom every day.

Whether you choose to study Business Administration (with six concentrations to choose from) or Software Engineering; or add a minor in Digital Marketing, one of the fastest-growing fields in the nation, you'll get the latest insights in high-tech classrooms.



### RECOGNIZED WORLDWIDE

MCB is accredited in business and accounting by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), only five percent of business schools worldwide earn this accreditation.

***“This experience has been invaluable. Despite being in one of the worst semesters in terms of market losses, the experience is probably much more valuable than if the market just steadily increased.”***

**—Colby Simpson, B.S. '20**

Business Administration, Finance  
*After taking the Student and Foundation Fund class during the pandemic, which gives students an opportunity to manage a portfolio valued at more than \$3 million.*



## College of Education and Behavioral Sciences

**Inspire the next generation of learners and leaders. For students looking to impact the next generation through teaching, you've come to the right place.**

Exceptional teaching is part of our DNA. We began as Colorado's teachers' college more than 130 years ago — and we've been a national educational leader ever since — educating more than 50% of all teachers in the state. Whether you want to spend your career inside the classroom, in administration or in support services, we have a path for you.

As a student in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences (EBS), you will get hands-on experience in the classroom with 900 hours of student teaching, which is 100 more hours than other schools offer. Plus, with a nearly 100% job placement rate within six months of graduation for teachers, you'll be able to start your career on a solid foundation.

If you study school psychology, counseling or other behavioral sciences, you will be involved in professional development, field experience and research projects that take classroom lessons into real-world environments.



### **COLORADO'S PREMIER TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM**

UNC has graduated more than 50% of all education professionals in Colorado and is the alma mater to 18, or 30%, of the Colorado Teacher of the Year award winners.

***“The psychology program here at UNC is engaging, flexible and personable. With excellent course options and events such as research forums and skills workshops, the program heavily emphasizes personal growth and professional development for future careers.”***

**–Tanner Crawford**  
Psychology student





## College of Humanities and Social Sciences

**The power of the liberal arts is rooted in understanding the human experience.**

How have events in the past affected the present? How can understanding the past shape the future? Whether you love history or politics, or you're interested in exploring cultures or geography, the majors and programs in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) offer extraordinary opportunities to understand and explore the world and how humans have shaped and been shaped by it.

You will learn to think critically and process information creatively to make informed decisions and create a world where everyone can thrive.

For example, geography students and faculty partner with the Bureau of Land Management to conduct research along the Colorado and Gunnison Rivers, providing valuable information about invasive species.



### NINE FULBRIGHTS AND A WORLD OF EXPERIENCE

Karen Barton, Ph.D., professor of Geography, GIS and Sustainability, is a nine-time Fulbright Scholar, which has taken her around the world, from Africa to Nepal. She has taught undergraduate students in expedition courses held in Iceland, Peru, Nicaragua, Nepal, Guyana and throughout the U.S. — sharing her expertise and experiences with her students.

***“When I was younger, I wanted to be a firefighter, then a cop, then an FBI agent. I want to help people, especially my people. I want to fight for women’s rights and be their voice and benefit my community.”***

**–Taw Paw**

Junior, Criminal Justice and Criminology major, Sociology minor



## College of Performing and Visual Arts

Do you see yourself on the stage, under the bright lights, creating sets or the latest graphics for digital media? Maybe you're more behind-the-scenes, writing, conducting, creating. Whatever your passion, you can find the space you need to explore it.

With a national reputation for excellence, the College of Performing and Visual Arts (PVA) offers programs in art, dance, culture, music and design that are highly cultivated and interactive. You can participate in or attend more than 300 student-directed performances per year, plus art exhibits, student showcases and more.

Here, you can create visual art on the smallest canvas or set the stage (literally) as a technician, create a composition or burn through violin strings. No matter your medium, your talent can shine. If the piano is your life, you'll love making music at our All-Steinway designated School of Music, one of fewer than 200 in the world, and Colorado's only publicly funded institution of higher education with this prestigious designation.

### YOU'LL HAVE ACCESS TO:

- |                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 96 Steinway pianos     | 3 art galleries         |
| 14 art studios         | 2 recording studios     |
| 8 performance spaces   | 4 music production labs |
| 5 Mac/PC computer labs | 1 music library         |



### FROM UNC TO BROADWAY

Alumnus and Broadway performer Jason Veasey, '02 returned to campus in fall, 2021 to direct UNC's production of *Rent*. Veasey was in the cast of Broadway's *A Strange Loop*, which received two Tony Awards. He also landed a feature role in the hit TV show *Only Murders in the Building*.

