

ADMITTED STUDENT GUIDE

First-Year Students | 2019-2020



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Imagine a 20-year-old invincible college student looking at a person who is facing death and is inspired by them, while the patient is inspired, witnessing a young person putting their education into practice. I love being part of that.

*–Reid Hayward,
Professor of Sport and Exercise Science
Director of the UNC Cancer Rehabilitation Institute*



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CONGRATULATIONS!

By going to college, you're setting yourself up to succeed and to create change in your community and the world. Here are your next steps in becoming a Bear.

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DAILY TOURS

Two-hour campus visits with a presentation and campus tour.

- Monday through Friday
10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.



DESTINATION UNC

A full-day event to help you decide if UNC is right for you.

- Monday, February 18, 2019
- Friday, March 22, 2019
- Friday, April 19, 2019

UNC OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

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ACTIVATE YOUR **URSA** AND **BEARMAIL** ACCOUNTS

Do this first, even if you're not yet sure that you're attending UNC. You'll need to activate your Ursa account before you can make your Enrollment Confirmation Deposit.

URSA.UNCO.EDU

WHAT IS URSA?

Ursa is your online portal for registering for classes and for accessing your schedule, grades and transcripts. It's also where you'll take care of financial-aid related tasks, pay your bill, accept your financial aid award offer, enter any work-study hours, authorize the Colorado Opportunity Fund (COF), submit your online health insurance waiver if applicable, purchase your parking pass and more.

BEARMAIL.UNCO.EDU

WHAT IS BEARMAIL?

BearMail is your university email. This is how professors and staff will contact you.

- 1 Go to ursa.unco.edu and click on **Password reset / account activation**.

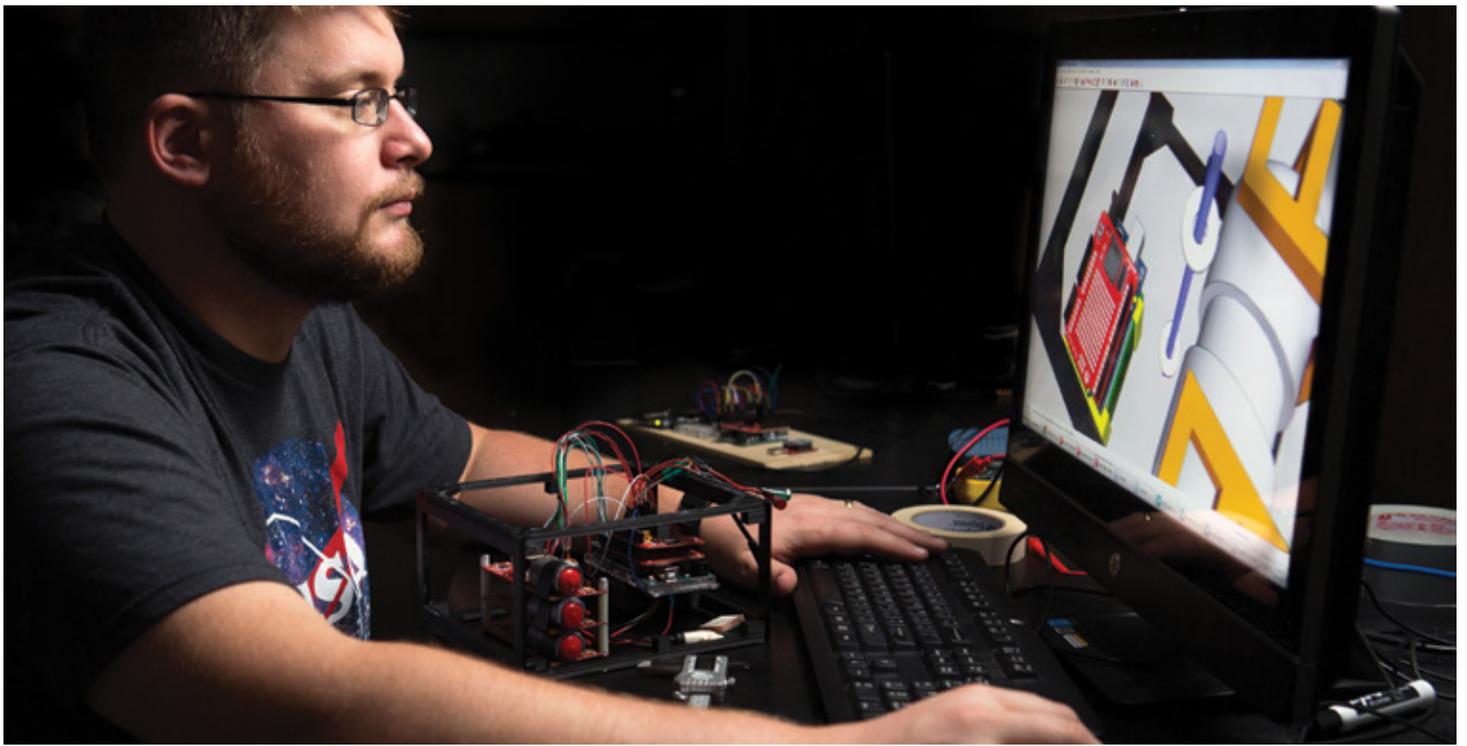
The screenshot shows the University of Northern Colorado logo at the top. Below it are three main sections:

