

WHAT WILL *your* STORY BE?

UNDERGRADUATE VIEWBOOK, 2025-26



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**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. You belong here!

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. As a research university, you will have the opportunity to work alongside faculty in the lab, in the field, on stage and elsewhere. This makes you much more 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 Colorado's newest Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and to serve more than 44% of our undergraduates who are the first in their families to graduate from college.

Your Story 
STARTS HERE

8,950
students

140,000+
alumni

200+
undergraduate and graduate programs

44%
first-generation students

26%
As Colorado's newest
Hispanic Serving Institution,
more than 1/4 of our students
identify as Hispanic/Latine



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.**

At our just-right sized university, you can take advantage of big opportunities. You'll find impressive, nationally recognized academic programs and research projects to make an impact across diverse fields — from health sciences, education and business to humanities and performing and visual arts.

Get a more personal education at a university that's small enough so your professors know your name.

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





COMMON 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 as they are known, 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.

FIRST-TIME STUDENT VS. TRANSFER STUDENT

Students who graduated from high school and are enrolling in college for the first time at the undergraduate level are considered first-time students. Students who are entering UNC with advanced standing (college credits earned before graduating from high school) are also considered first-time students. Any students who have completed any college-level coursework, including technical or vocational courses, after high school graduation are considered transfer students at UNC.

ACCELERATED MASTER'S PROGRAMS

UNC offers students in select programs an accelerated pathway to complete their bachelor's and master's in five years, whereas most master's degrees take at least an additional two years to complete.

FIND YOUR FOCUS

With more than 200 degree programs across five colleges, you will find an area to study that matches your interests at UNC.



Explore all programs: unco.edu/programs



All programs available at Greeley Campus
*Center of Urban Education: Denver-Lowry Campus
+Extended Campus: Hybrid/Distance-Online

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: Graphic Design (B.A.)
Art & Design: Studio Art (B.A.)
Asian Studies (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 (Grades 6-12) (B.S.)
Business Administration: Accounting (B.S.)
Business Administration: Computer Information Systems (B.S.)
Business Administration: Entrepreneurship (B.S.)
Business Administration: Finance (B.S.)
Business Administration: General Business (B.S.)
Business Administration: Hospitality and Event Management (B.S.)
Business Administration: Human Resource Management (B.S.)
Business Administration: Institute Risk Management (B.S.)
Business Administration: Management (B.S.)

Business Administration: Marketing (B.S.)
Business Administration: Wealth Asset Management (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 (Grades 6-12) (B.S.)
Climate Science (B.S.)
Climate Science: Meteorology (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
Data Science and Statistics (B.S.)
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.)
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: Literature, Culture, and Creativity (B.A.)

English Secondary Education: Cultural & Linguistic Diverse Education (Grades 6-12) (B.A.)

English Secondary Education: English Language Literature (Grades 6-12) (B.A.)

English Secondary Education: Special Education (Grades 6-12) (B.A.)

English: Writing, Editing, and Publishing (B.A.)

Environmental Earth Sciences (B.S.)

Environmental Earth Sciences: Secondary Teaching (Grades 6-12) (B.S.)

Environmental and Sustainability Studies (B.A.)

Exploring the Liberal Arts (Undeclared)

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 (Grades 6-12) (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 (Grades 6-12) (B.S.)

Mathematics: Statistics & Data Science (B.S.)

Mexican American Studies: Liberal Arts (B.A.)

Mexican American Studies: Secondary Teaching Social Studies (Grades 6-12) (B.A.)

Music Education: Licensure Music (K-12) (B.M.E.)

Music: Composition (B.M.)

Music: Culture and Expression Concentration (B.A.)

Music: Instrumental Performance (B.M.)

Music: Jazz Studies (B.M.)

Music: Latinx Concentration (B.A.)

Music: Music Business and Recording Arts (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 (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: Secondary Teaching (Grades 6-12) (B.S.)

Political Science (B.A.)

+Psychology (B.A.)

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.)

Sport Administration (B.S.)

Sport & Exercise Science: Exercise Science (B.S.)

Sport & Exercise Science:

Human Performance (B.S.)

Sport & Exercise Science: Physical Education K-12 Teaching (B.S.)

T

Theatre Arts: Drama Education K-12 (B.A.)

Theatre Arts: Theatre Studies (B.A.)