***"The programs are really strong at UNC and equip students to understand the work ethic that's required to do this as a career. My courses and experiences pushed us really hard in a way that reflects the real world."***

### —Neyla Pekarek, BME '09

Cellist and singer of the Grammy-nominated band, The Lumineers, from 2010-18, and who wrote and recorded the original folk opera *Rattlesnake*.

## HONORS PROGRAM

**Our Honors Program is a valuable way to gain specialized experience during your college education. The experience gives you smaller class sizes, skilled instructors, individual mentorship and access to research opportunities.**

Our program enables students to explore their academic interests two different ways — through the classroom and with a dedicated faculty mentor. The Honors Interdisciplinary Program offers courses designed for students in any major to incorporate into their studies. The Upper Division Honors Program pairs students with a faculty mentor to complete in-depth research, or an applied or creative project

Unlike honors programs at many larger universities, ours doesn't come with higher tuition. Designed to be accessible and personalized, our Honors Program was created to give you academic, creative and applied research opportunities that reflect your passion for learning and for making a difference. If graduate school is in your future, you'll find yourself acquiring valuable research experience to take with you giving you a competitive edge when you begin your graduate studies.



### HONORS APPLICATION DEADLINES:

#### **December 1**

Early Action, Priority Consideration

#### **March 10**

Regular Decision, Priority Deadline for the Honors Residential Community

#### **November 1**

Transfer Deadline, Spring Semester, Priority Consideration

#### **March 1**

Transfer Deadline, Fall Semester, Priority Consideration

## GRADUATE SCHOOL

**For those who are graduate school bound, there are many options to stay at UNC and continue your studies.**

The university offers more than 100 programs, including top programs in nursing, accounting and more.

To get a head start and save time and money, we have select programs you can begin as an undergraduate student and complete in just five years. For example, in our 4+1 Public Health program, you will earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in public health in only five years. The accelerated program saves you money, traditionally earning a bachelor's and master's degree separately would take an average of six to seven years to complete.

**THREE LOCATIONS ACROSS THE FRONT RANGE**  
(or globally at UNC Extended Campus online)





IF YOU COULD

↪ *Go Anywhere*

## No ifs about it — when you start with the University of Northern Colorado, you have unlimited opportunities.

No matter where you come from, or where you want to go, we provide a personalized education with hands-on learning that will help you succeed.

At UNC, we know that education transforms lives and communities one student at a time, and we've seen our alumni do just that around the world in professions from nursing and teaching to business and the arts.



"I work in jobs where people are typically Oxford graduates, or Harvard graduates. But I feel like I wouldn't be where I am now if I hadn't gone to UNC."

**—Abraham Denmark, B.A. '00**  
History and Political Science  
*Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Defense*



"I think UNC really made me who I am today. It's that small school feel where you don't feel like you're just another person on campus. I was a first-generation college graduate and I feel like because of that there was even more support to get me through the program. The instructors are genuine, they're authentic and they want you to be successful."

**—Christina Randle, B.A. '03**  
Elementary Education  
*2018 Colorado Teacher of the Year*



"The (Musical Theatre) department that did such wonderful things for me in getting me prepared to go out into the world. (UNC's) always been this cool little shining gem on the plains of Colorado... for it to have that reputation in New York City, that reputation of the training at UNC — it really, really worked in our favors."

**—Jason Veasey, B.A. '02**  
Musical Theatre  
*Performer in A Strange Loop, winner of Best Musical, 2022 Tony Awards*

“ I decided to [job] shadow at UNC’s Cancer Rehabilitation Center, where I was welcomed by the staff and was allowed access to patients. Those many different encounters inspired me to want to play a vital role in alleviating human suffering at the physician level.”

–Shukuru Rushanika, '22

## Overcoming Obstacles, Making a Difference

Shukuru Rushanika, (ShaQ), B.S. '22 was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He spent his childhood in a Tanzanian refugee camp, with his mother and siblings. Even when his family moved to the U.S. while he was in high school, he faced more hurdles when his father was involved in a near-fatal car crash, putting him in a coma.

ShaQ turned adversity into a learning opportunity, asking to shadow his father’s medical team to glean all he could — his dream to one day become a doctor.