- Username:** A text input field with a placeholder "(ex. 881234 or first.last)".
- Password:** A text input field with a placeholder "password".
- Sign In:** A blue button.
- Access Management:** A link for "Password reset / account activation" and "What is my Bear Number?".
- Need Help?:** Contact information for the Technical Support Center, including phone (+1-970-351-4357), toll-free (+1-800-545-2331), email (help@unco.edu), online support (24/7 chat), Facebook (UNC_TechSupport), and Twitter (@UNC_TSC).

- 2 Select **Account Activation**.

The screenshot shows the University of Northern Colorado logo at the top. Below it is a dark blue header that says "Account Activation/Reset". The main content area contains:

- A message: "Your account will allow you access to important resources, financial information and other material that is relevant to you at the University of Northern Colorado."
- A question: "What action do you want to perform?"
- Three options: "Password Reset", "Edit Security Questions", and "Account Activation".



- 3 Follow the directions on the screen, entering your Bear number, date of birth and the last four digits of your Social Security Number. Click **Continue**.

- 4 Your PDID (username) and UNC email address will be displayed. Make sure to write this information down or save it for future reference. Click **Continue**.

- 5 Select three security questions and create an answer for each, then click **Continue**.

- 6 Create a strong password by following the password requirements, then click **Set Password**. You will see a confirmation page.

PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS?

Contact the Technical Support Center at 970-351-4357 or visit help.unco.edu.



MAKE YOUR ENROLLMENT CONFIRMATION DEPOSIT

Do this as soon as you've decided on UNC. You'll need to complete this step before you can sign up for housing (p. 12) and orientation (p. 20).

UNCO.EDU/CONFIRM

WHAT IS THE ENROLLMENT CONFIRMATION DEPOSIT?

UNC requires a \$200 nonrefundable enrollment confirmation deposit to hold your place at UNC. When you submit your deposit, it tells us you're serious about becoming a Bear, and we can plan for the right number of incoming students.

WHAT DO YOU USE THE DEPOSIT FOR?

The \$200 deposit will be applied as a credit toward your first bill. You'll see it on your billing documents in Ursa (p. 4).

WHAT IF I CAN'T PAY THE \$200 DEPOSIT?

You can submit a deposit waiver based on financial need, also available at unco.edu/confirm. That way you can still let us know you're coming, but you don't have to pay the \$200 up front.

WHEN CAN I MAKE MY ENROLLMENT CONFIRMATION DEPOSIT?

You can make your deposit as soon as you have activated your Ursa account (p. 4).

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The best advice
I can give you is
get plugged in.

*-Kevion Ellis '18
Paris, Texas*



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FILE YOUR FAFSA

Be sure to check your BearMail and Ursa account frequently for updates.

Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will allow UNC to make decisions about how much financial aid to offer you. You may have done this before you applied to any colleges. If you haven't, or if you haven't had your FAFSA sent to UNC, do that now. March 1 is the priority deadline.

FAFSA.ED.GOV

WHAT IS THE FAFSA?

FAFSA is short for "Free Application for Federal Student Aid." To complete the FAFSA, you provide information about your finances (and your family's). The government then calculates an eligibility number, also called an Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Based on that number, colleges and universities can provide you with a financial aid package.

