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## *Student Guide*

First-Year Students | 2020-2021



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NORTHERN COLORADO

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# Congratulations!

*You're in! Wondering what's next? Follow this step-by-step guide to become a Bear.*

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Log back in to your applicant portal for an electronic checklist at [admissions.unco.edu/account/login](https://admissions.unco.edu/account/login)



*“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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# Activate your Ursa and BearMail accounts

Do this first (even if you're still deciding on a college) so that you can receive UNC emails and complete your housing contract.



## WHAT IS URSA?

Ursa is your online portal for registering for classes and 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.



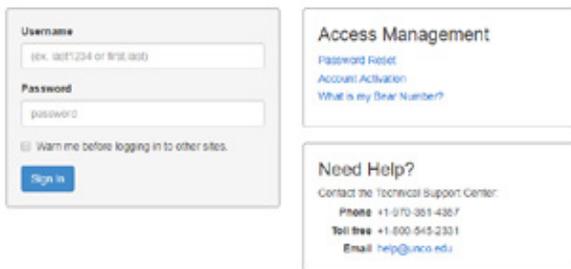
## WHAT IS BEARMAIL?

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

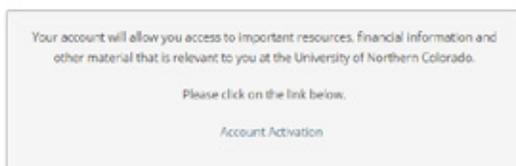
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Contact the Technical Support Center at 970-351-4357 or visit [help.unco.edu](mailto:help@unco.edu).

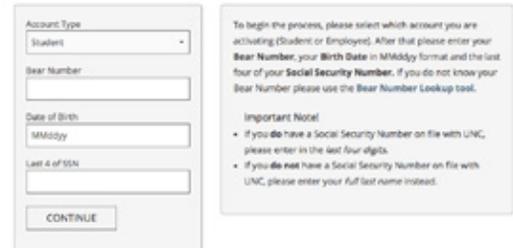
1 Go to [ursa.unco.edu](https://ursa.unco.edu) and click on **account activation**.



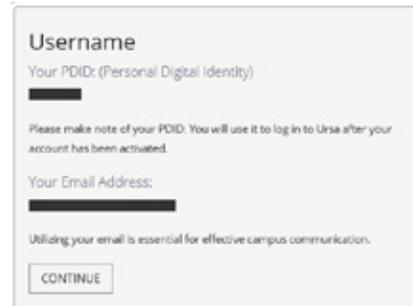
2 Select **Account Activation**.



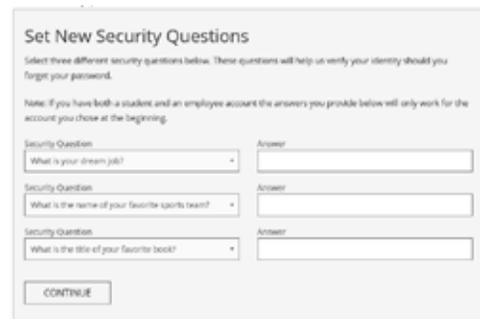
3 Follow the directions on the screen, entering your Bear number, date of birth and the last four digits of your Social Security Number. Click **Continue**.



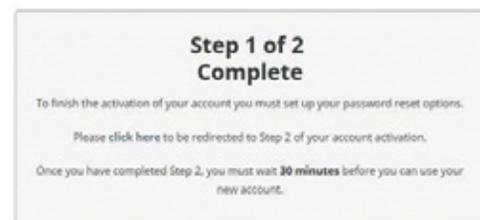
4 Your PDID (username) and UNC email address will be displayed. Make sure to write this information down or save it for future reference. Click **Continue**.



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



6 Create a strong password, then click **Set Password**. You will be done with Step 1 of your account activation. Click on the link to be redirected to Step 2.





# Make your Enrollment Confirmation Deposit

Complete this step so you can sign up for housing (p. 9) and orientation (p. 17).

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



*"The best thing about a UNC education is that it allows you to pivot. And this is a great thing for an entrepreneur, because you can have a journalism degree and successfully run a construction company."*

**Denise Burgess '82**  
Owner, Burgess Services

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# File your FAFSA

If you haven't filed your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or you haven't had it sent to UNC, do that now. Then UNC can make decisions about how much financial aid to offer you.