At UNC he enrolled in the Biological Sciences program in the College of Natural and Health Sciences where he studied biomedicine and pre-health. He continued shadowing, this time at UNC’s Cancer Rehabilitation Center.

During his four years, ShaQ did lab research into breast cancer and other biomedical issues, including graduate-level studies.

We Cultivate 

**HANDS-ON LEARNING EXPERIENCES**

**1/2**

More than half of our faculty, in NHS, conduct research with undergraduate students

**90%**

of our classes are taught by tenured faculty

**\$3M**

Students in MCB manage a \$3M portfolio of assets in our unique Financial Education Center, which emulates the trading floor on the New York Stock Exchange



“*The Goodman Teacher Scholarship gave me hope and provided that final push to through the final semester, which was one of the hardest I took.*”

–Dakota Baer, '23

## Graduating Debt-Free

Working while getting your degree is possible. Take it from Dakota Baer, B.A. '23. History and Education, she worked full-time during her two years at UNC, after transferring from Red Rocks Community College.

Dakota was able to fulfill her academic goals while meeting her financial obligations. During her last semester, she earned a scholarship so she could quit working and student-teach history at a middle school to finish her degree requirements stress-free.

In May 2023, Dakota graduated with a full-time teaching job lined up for the fall and almost no student loan debt.

### WE HELP STUDENTS

Find Success

#1

Lowest average loan debt in Colorado  
(among 4-year, public, research  
universities)

91%

of students are employed,  
in graduate school or in a services  
or volunteer position within 6 months  
of graduation

#1

UNC ranked first in Colorado in the 2021  
CollegeNET Social Mobility Index

“ If you come to campus and you go to events and you support your community, and you find connections, you will leave not only with a degree but with friendships and relationships. Whether personal or professional, you will leave with so many more connections and just more tenacity and perseverance to continue to grow as a person.”

—Rosemary Gonzalez, '23

## Forging Connections in the First-Generation

Don't be afraid to get involved with a bit of everything, like Rosemary Gonzalez, BSN '23 a stellar well-rounded Nursing graduate. Rosemary plunged headfirst into everything from Greek Life to the Honor's Program to the Center for Human Enrichment (CHE), a community providing academic and personal support for students' academic journeys.

Over four years, she became the president of her sorority, a volunteer, a student-worker and a scholarship recipient, cultivating relationships with other first-generation students like herself.

She uses these experiences to make connections not only for herself, but also for her fellow students. Rosemary connected her sorority sisters to the services offered at the Career Readiness Center where she shared service opportunities offered at CHE with first-generation students.

Get Social   
**ON CAMPUS**

**120,000**  
square feet of recreation space

**17**  
NCAA Division I athletic teams

**1,000s**  
of pieces of rental equipment  
through Outdoor Pursuits

## Forge Lasting Relationships with Faculty

Dante Cesare chose UNC for the small class sizes and 1:1 mentorship with faculty. Dante, B.S. '23 Business Administration, became an involved student in college. He transferred from Aims Community College and engaged with the Monfort College of Business's Entrepreneurial Challenge (e-Challenge), an education business pitch competition that helps participants acquire entrepreneurial skills and grow innovative ideas.

Dante volunteered as the community college director of the e-Challenge and used his connections from Aims to involve more students in the competition. The 1:1 mentorship from his professors, and Dante's ability to get hands-on experience by developing marketing plans for local businesses made him want to connect, engage and give it his all.

“ I thought the student-to-teacher ratio would fit me really well. I really like to be able to have a relationship with my professors and throughout my time [at UNC] I've felt I have a good rapport with my professors.”

–Dante Cesare, '23

**SMALL SCHOOL FEEL WITH**

→ *Lifelong Mentors*

**14:1**

Student-Faculty ratio

**25**

average class size

**90%**

of undergraduate classes  
are taught by faculty







WHAT MAKES US

Special

**A community is more than a place, it's a feeling. At UNC, we foster community through diversity, equity and inclusion.**

With eight cultural and resource centers, gender-inclusive, pet-friendly and learning-based residence hall communities, we make you feel at home. Get involved with more than 100 student organizations, find a group that shares your interests or cultivate new hobbies. There's always something happening.