The FAFSA opens October 1 and should be completed as soon as possible. You'll use tax information from 2017 to complete the FAFSA for 2019.

HOW DO I SEND MY FAFSA TO UNC?

If you're filling out the FAFSA for the first time, there will be a place to enter school codes for institutions you're applying to. **UNC's code is 001349.** If you've already submitted your FAFSA, you can log back in using your FSA ID and request that your results be sent to UNC.

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WHAT IS AN FSA ID?

An FSA ID is a username and password that you create on the FAFSA website before you can fill out your FAFSA. It allows you to log in and out of, and electronically sign, your FAFSA. For dependent students, a parent will also need an FSA ID.

WHAT IS A FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE?

Your aid package is how much money an institution can offer you, in the form of loans (money you have to pay back) and grants (money you don't have to pay back). If you receive an aid package from more than one school, it can be very different depending on how much aid that institution has already offered other students, how much money they have to give out (or "disburse"), and other factors. Scholarships also play a role in your financial aid package. You don't have to pay scholarships back, but

there may be additional requirements for earning and maintaining them.

WHAT ARE WORK-STUDY AND FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES?

Work-study funds are earned through part-time employment, but you are only eligible for work-study if it is listed as part of your financial aid package. On your FAFSA, you must check that you are interested in working on campus in order to receive work-study.

HOW DO I AVOID OUT-OF-CONTROL STUDENT LOANS?

One way some students build up so much student debt is by starting college, taking a few classes, and never graduating to get their return on investment. But you should think through your finances before you start college. Look closely at the numbers when you get your financial aid package and talk things through with a financial aid counselor, high school counselor or other trusted mentor. Federal loans, funded by the government, have fixed interest rates and income-driven repayment plans. Private loans don't have quite the same perks, but can help you build your credit and they can offer a variety of payment plans based on employment and school situation.

Completing your degree in 4 years by taking at least 15 credits a semester keeps the student loan borrowing to only 4 years.

I'VE HEARD ABOUT "FAFSA VERIFICATION." WHAT IS THAT?

Each year, the federal government comes up with an algorithm to decide which FAFSAs need to be audited, much like a tax audit. Sometimes this is because of a missing signature or a number that doesn't add up. You will need to submit an additional document. If your FAFSA is selected for verification, UNC will alert you via your BearMail, and the Office of Financial Aid (970-351-2502) will work with you directly if you have any issues completing the verification process.



Last year, **nearly a third of freshmen across the U.S. were flagged for verification.** While the extra step(s) can be frustrating, you shouldn't be alarmed — or take this personally. If you need help navigating those next steps, the people who do this daily at UNC are happy to assist.



I'M NOT A U.S. CITIZEN. CAN I STILL FILE A FAFSA?

The FAFSA is only available for U.S. citizens. If you are an international applicant, please contact International Admissions to see what funding opportunities are available for you. If you are a DREAMer (Undocumented or DACA recipient), please contact the Office of Financial Aid to find out more about your options.

International Admissions

international@unco.edu
+1-970-351-3931

Office of Financial Aid

(Spanish-speaking individuals available)
ofa@unco.edu
970-351-2502

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NET PRICE CALCULATOR

UNC's net price calculator will give you an estimate of costs and let you know if you might qualify for grants and loans. go.unco.edu/price-calculator



HOW CAN I GET A JOB ON CAMPUS?

You can apply for a work-study job or student hourly position (work-study may be part of your FAFSA-based financial aid award, while student hourly positions are available to any student) via Handshake, which is linked under the Student tab on your Ursa account (p. 4) or at unco.joinhandshake.com/login. Students working on-campus jobs can earn between \$10.20 (Colorado minimum wage) and \$15 per hour.

Around 1,500 students work at UNC every year. Go to unco.edu/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/work-study.aspx for more details about student jobs.



Applying for scholarships has been a huge help because it allowed us, for the first time in our lives, to have a stable home and get closer to finishing our education.

-Cassandra Toca '18 and Sandra Toca '18, Greeley



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COMPLETE YOUR UNC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

In addition to your FAFSA-driven financial aid package (p. 8), UNC provides a couple ways to help fund your college education. We highly recommend you submit this application by the priority deadline of March 1.