## WHAT IS THE FAFSA?

FAFSA is short for "Free Application for Federal Student Aid." To complete the FAFSA, you provide information about you and your family's finances. 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 2018 to complete the FAFSA for aid year 2020-21.

## WHAT IS AN FSA ID?

A FSA ID is a username, used in conjunction with a 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 a FSA ID and password.

## 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 add UNC's school code (001349).

March 1 is the priority deadline to complete the FAFSA. **UNC's school code is 001349.**

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Check your BearMail and Ursa account frequently for updates.

## WHAT IS A FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE?

Your financial aid package is how much money an institution can offer you, in the form of grants and scholarships (money you don't have to pay back), loans (money you have to pay back), and work study (jobs finalized by state or federal government). 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, and other factors. Scholarships may have additional requirements for earning and maintaining them.

## WHAT IS WORK-STUDY?

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 work-study in order to be considered. Students not work-study eligible may still work on campus under non-work study positions.



## HOW CAN I GET A JOB ON CAMPUS?

You can apply for a work-study or non-work study job via Handshake, which is linked under the Student tab on your Ursa account (p. 4) or at [unco.joinhandshake.com/login](https://unco.joinhandshake.com/login). Students working on-campus jobs can earn between \$11.10 (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](https://unco.edu/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/work-study.aspx) for more details about student jobs.



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

Creating a budget can help you manage your money and spending habits, as well as estimate how much money you'll need to borrow. You don't have to take the maximum amount of loans awarded to you. Taking out a student loan — and making payments on time — will help establish and maintain a good credit rating once you graduate. Know all your costs before you owe. Make sure you have enough financial support to cover your UNC bill.



Watch UNC's budgeting tips for college:  
[youtu.be/v7Je1B0DuQQ](https://youtu.be/v7Je1B0DuQQ)

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



### 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](https://go.unco.edu/price-calculator)

### WHAT IS FAFSA VERIFICATION?

Each year, the federal government comes up with an algorithm to decide which FAFSAs need to be verified, much like a tax audit. Sometimes this is because of a missing signature or a number that doesn't add up, or a random selection.

If your FAFSA is selected you will need to submit additional documentation, UNC will alert you via your BearMail, and the Office of Financial Aid (970-351-4862) 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. 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 a DREAMer (Undocumented or DACA recipient), please contact the Office of Financial Aid to find out more about your options.

#### Office of Financial Aid

ofa@unco.edu  
970-351-4862



# Complete your UNC Scholarship Application

Submit the application by February 1.

 [unco.academicworks.com](https://unco.academicworks.com)

## WHAT IS THE UNC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION?

It's one central application where you can apply for 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 portal, where you can also view your enrollment information (program, start term 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.

## COLORADO RESIDENTS COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY FUND STIPEND

[collegeincolorado.org](https://collegeincolorado.org)

Colorado students: You need to complete a brief application for the COF stipend which allows UNC to offer you tuition even lower than the official resident tuition. Do this, 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.



*"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**, Spanish and Mexican American Studies;  
**Sandra Toca '18**, Criminal Justice and Sociology  
Greeley



## Complete your housing contract

*The sooner you submit your housing contract (Residence Halls, Arlington Park Apartments and University Owned Houses), 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](https://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. 5) has been received and processed (a business day or two after submitting). The housing contract is available starting November 1.

#### **HOW DO I REQUEST DISABILITY-RELATED ACCOMMODATIONS?**

For full details, see [unco.edu/disability-resource-center](https://unco.edu/disability-resource-center). 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're 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're required to live on campus through your first academic year at UNC.

*\*This is based on the 2019-2020 academic year requirements. This is subject to change for the 2020-2021 academic year.*

#### **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?**

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'll 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 — get to know you and help you through your first year at UNC.

Harrison Hall



Wilson and Wiebking Halls



North and South Halls

As of October 1, 2017, Housing and Residential Education states students with disabilities approved for single rooms, or other requested accommodations required by Disability Resource Center, 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 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.



### 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'll be assigned a room and roommate. Requesting a roommate or particular hall doesn't guarantee those placements; however, the sooner you complete your contract, the more likely you'll be assigned your preferences. You'll be able to log back in to your UNC applicant account to see your assignment after **May 29**. Then you'll be able to contact your roommate through email or social media.