Theatre: Design & Technology (B.F.A.)

Accelerated Programs (4+1)

Business Administration: Accounting Analytics (M.B.A.)

Business Administration: Finance (M.B.A.)

Business Administration: General Business (M.B.A.)

Business Administration: Healthcare Administration (M.B.A.)

Business Administration: Human Resource Management (M.B.A.)

Business Administration: Marketing (M.B.A.)

Business Administration: Project Management (M.B.A.)

Business Administration: Business Analytics (M.B.A.)

Education: Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education (M.A.T.)

Educational Psychology (M.A.)

English (M.A.)

History (M.A.)

Multilingual Education: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) (M.A.)

Multilingual Education: World Language Licensure Program (M.A.)

Public Health (M.A.)

Public Health: Anthropology (M.A.)



College of Natural and Health Sciences

Experience, experiment and explore science

Whether you want to help others by working in health care, get out there in the field, or find a place in a lab and make your own discoveries, you'll be career-ready from day one with a degree in science.

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

Nationally recognized programs, dedicated faculty members, outstanding facilities and extensive student support make the College of Natural and Health Sciences (NHS) a smart choice for science. Our largest college on campus, NHS still offers every student hands-on experience with faculty in a wide range of research areas, including nursing, biology, public health, and a one-of-a-kind Cancer Rehabilitation Institute.

You will find in-demand programs that have evolved to meet market needs. The college recently launched new co-ops in sports performance and degrees in Computer Science, Statistics and Climate Science to give students the skillsets for the fastest growing careers in the country.



CONNECT WITH EXPERT SCHOLARS

At NHS, you won't just study science, you will do science.

Study climate change with Dr. Cindy Shellito and chase storms with Dr. David Lerach, both Fulbright Scholars. Discover how snake venom might fight cancer with renowned expert Steve Mackessy, Ph.D. Investigate the effects of cannabis compounds on physical and mental health with Dr. Laura Stewart, Director of our Complementary Health and Integrative Physiology Center.

Or conduct research and get paid for it by working with Tyler Engstrom, Ph.D., a nationally recognized researcher and teacher. You might work on research focused on developing biophysical models of eye development in zebrafish to better understand and treat eye disease.

"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

Preparing future business leaders to tackle the world's most pressing problems

The Monfort College of Business (MCB) provides a high-quality business education where you will learn innovative ways of thinking and gain in-demand skills through immersive learning and career readiness experiences.

You can tailor your Business Administration degree with certificates in Human Resource Management, Institutions and Risk Management, Wealth Asset Management, Entrepreneurship, Digital Marketing and Professional Sales. All of this, plus micro-credentials, give you a competitive edge to make an immediate impact in the business world.

Here, Bears get down to business. You will learn by doing through hands-on learning experiences to set you up for success in your chosen field. You might launch mobile applications with faculty, participate in national business competitions, or travel to New York to meet with top business merchandise executives.

With a 95% employer satisfaction level, a UNC business education is renowned for giving students the foundational — and transformational — experiences they need to make an impact in the workplace from day one.

At MCB, you will gain hands-on experience. Step onto a trading room floor in the Financial Education Center to trade and manage actual stocks. You'll gain the latest business insights in our high-tech classrooms. And our small-group, student-focused learning will help you stand out in the job market.



RECOGNIZED WORLDWIDE

MCB is accredited in business and accounting by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Only 6% of business schools worldwide earn this accreditation.

"It's the perfect example of why UNC is so great. My professor was able to sit down with me and help me learn what I needed to know to go on to my career. That's what I've experienced here, a personal experience with a close-knit community and lots of opportunities."

—Philip Marshall, B.S. '24

Business Management and Marketing



College of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Inspiring the next generation of learners and leaders.

We began as Colorado's teachers' college more than 130 years ago — and we've been a national leader in education ever since. UNC has graduated more educational professionals than any other university in the state. Whether you want to spend your career in the classroom, administration or support services, you will find your best path here.

As a student in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences (EBS), you will gain hands-on experience that aligns with your interests, including 900 hours of student teaching. You'll be able to pursue your education at either our Greeley campus or the Center for Urban Education in Denver. And with a nearly 100% job placement rate within six months of graduation, you'll be able to start your career on a solid foundation.