UNCO.ACADEMICWORKS.COM

WHAT IS THE UNC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION?

The UNC Scholarship Application is one central application where you can apply to hundreds of scholarships available to UNC students who meet a wide variety of criteria.

WHAT DO I NEED IN ORDER TO FILL OUT MY UNC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION?

You'll need your Bear number, which was posted along with your admission decision. You can look it up by logging back into your UNC applicant account, where you can also view your enrollment information (program, start term, site and residency classification).

DO I NEED TO WRITE AN ESSAY FOR THE UNC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION?

After you submit the initial UNC Scholarship Application, you will have the opportunity to choose which scholarships you want to provide additional material for (to complete those scholarships' application requirements). Certain scholarships require an essay or other additional information while others may not require additional information.

COLLEGEINCOLORADO.ORG

Colorado students: You need to complete a brief application for the College Opportunity Fund (COF) stipend, which allows UNC to offer you tuition even lower than the official resident tuition. Do this at collegeincolorado.org, and then go to the Financial tab in Ursa (p. 4) to authorize the COF stipend to be used at UNC. The stipend will show up on your student bill, which is available right before school starts.

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COMPLETE YOUR HOUSING CONTRACT

The sooner you submit your housing contract, the better chance you have of receiving your first-choice housing assignment. You can do this once you've submitted your Enrollment Confirmation Deposit. Many more details about housing and dining are available online.

[UNCO.EDU/HOUSING](https://unco.edu/housing)

HOW DO I APPLY FOR HOUSING?

To apply for on-campus housing, submit the online contract available at unco.edu/housing along with your \$100 housing deposit (or the fee waiver). Your application will not be considered complete until you pay the deposit.

WHEN CAN I SUBMIT MY HOUSING CONTRACT?

You can submit your housing contract once your confirmation deposit (p. 6) has been received and processed (a business day or two after submitting). The housing contract is available starting October 6.

HOW DO I REQUEST DISABILITY-RELATED ACCOMMODATIONS?

For full details, see unco.edu/dss. The priority deadline for disability housing accommodation requests is June 1 if you're starting at UNC in the fall.

DO I NEED TO LIVE ON CAMPUS?

If you are under 21, are not living with a parent or legal guardian in the local area, and have fewer than 20 college

credit hours earned after high school graduation, you are required to live on campus through your first academic year at UNC.

IF I LIVE LOCALLY, WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

If you live in one of the local school districts, please complete the "Living in the Local Area" form, found on UNC's housing website.

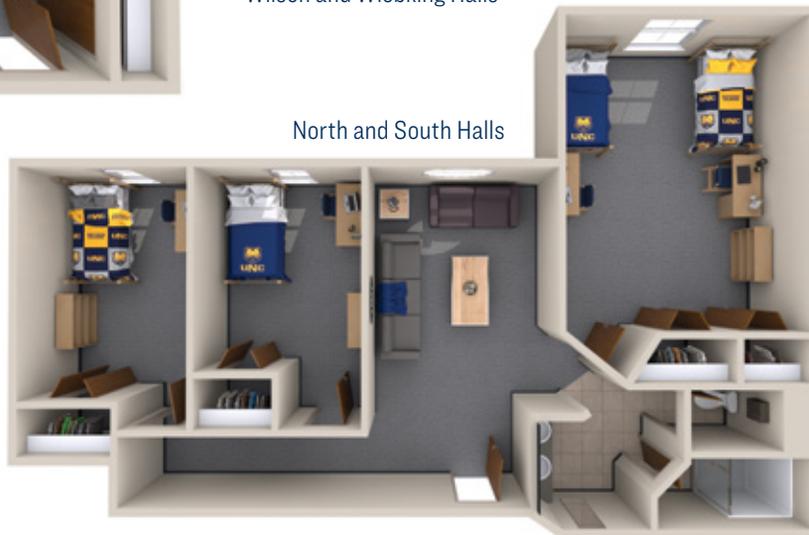
WHY DO I HAVE TO LIVE ON CAMPUS?