### **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.

### **UNIVERSITY-OWNED HOUSES**

Students who are upper classmen are eligible to live in our University-Owned Houses. There are double and single rooms within the houses. All contracts are academic year contracts. The houses do remain open over winter and spring break. The houses provide kitchens, shared living rooms and bathrooms.

### **WHERE SHOULD I LIVE ON CAMPUS?**

You'll most likely have classes on both sides of campus. But certain programs will have most of their classes grouped by campus:

- **Central Campus**

*Business, Health Sciences, Performing and Visual Arts*

Central Campus houses more than 1,000 students. This 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 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 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.



## 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. Be sure to consider the housing tier if selecting a Residential Learning Community.

### 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're 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: Complete the Gender Inclusive Agreement on the Housing and 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're a female student and want to live in our female-only floor on central campus, this housing option may be for you.

Students who participate in RLCs tend to be more likely to return second semester, tend to earn more credits, and have the chance to network for their careers starting the first semester of college.

## HOW DO I COMMUNICATE MY HOUSING PREFERENCES?

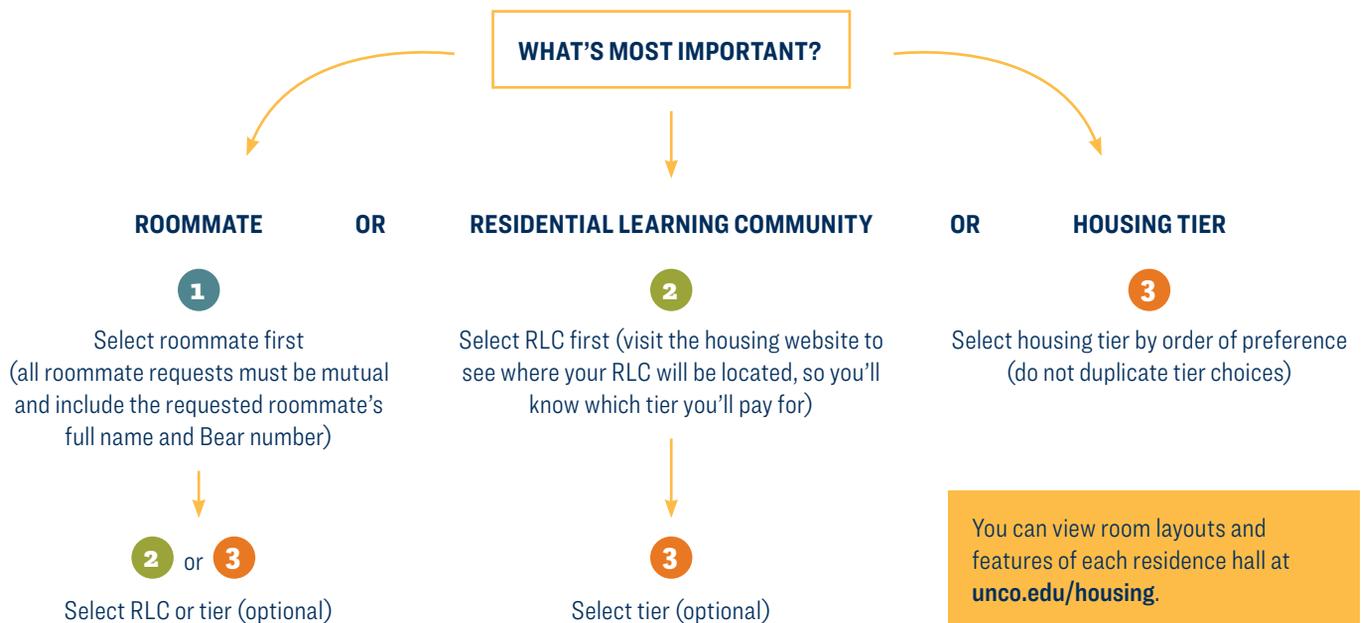
First, decide which preference is most important to you: your roommate, your Residential Learning Community, or your housing tier. Then complete your housing application according to the following chart.