# Cultural and Resource Centers

**Our cultural and resource centers provide tailored support services to empower students to reach their academic, personal and professional aspirations.**

The staff engages all UNC students in our learning and community-based environments by providing opportunities for them to explore social identities and build an equitable and inclusive campus.

## **FIND YOUR COMMUNITY AT ONE OF EIGHT CULTURAL AND RESOURCE CENTERS:**

- Asian Pacific American Student Services
- César Chávez Cultural Center
- Gender and Sexuality Resource Center
- Marcus Garvey Cultural Center
- Native American Student Services
- Veteran's Services
- Center for Women's and Gender Equity
- Stryker Institute for Leadership Development

***“The support from the Native American Student Services has made pursuing higher education and college life enjoyable. Being active in NASS, has helped me maintain a healthy balance in my academic success this past academic year.”***

**–Evelyn Jones, Class of 2026**

Psychology and Criminal Justice  
Member of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe

## **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES:**

- The Student Success Resource Center
- Writing Center
- Math Tutoring Lab
- Disability Resource Center
- Coaching to boost your study skills
- Center for Honors, Scholars and Leadership
- Center for Career Readiness



# A Place to Call Home

**At the University of Northern Colorado, there are 17 residence halls, so you will have plenty to choose from — not just one or two first-year housing options.**

Want to take your pet to college? Check out our pet-friendly residence halls! Interested in living in a community with students who share similar interests, majors or identities as you? Our Residential Learning Communities will help you find your sense of belonging, deepen your campus engagement and experience a close-knit community to support you.

Combine comfortable living with close access to classes — then add amenities like flatscreen TVs in common rooms, fully equipped kitchens, study spaces, Wi-Fi and access to laundry facilities, and you'll understand why so many students love living on-campus.

## RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

UNC has more than 6,000 undergraduate students and nearly 3,000 graduate students — and a beautiful 250-acre campus that feels like home the minute you set foot on it. While the building locations may change year-to-year, the following Residential Learning Communities are available to choose from.

- Biology
- Business
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Cumbres (for students planning to teach or are working toward an English as a Second Language (ESL) or Bilingual/Bicultural endorsement)
- Gender Inclusive
- Honors Program
- Outdoor Pursuits
- Pet Friendly
- Pre-Nursing
- Queer Living Community – First-year
- Queer Living Community – Second year and above
- Transfer Students

## OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

### MESA NEIGHBORHOOD

Located on Central Campus hill, Mesa is within easy walking distance of Student Health, the counseling center, Gunter Green, the University Center and Campus Commons. You'll find some of campus's beautiful historic buildings and community areas where you can hang a hammock and relax, study, play music, enjoy the Garden Theatre and relax on Gunter Green's sprawling lawn.

### BASIN NEIGHBORHOOD

Located on West Campus, close to Campus Recreation, the Gear Shop, Outdoor Pursuits and Michener Library. Close to the disc golf course, athletic events and social activities.

### RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD

Overlooking West Campus and 11th Avenue, this is where you'll find the tallest residence hall, with its easy access to Holmes Dining Hall, Campus Recreation, Campus Commons and the University Center. This central location offers open green spaces, disc golf and plenty of space for studying and socializing.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Your on-campus dining options fit your schedule, from sit-down meals to grab-and-go options, including mini food trucks that cross campus looking for hungry Bears. Find coffee, breakfast and lunch at Starbucks, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Subway, Empire State Pizza, Bowlful, Crisol Latin Kitchen and Burger & Co. If you just need a snack, head to Munchy Mart in our University Center.



# Become a Bear

With our strong and welcoming community, UNC is deeply committed to academic success, diversity and achievement.

 **90%**  
of applicants are admitted

## Apply for Admission

Submit application and school transcripts.

## Admissions Decision

Takes approx. 1-3 weeks.

## Tell Us Your Plans

Submit decision form in your student portal.

## Complete the Housing Process

Application opens December 1.

## Attend New Student Orientation

Usually takes place in June/July.

## HOW TO APPLY

### FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

Apply your way through the Common Application or our Bear Application. We guarantee a decision before the new year for students who complete by **December 15**.



### TRANSFER/SECOND BACHELORS

You must submit the Bear Application

- **June 1**  
Fall (August) Application Priority Deadline
- **November 1**  
Spring (January) Priority Deadline

## COLORADO FIRST-YEAR ADMISSIONS GUARANTEE

At UNC we are deeply committed to a students-first approach. With more than 40% of our students identifying as the first in their families to attend college, we understand how stressful the college search process can be. Our First-Year Admissions Guarantee for Colorado residents removes the guesswork from knowing whether UNC is an option for you.