Statistics have shown that students who live on campus their first year have a higher graduation rate and better academic performance than their off-campus peers. Living on campus means you'll be integrated into the campus community, close to your classes and campus resources. It frees up commuting and meal prep time as you adjust to your college course load. It also means you will be part of the residential education system, where events and networks are designed to complement your academic and social experience. Residential staff — full-time professionals and current students who have recently gone through the same transition — are able to get to know you and help you through any challenges you might encounter in your first year at UNC.

Harrison Hall



Wilson and Wiebking Halls



North and South Halls

WHAT ARE MY HOUSING OPTIONS?

CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALLS

UNC offers on-campus suite-style, apartment-style and community-style housing. Each residence hall has its own floor plans (which you can view online), but all rooms are furnished with twin beds, mattresses, desks, chairs, window coverings and clothing storage. The cost of your room also covers cable, internet and laundry. All residence halls have a front desk open 24/7 and require card access to enter the building for security.



SUITE STYLE

Single or double bedroom options, a common shared living room and a private bathroom (some with separate shower and toilet room within the suite).



APARTMENT STYLE

Single or double bedroom options, a common shared living room, a private bathroom and kitchen within the suite.



COMMUNITY STYLE

Double bedrooms with community bathrooms and showers on each floor. These halls offer community TV and study lounges and kitchen areas.

ARLINGTON PARK APARTMENTS

UNC offers apartments two blocks from campus, which have a 12-month lease option. These two- and four-bedroom units are fully furnished and include water (gas and electric are not included), internet and extended basic cable. Most units have private laundry. Arlington Park includes a community space and fitness center.

WHERE SHOULD I LIVE ON CAMPUS?

You'll most likely have classes on both sides of campus. But you can generally assume that certain programs will have the majority of their classes in certain areas:

- **Central Campus**
Business, Health Sciences, Performing and Visual Arts
Central Campus accommodates more than 1,000 students and is where you'll find the Tudor-style residence halls of Presidents Row, Tobey-Kendel Dining Room, the Student Health Center, the Counseling Center and Skinner Music Library.
- **West Campus**
Education, Humanities, Behavioral Sciences, Social Sciences, STEM
West Campus features some of the larger residence halls, accommodating more than 2,000 students. Holmes Dining Hall, the Campus Recreation Center, the intramural fields, Michener Library and Butler-Hancock Athletics Center are all located on West Campus.

WHAT ARE RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES?

Residential Learning Communities (RLCs) are floors where you live with people who have similar interests, goals or academic pursuits as yours. Each academic RLC is connected to its corresponding department on campus. Resident advisors in some academic RLCs also serve as certified tutors, providing free tutoring to their residents. Some majors offer students the chance to enroll in courses with others in their RLC.

Learning Communities

- Biology
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Cumbres (ESL educators)
- Elementary Education
- First Generation
- Global Village
- Honors
- Leadership
- Monfort College of Business
- Outdoor Pursuits
- Performing and Visual Arts
- Pre-Nursing
- Gender, Romantic, and Sexual Identities

WHAT OTHER HOUSING OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

Gender Inclusive

UNC's Gender Inclusive living option allows students of many genders to live together. This may be for you if your gender identification and/or expression varies from binary; if you are uncomfortable living with a roommate of the same biological sex; and/or if you want to live with friends or family. This community is intended for you to feel safe and have a sense of belonging.

Note: You'll need to complete the Gender Inclusive Agreement on the Housing & Residential Education website if you choose this option.

Pet Friendly

If you want to bring a pet or want to live around animals, this option may be for you.

Note: There are limited spaces in this community, and students are assigned first-come, first-served. You must attend a pet-friendly orientation and complete a pet-friendly housing agreement.

Women's Community

If you are a female student and want to live in our female-only floor on central campus, this housing option may be for you.

As of October 1, 2017, Housing & Residential Education states students with disabilities approved for single rooms, or other requested accommodations required by Disability Support Services, as housing accommodations are not charged a supplemental single-room premium or room buyout charge solely because of the need for the accommodation.



WHAT ARE "HOUSING TIERS"?

Housing tiers at UNC are different pricing levels of the residence halls, depending on the features of each hall. For example, Harrison Hall, one of the most popular for first-year students, is a Tier 2 housing option (UNC's published costs are based on Tier 2 housing). You can view floor plans and features of each residence hall at unco.edu/housing.



HOW ARE ROOMMATES AND ROOMS ASSIGNED?