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

## 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).

*Note: The housing tiers are based on the 2019-20 academic years rates. This is subject to change for the 2020-2021 academic year.*



*“UNC is a diverse place, and the clubs and organizations allow you to meet every kind of person with every kind of interest and belief.”*

**Quentin Choy '22**, Political Science  
O’ahu, Hawai’i



*“You can do the thing you’re passionate about in a lot of different ways if you keep your mind open and you stay flexible, but you stick to what you believe in.”*

**Abraham M. Denmark, '00**, Director of the Asia Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and a Senior Fellow at the Wilson Center’s Kissinger Institute on China and the States

## [unco.edu/dining](http://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.

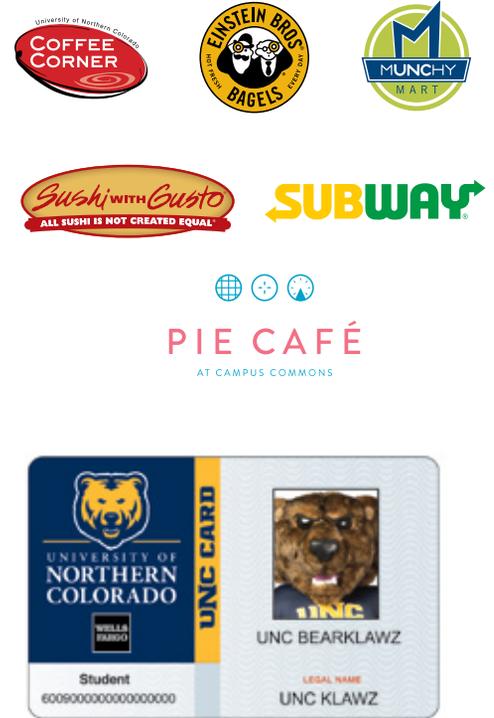
### HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR A MEAL PLAN?

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](http://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](http://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](http://go.unco.edu/diningcontract).

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-20 COMBINED HOUSING AND DINING RATES (PER SEMESTER)

<a href="http://unco.edu/housing/rates/combined_rates.aspx">unco.edu/housing/rates/combined_rates.aspx</a>	<b>10 MEALS/WEEK</b> (Includes 25 Bonus Meals + \$250 in Dining Dollars)	<b>14 MEALS/WEEK</b> (Includes 20 Bonus Meals + \$200 in Dining Dollars)	<b>19 MEALS/WEEK</b> (Includes 15 Bonus Meals + \$150 in Dining Dollars)	<b>ANY MEAL/ANY TIME</b> (Includes 10 Bonus Meals + \$100 in Dining Dollars)
<b>TIER 1</b> Belford, Decker, Gordon, Sabin, Snyder, Wiebking, Wilson	\$4,950	\$5,240	\$5,495	\$5,720
<b>TIER 2</b> Harrison, Sabin and Snyder Deluxe Doubles	\$5,057	\$5,347	\$5,602	\$5,827
<b>TIER 3</b> Brown, Luján, Dickeson, Bond, Hansen-Willis, Lawrenson Efficiencies	\$5,307	\$5,597	\$5,852	\$6,077
<b>TIER 4</b> Turner Efficiencies, Lawrenson Apartments	\$5,491	\$5,781	\$6,036	\$6,261
<b>TIER 5</b> Turner Suites	\$5,730	\$6,020	\$6,275	\$6,500
<b>TIER 6</b> North Hall, South Hall	\$5,863	\$6,153	\$6,408	\$6,633

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



## Submit your immunization records

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*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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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've graduated.

 [admissions@unco.edu](mailto: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](mailto:admissions@unco.edu)

**Mail:** UNC Office of Admissions  
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.



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

**Kevion Ellis '18**, International Affairs  
Paris, Texas

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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.

Registration for orientation opens in the spring, and you can make your reservation once you've submitted your Enrollment Confirmation Deposit (p. 5).

### HOW DO I MAKE MY RESERVATION?

You can make your reservation and complete pre-orientation at [unco.edu/orientation](https://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. 15). When you complete your reservation, you can also register parents or other support people for Parent Orientation.

### WHERE WILL I STAY AND EAT DURING NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION?

You'll stay in a residence hall on campus, along with your fellow Bears and will 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 fee per guest.

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

If you're starting UNC in the spring, you'll still attend a required in-person orientation. Make your reservation and find more details online at [unco.edu/orientation](https://unco.edu/orientation).