Psychology is one of our most popular majors. Here, you will find research and internship opportunities to give you the knowledge and skills you need to launch your career or prepare for graduate school.

We also offer a nationally recognized American Sign Language English Interpretation program. It is one of only 15 bachelor's degree programs in the nation accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Interpreter Education.



COLORADO TEACHERS CHOOSE UNC

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

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

—Tanner Crawford, B.A. '24
Psychology



College of Humanities and Social Sciences

The power of the liberal arts lies in understanding the human experience.

Do you love history? Or can't get enough of politics? Or maybe you are drawn to other cultures or social conditions. In the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS), you will find majors and programs that offer you 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. In HSS, our highest priority is ensuring students have opportunities that give them the skills they will need to succeed in a world that's constantly changing.

LEARN FROM GLOBAL SCHOLARS

Our professors are leaders in their fields — some are Fulbright scholars and international researchers. They work on solving global challenges and sharing their knowledge in classrooms and around the world. Students can even travel with professors on international research trips or faculty-led study abroad programs. For example, HSS students and faculty attended the Arctic Frontiers Summit in Norway last year, working alongside researchers from the European Union to deepen their understanding of climate issues in the Arctic, where temperatures are rising at four times the global annual average.



PROMOTE SOCIAL CHANGE

Through our flexible certificate programs, you can gain the skills to address pressing societal challenges and foster positive social change. You can choose from four certificate programs: Spanish for the Professions, Equity and Inclusion, Drone Operations and Spatial Analytics, and GIS and Cartography.

“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, B.A. '24

Criminology & Criminal Justice



College of Performing and Visual Arts

Turn your passion and talent into a meaningful career

Do you see yourself on the stage, in the studio or teaching art? If you're drawn to creativity and innovation and have a passion for the arts, the College of Performing and Visual Arts (PVA) is the perfect place for you to explore.

With a national reputation for excellence, PVA offers programs in studio art, graphic design, integrated media arts (think game design), music, theatre and musical theatre. You will gain the professional skills for a successful career in the arts. With over 300 concerts, productions, recitals, exhibitions, guest artists and more annually, you can take advantage of many diverse opportunities to experience art and refine your skills as a performer, designer and creative thinker.

Here, you get real-world experiences with expert faculty performers, artists, teachers and scholars who help you grow and reach your career goals. You can take the stage in our performance spaces, make art in state-of-the-art studios, design behind the scenes for theatre productions, play on our All-Steinway piano fleet or create music with top-of-the-line technology. At PVA, our faculty and staff can help you discover your own unique artistic identity.

YOU'LL HAVE ACCESS TO:

All-Steinway pianos fleet
18 art studios
Main performance hall and multiple music recital spaces
2 theatre performance spaces

Multiple computer labs with arts-specific technology
3 art galleries
5 recording and music production studios
Stand-alone 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*.

"Stage experience is an invaluable tool that not everyone has when they graduate—I'm very glad that my performances at UNC prepared me in that way."

—Kayla Nanto, '15

Bachelor's in Music, Vocal Performance concentration

How the Colorado native's UNC experience took her to the national stage, winning the Dallas Opera's Lone Star vocal competition and advancing to the final round of the 2026 National Vocal Competition where she won the People's Choice award.



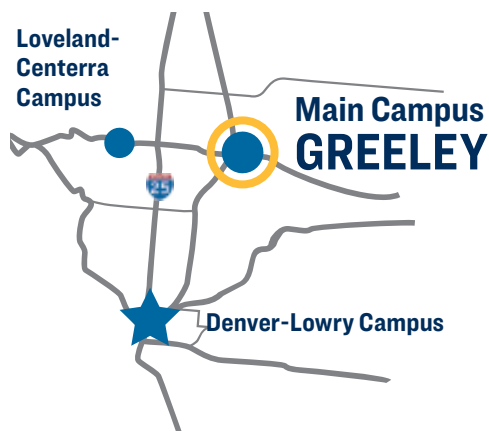
GRADUATE SCHOOL

If you are graduate school-bound, you will find many options to stay at UNC and continue your studies.

Stay at UNC for graduate studies with over 100 programs, including top fields like nursing, accounting, and education.

Save time and money by starting select graduate programs as an undergrad, earning both a bachelor's and master's degree in just five years — like the new 4+1 Business Administration: General Business (M.B.A.).