The Housing and Residential Education Office determines your roommate, Residential Learning Community and residence hall based on your housing contract completion date, your roommate compatibility survey and your housing tier preferences. Your housing deposit must be submitted before you will be assigned a room and roommate. Requesting a roommate or particular hall does not guarantee those placements; however, the sooner you complete your contract, the more likely you will be assigned your preferences. You will be able to log back in to your UNC applicant account to see your assignment after July 15. You can then contact your roommate through email or social media.



WHAT IS THE FACULTY IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM?

UNC's Faculty In Residence (FIR) program is where a faculty member lives in a separate apartment within certain residence halls. The FIR might sponsor activities such as ski trips, international film nights and other programs related to their expertise. By living in a residence hall that has a FIR, you'll have even more access to networking and advising with an esteemed faculty member. This is part of UNC's promise to connect you with professionals who can help you achieve your academic goals.



HOW DO I COMMUNICATE MY HOUSING PREFERENCES?

In order to let the Housing office know your top priorities, first decide which preference is most important to you: your roommate, your Residential Learning Community, or your housing tier. Then complete your housing application according to the following chart.

- 1 ROOMMATE**
- 2 RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITY (RLC)**
- 3 HOUSING TIER**

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UNCO.EDU/DINING

WHAT WILL I EAT ON CAMPUS?

UNC has two main dining halls, led by four award-winning chefs, plus a Food Court and Bears Bistro at the University Center. Across campus, retail dining options include Einstein Bros® Bagels, Subway®, Munchy Mart, Sushi with Gusto® and three coffee stops.

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR A MEAL PLAN?

If you're living in the residence halls, you'll automatically be enrolled in the 19 Meals Per Week + 15 Bonus Meals + 150 Dining Dollars plan. You can change your plan when you complete your housing contract or change your meal plan on unco.edu/dining after you've registered for classes.

WHAT ARE DINING DOLLARS?

Dining Dollars are loaded onto your student ID (along with your meal swipes) and can be used at all retail food and vending locations on campus. You can add Dining Dollars throughout the semester for convenience.



Go to unco.edu/dining to look up dining room menus, check nutrition labels for UNC meal items, consult with UNC's dietitian and find out about annual special events like Taste of UNC or Thanksgiving Brunch.



You or a family member can load Dining Dollars onto your card at go.unco.edu/diningcontract.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-19 COMBINED HOUSING AND DINING RATES (PER YEAR)

	10 MEALS/WEEK (Includes 25 Bonus Meals + \$250 in Dining Dollars)	14 MEALS/WEEK (Includes 20 Bonus Meals + \$200 in Dining Dollars)	19 MEALS/WEEK (Includes 15 Bonus Meals + \$150 in Dining Dollars)	ANY MEAL/ANY TIME (Includes 10 Bonus Meals + \$100 in Dining Dollars)
TIER 1 Belford, Decker, Gordon, Sabin, Snyder, Wiebking, Wilson	\$9,900	\$10,480	\$10,990	\$11,440
TIER 2 Harrison, Sabin and Snyder Deluxe Doubles	\$10,114	\$10,694	\$11,204	\$11,654
TIER 3 Brown, Luján, Dickeson, Bond, Hansen-Willis, Lawrenson Efficiencies	\$10,614	\$11,194	\$11,704	\$12,154
TIER 4 Turner Efficiencies, Lawrenson Apartments	\$10,982	\$11,562	\$12,072	\$12,522
TIER 5 Turner Suites	\$11,460	\$12,040	\$12,550	\$13,000
TIER 6 North Hall, South Hall	\$11,726	\$12,306	\$12,816	\$13,266

*Harrison and Lawrenson Halls are open during the break periods at no additional cost.



After touring a few schools, I knew that UNC was the right fit for me. I loved the balance between having small classes at a mid-size university with big-school amenities and opportunities.

-Ruby Manoles '15, Orono, Minnesota



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SUBMIT YOUR IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

You must submit your immunization records before you can attend New Student Orientation. At a minimum, you'll need MMR and meningitis vaccines to live on campus.

[UNCO.EDU/STUDENT-HEALTH-CENTER/IMMUNIZATION-REQUIREMENTS.ASPX](https://unco.edu/student-health-center/immunization-requirements.aspx)

WHAT VACCINES ARE REQUIRED?