*All students who meet the criteria list to the right qualify for automatic admission into the University of Northern Colorado.*

### FIRST-YEAR GUARANTEE REQUIREMENTS:

- Current Colorado high school student\*
- 3.0 cumulative high school GPA (weighted)
- 4 years of English
- 4 years of math (or 3 years of math with at least a B in Algebra 2)
- 3 years of physical/lab sciences
- 3 years of social sciences
- Meet high school graduation requirements
- Submit your application for admissions by **March 1** of your graduation year

*\*Graduates of a Colorado high school who have not enrolled at another college or university since their graduation are eligible.*





## Costs, Financial Aid and Scholarships

At UNC, you will earn a quality education that is rich in experiences. We offer the best tuition for tremendous value among four-year Colorado public research universities.

UNC ranked #1 in average student loan debt at graduation among 4-year, public doctoral universities in Colorado!

### TUITION AND FEES, 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR (2 SEMESTERS)

Your cost of attendance will vary based on the state you live in (residency) and how much financial aid you qualify for. Don't worry, we're here for you and want to work with you to figure out how to finance your educational goals so you can achieve them. We want you to be a Bear!



2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR	COLORADO RESIDENT	WUE** RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT/ NON-WUE
<b>TUITION &amp; FEES</b> (14 credits/semester)	\$12,010*	\$18,728	\$26,204
<b>HOUSING AND FOOD</b> (Tier 3 housing, 15 meals/week)	\$15,230	\$15,230	\$15,230
<b>ESTIMATED DIRECT COSTS</b> (Living on campus)	<b>\$27,240</b>	<b>\$33,958</b>	<b>\$41,434</b>

\*This is what students pay after the College Opportunity Fund (COF) is applied to their bill. To be eligible for COF rates, Colorado resident students should apply at [cof.college-assist.org](http://cof.college-assist.org).

\*\*The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program provides reduced tuition automatically to students who are residents of one of the states/territories participating in the WUE program. States include Alaska, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

## FIRST-YEAR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Minimum weighted GPA



2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR	COLORADO RESIDENT	WUE* RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT/ INTERNATIONAL
<b>BEAR SCHOLARSHIP</b> 3.0-3.39 GPA	\$1,500/yr	\$3,000/yr	\$5,000/yr
<b>PROVOST SCHOLARSHIP</b> 3.4-3.79 GPA	\$2,500/yr	\$4,000/yr	\$6,000/yr
<b>PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP</b> 3.8-3.99 GPA	\$3,500/yr	\$5,000/yr	\$7,000/yr
<b>TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIP</b> 4.0+ GPA	\$4,500/yr	\$6,000/yr	\$8,000/yr

## TRANSFER STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR	COLORADO RESIDENT	WUE* RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT/ INTERNATIONAL
<b>NORTHERN LIGHTS SCHOLARSHIP</b> 2.75-2.99 GPA	\$1,000/yr	\$1,500/yr	\$3,000/yr
<b>PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP</b> 3.0-3.49 GPA	\$2,000/yr	\$2,500/yr	\$5,000/yr
<b>TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIP</b> 3.5+ GPA	\$3,000/yr	\$3,500/yr	\$7,000/yr

\*Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Program — WUE provides reduced tuition to students who are residents of one of the states participating in the WUE program: AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, ND, OR, SD, UT, WA, WY. Note: Students cannot qualify for in-state residency after attending UNC as a WUE student. They would need to decline WUE and pay nonresident tuition for one year before establishing in-state residency. Scholarships are applied to WUE tuition rates for student who qualify.