### WHAT ACCOMMODATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION?

For physical or learning disability-related accommodations, please contact Disability Resource Center (970-351-2289 or [drc@unco.edu](mailto:drc@unco.edu)). If you'd like a single-occupancy room due to safety concerns or

gender identity, please contact the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center ([gsrc@unco.edu](mailto: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's a small cost for guests to attend that covers meals and materials. Parents and support people will need to make their own overnight accommodations.

### 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](https://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'll 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'll register for classes at orientation, with the help of an advisor. If you can't 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](https://unco.edu/orientation/first-year/im-first.aspx) to find out more.



# Getting connected

Getting connected with your fellow Bears through clubs and organizations, support resources and faculty guidance will help you thrive and grow at UNC.

## [unco.edu/student-affairs](https://unco.edu/student-affairs)

### UNC'S DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Division of Student Affairs provides you college support in a co-curricular environment and an experience that inspires you academically, intellectually, socially and emotionally. With the diversity of our campus community in mind, UNC's Division of Student Affairs uses a career readiness approach to nurture a culture of care to strengthen your learning experience and provide a transformative education experience.

The Division of Student Affairs offers a wide-range of support throughout your college journey. The following are just a few resources at your fingertips. For a full listing of resources, go to [unco.edu/student-affairs/student-support](https://unco.edu/student-affairs/student-support).

### BEAR PANTRY

[unco.edu/bear-pantry](https://unco.edu/bear-pantry)

UNC's on campus food bank, supports students struggling to access sufficient, affordable, and nutritious food while pursuing their education.

### CAMPUS RECREATION

[unco.edu/campus-recreation](https://unco.edu/campus-recreation)

Live a healthy lifestyle, play sports, and go on trips and adventures with your fellow Bears.

### CENTER FOR CAREER READINESS

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

Gain career experience and apply your knowledge within your chosen program in the world of employment or discover which program of study you're really wanting to pursue.

### DEAN OF STUDENTS

[unco.edu/dean-of-students](https://unco.edu/dean-of-students)

Share your concern with the Dean of Students to have your student issues resolved through consultation with faculty and staff.

### OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

[unco.edu/student-life](https://unco.edu/student-life)

Get involved on campus by joining a club, fraternity, sorority, or student senate, or you can help plan the big campus events.

### COUNSELING CENTER

[unco.edu/counseling-center](https://unco.edu/counseling-center)

Be supported throughout your college journey by taking advantage of the free counseling services offered on campus.

### DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

[unco.edu/disability-resource-center](https://unco.edu/disability-resource-center)

Receive accommodations, resources, education and direct services you need to make your college experience a welcoming and comfortable environment.

### DEPARTMENT OF EQUITY AND INCLUSION

[unco.edu/equity-inclusion](https://unco.edu/equity-inclusion)

Be a part of a tight-knit community that offers student development around diversity, equity, and social justice.



*"At UNC, there is a sense of community that I think is rare to find on a college campus. People are incredibly warm — when I first toured UNC, people all over campus welcomed us. I knew UNC was where I wanted to be."*

**Camille Foster '21**, International Affairs  
Golden, CO



# Other recommended steps

## [unco.edu/parking](https://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/student-health-center](https://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).

## [unco.edu/registrar/calendars](https://unco.edu/registrar/calendars)

### HOW DO I FIND EXAM AND VACATION DATES?

Plan ahead for the semester and view key dates on the UNC calendar.

### FALL 2020 KEY DATES

- Aug. 20 — Residence halls open
- Aug. 24 — Classes begin
- Sept. 7 — Labor Day holiday
- Nov. 25-29 — Thanksgiving holiday
- Dec. 7-11 — Final exams
- Dec. 12 — Residence halls close



### DAILY TOURS

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

- Monday through Friday and select Saturdays  
10 a.m. and/or 1:30 p.m.



### DESTINATION UNC

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

- Monday, Feb. 17, 2020
- Friday, March 27, 2020
- Friday, April 17, 2020



### VIRTUAL TOUR

If you want to explore UNC from the comfort of your home, go to [unco.edu/virtualtour](https://unco.edu/virtualtour)

Check [unco.edu/visit](https://unco.edu/visit) for other opportunities to meet with your counselor when they travel near you, to set up a Skype session, or to attend another special campus visit event.



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