Colorado State Law requires all university students born on or after January 1, 1957, to submit proof of two MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccinations. A meningitis vaccine that covers ACWY strains is required in order to live in the residence halls.

WHAT DOCUMENTATION DO I NEED TO SUBMIT?

You need to submit immunization records from your doctor's office or K-12 school records. A titer showing immunity to measles, mumps and rubella is also acceptable. Check the Student Health Center website before you submit your materials; certain health-related majors require more immunizations.

HOW DO I SUBMIT MY DOCUMENTATION?

You can download the immunization form at unco.edu/student-health-center/forms.aspx, then submit it using one of the following methods:

Fax: 970-351-3234

Email: debra.miller@unco.edu

Mail: University of Northern Colorado
UNC Student Health Services
Immunization Coordinator
Campus Box 46
Greeley, CO 80639

If you have any questions, please call the Immunizations Office at 970-351-1919.

WHAT IF I HAVEN'T BEEN VACCINATED?

According to Colorado law, MMR and meningitis vaccinations are prerequisites for living in the residence halls. Similar requirements are in place at colleges and universities throughout the United States and reflect U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations. However, medical, religious and personal exemptions are allowed under the law. Please contact the immunization coordinator for more details at debra.miller@unco.edu or 970-351-1919.



SUBMIT YOUR **FINAL** HIGH SCHOOL **TRANSCRIPT**

UNC will place a hold on your future course registration until you've submitted your final high school transcript, so this needs to be done as soon as you have graduated high school. Your final transcripts show that you've successfully completed your high school coursework.

 **ADMISSIONS@UNCO.EDU**

HOW DO I SUBMIT MY TRANSCRIPTS?

Once you've graduated, ask your high school counselor to send your official transcript, complete with your final GPA and graduation date, to UNC's Office of Admissions. They can submit it via Naviance or using one of the following methods:

Email: admissions@unco.edu

Mail: UNC Office of Admissions
Carter Hall 3006
Campus Box 10
Greeley, CO 80639

WHAT ABOUT AP, IB OR CONCURRENT COURSE TRANSCRIPTS?

In order to receive credit, you should also send Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) test results and concurrent enrollment college transcripts to the Office of Admissions.

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ATTEND NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

New Student Orientation takes place the summer before you start classes. This two-day event, offered multiple times throughout the summer, is required for all first-year students — and it's where you sign up for classes.

[UNCO.EDU/ORIENTATION](https://unco.edu/orientation)

WHAT IS NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION?

New Student Orientation (NSO) is an on-campus event, required for all first-year students, that is designed to familiarize you with UNC's campus and resources and prepare you for a smooth transition once classes begin. In addition to group activities and informational sessions, you'll register for classes and get your student ID during orientation.

HOW DO I MAKE MY RESERVATION?

You can make your reservation and complete pre-orientation at unco.edu/orientation. The pre-orientation will take about an hour and prepare you for any additional steps you may need to take before orientation (such as submitting immunization documents, p. 18). When you

complete your reservation, you can also register parents or other support people for Parent Orientation.

Registration for orientation opens in the spring, and you can make your reservation once you've submitted your Enrollment Confirmation Deposit (p. 6).

WHERE WILL I STAY AND EAT DURING NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION?

You'll stay in a residence hall on campus, along with your fellow Bears. You'll eat in UNC's dining halls.

IS THERE A COST TO NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION?

Your orientation costs are covered by your student fees and include meals and housing. Parent Orientation has a small cost for each guest.



WHAT IF I'M STARTING AT UNC IN THE SPRING SEMESTER?

If you're starting at UNC in the spring, you're required to attend a one-day, in-person orientation. You'll still make your reservation online at unco.edu/orientation.

WHAT ACCOMMODATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION?

For physical or learning disability-related accommodations, please contact Disability Support Services (970-351-2289 or disabilitysupport@unco.edu). If you would like a single-occupancy room due to safety concerns or gender identity, please contact the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center (gsrc@unco.edu).

IS SPANISH INTERPRETATION AVAILABLE DURING NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION?

Spanish interpretation is available during select orientation sessions throughout the summer. Check the website for more details.

WHAT IS PARENT ORIENTATION?