Try our online estimator tool:  
[go.unco.edu/price-calculator](https://go.unco.edu/price-calculator)



## ADDITIONAL

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### UNC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION KEY DATES/DEADLINES

#### November 1

UNC Scholarship Application Opens

#### February 1

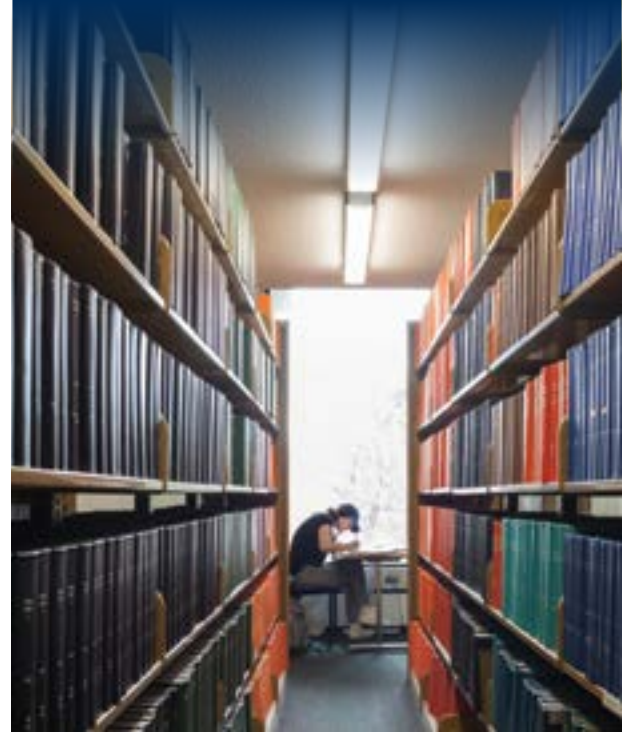
Priority deadline for scholarships

#### June 1

Deadline for international students, new transfer and graduate students

### HOW TO APPLY

- Fill out the UNC Scholarship Application, after you are accepted apply through your UNC student account (Ursa).
- Visit [unco.edu/financial-aid](https://unco.edu/financial-aid) to apply for financial aid, check out timelines and access support resources.





## CAMPUS VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

[unco.edu/visit](https://unco.edu/visit)



### CAMPUS VISIT DAYS

Full day event programs offered several times throughout the year. Register early to save your spot!



### CUSTOM CAMPUS VISITS

We host information sessions twice a day with student-led campus tours. Personalize your visit by connecting with a specific academic program.



### TRANSFER DAYS

These are offered year-round and provide a half-day opportunity for current or former college students looking to connect with programs and services designed to support your unique needs.



### TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR BEFORE YOU VISIT

Discover UNC's campus anywhere, anytime. You can also explore upcoming and on-demand virtual events presented by our team of experts.

Take a virtual tour today!

[unco.edu/virtualtour](https://unco.edu/virtualtour)

# Greeley

## OUR HOMETOWN



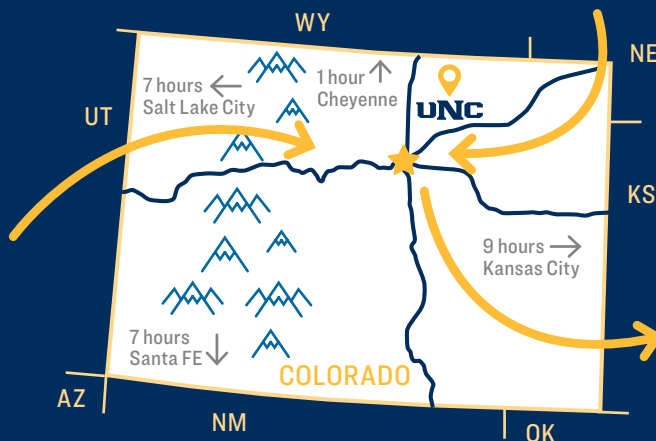
Find yourself in one of the fastest-growing locations in the country, Greeley ranks #1 in Colorado and #4 in the nation in terms of growth, according to 2020 census data.



About one hour from **Denver International Airport**



A little over an hour to **Rocky Mountain National Park**



About one hour from **Denver, six professional sports venues and Red Rocks Amphitheatre.**



Check out a movie at **The Kress Cinema & Lounge**, a special behind-the-scenes tour with the Museum at Twilight series and more.



Skate at the **Greeley Ice Haus**. This ice rink is a short walk from campus for lessons and skate time.



Discover a **creative district** that draws **artists, events and performers** for hundreds of events annually — and has close ties to UNC, helping our students find a creative home too.



Explore more than **300 acres of neighborhood parks** at 40-plus locations and the **21-mile Poudre Trail** gives you plenty of space to bike, run or work along the Cache la Poudre River.



Enjoy **dozens of restaurants and eateries** ranging from Mexican to African, with local favorites including an authentic French bakery right next to campus and a pizza place that's served Bears for more than 30 years.



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