Parent Orientation is an optional event offered at the same time as New Student Orientation to make sure both you and your support people are well-prepared for you to start at UNC. You can make a reservation for your parent(s) or support person when you complete your own reservation. There is a small cost for guests to attend that covers meals and materials. On-campus lodging is not available to anyone except students.

WHAT IS LaUNCH?

LaUNCH is a four-day experience with your fellow Bears. LaUNCH trips are typically adventure-based or art-based and include a volunteer experience. Find out more at unco.edu/orientation/launch.

IS THERE A MATH ASSESSMENT?

Most students will be asked to complete an assessment to help UNC recommend the most appropriate first math course to take. You should complete the assessment after registering for orientation and before attending in person. You will receive details after you make your orientation reservation; for now, just be aware that this resource exists.

WHEN AND HOW DO I REGISTER FOR CLASSES?

You will register for classes at orientation, with the help of an advisor. If you are unable to attend orientation during the summer due to distance, you can attend the session right before classes start.



WHAT IS I'M FIRST?

If you're a first-generation student (i.e. if neither of your parents holds a four-year degree), you're invited to attend the I'm First workshop in the morning of the first day of orientation. This workshop will help you and your family know what to expect as you begin college. Go to unco.edu/orientation/first-year/im-first.aspx to find out more.



OTHER RECOMMENDED STEPS: RESOURCES + PARKING + HEALTH INSURANCE

The following steps — checking out campus resources and activities, purchasing your parking permit and completing your online health insurance waiver — may or may not apply to you. Scan these steps to see if you need to take action.

[UNCO.EDU/STUDENT-SUPPORT](https://unco.edu/student-support)

WHY SHOULD I EXPLORE CAMPUS RESOURCES?

UNC offers a wide array of resources that are available to you throughout your time at UNC. You may find it valuable to start making connections before you arrive, such as at one of the 7 Strong resource and cultural centers. The Center for Human Enrichment (a support program and family for first-generation, low-income students) requires an application the spring before you arrive on campus.

[UNCO.EDU/CAMPUS-RECREATION](https://unco.edu/campus-recreation)

WHAT ARE THE RECREATIONAL AND FITNESS ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE?

Attend NCAA Division I athletics events, join an intramural or club sports team, work out at the Rec Center, and borrow outdoor sports and camping equipment for free from UNC's Gear Shop. The Campus Recreation Center has more than 10,000 feet of strength and conditioning spaces, three multi-purpose gymnasiums, indoor track, raquetball courts, indoor climbing wall, a lap pool and more.



7 STRONG

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



UNCO.EDU/PARKING

DO I NEED A PARKING PERMIT?

If you're bringing a car to campus, we recommend you purchase a parking permit before you arrive. You can do so starting August 1 under the Financial tab of your Ursa account (p. 4).

UNCO.EDU/VIRTUALTOUR

TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR

Take a stroll through campus from the comfort of your living room. The virtual tour, as well as the online campus map, allows you to get to know the contours that will shape your college experience.

UNCO.EDU/STUDENT-HEALTH-CENTER

WHAT IS THE STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE WAIVER?

If you enroll in nine or more credit hours (which you will, if you're a full-time student), you'll automatically be enrolled in the UNC-sponsored health insurance plan unless you provide documentation that you have comparable insurance by the 10th day of classes the semester you start. You can submit your online health insurance waiver under the Student tab of your Ursa account (p. 4).



I'M PLANNING AHEAD FOR MY SEMESTER. HOW DO I FIND EXAM AND VACATION DATES?

You can view a semester calendar at unco.edu/registrar/calendars.

FALL 2019 KEY DATES

- Aug. 22 — Residence halls open
- Aug. 26 — Classes begin
- Sept. 2 — Labor Day holiday
- Nov. 27 to Dec. 1 — Thanksgiving holiday
- Dec. 9-13 — Final exams
- Dec. 14 — Residence halls close

UNCO.EDU/STUDENT-LIFE

UNC's Office of Student Life exists to connect you with opportunities throughout your time at UNC. You can start or participate in a student organization, volunteer or pledge a sorority or fraternity. Getting involved is one of the best ways to help you adjust to life at UNC and to realize that you are a valuable part of the UNC community.



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#success

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