THREE LOCATIONS + ONLINE



THE LIBRARIES

Your hub for knowledge and exploration.

UNC's James A. Michener and Howard M. Skinner Music Libraries offer vast print and digital collections, expert support, and welcoming study spaces. With over 1.5 million books and the second-largest music collection in Colorado, resources are always at your fingertips — on campus or online.

Study, research, and discover in a space designed to support your learning, complete with extended hours, cozy nooks, an art gallery, and a coffee shop.

HONORS PROGRAM

Are you a naturally curious person who loves learning just for the fun of it? The Honors Program might be the perfect fit.

With smaller classes, expert instructors, and hands-on learning, you'll get to dig deeper into the subjects you love. You can explore big ideas through interdisciplinary courses, or work one-on-one with a faculty mentor on research or creative projects.

Thinking about grad school? The research experience you gain in the Honors Program can give you a real competitive edge.

The best part? The program is open to motivated students from any major and doesn't cost anything extra. It's a great way to challenge yourself, connect with other curious students, and take your college experience to the next level.

Check out page 26 for key dates and how to apply.



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, you will receive a personalized education with hands-on learning to 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 think small class sizes, being able to show up and talk to your professors, and them knowing who I was allowed me to have opportunities I don't think I would have had if my professors didn't know me. They're like, 'Oh, this sounds really great for you. Try this.' I think that's not something you're gonna get at all institutions."

—**Nikki Cooper, B.A. '15**

Communications
Assistant Director of Admissions
for Rural Outreach, Massachusetts
Institute of Technology



"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
Research Assistant, University of Colorado
Anschutz Medical Campus

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 as well as took graduate-level courses.

We Cultivate

HANDS-ON LEARNING EXPERIENCES

1/2

More than half of NHS
faculty conduct research
with undergraduate
students

16

research centers
or labs for student-
faculty collaboration

\$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

#2

Lowest average loan debt in Colorado
(among all public research universities)

91%

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

44%

of UNC undergraduates are First-Generation students, first in their families to go to college so we know how to support your success

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

—Rosemary Gonzalez, '23

Forging Connections Among First Generation Students

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.

Rosemary uses these experiences to make connections not only for herself, but also for her fellow students. She 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



“ *It became apparent to me that writing software is a creative process and that there are many ways to achieve the same goal. I had the opportunity and latitude to explore alternatives, which was daunting at times, but the team ultimately guided me to implement the best solution.”*

—Daniel Garza, '26

Going Places: From Platteville, Colorado, to Stellenbosch, South Africa

First-generation student Daniel Garza wanted a quality education to gain the skills to be competitive in his field while also staying close to home. UNC gave the first-generation student the opportunity to do both.

A dual major in Computer Software Engineering and Mathematics, Garza landed an internship with WeFi Technology Group at their Innovation Centre in Stellenbosch, South Africa, in the summer of 2024. Cofounded by UNC alum John Schmidt, '84, the tech company provides financial solutions to IT businesses to expand to new global regions.

Garza was the first recipient of the Nicholas Feinstein Technology scholarship, which covered his internship costs.

Mentored by and working with a team of professionals was unlike anything Garza had ever experienced. He returned to Greeley inspired and eager to accomplish more than he ever thought possible.

SMALL SCHOOL FEEL WITH

➔ *Serious Support*

14:1

Student-Faculty ratio

25

average class size

More than **96%**
of students receive some type
of financial assistance





WHAT MAKES US

Special

**A community is more
than a place, it's a
feeling. At UNC,
we foster community
and belonging for
all students.**

With seven 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.

Colorado's Newest ↘

HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTION

La nueva Universidad al Servicio de los Hispanos de Colorado

With **25% of our students identifying as Hispanic or Latine**, the University of Northern Colorado is proud to be Colorado's newest federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution. We support programs that will shape a more accessible, inclusive and culturally responsive experience for Hispanic/Latine students.

This recognition brings tremendous opportunities for students that honors and serves everyone, regardless of their background. This helps everyone in our community learn from and relate respectfully to people from all cultures.

UNC is deeply committed to creating campus spaces where all our students can thrive and reach their full potential. You belong here!

¡Vamos Osos!



Support and Belonging

These resources are designed to empower you to reach your 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 SEVEN CULTURAL AND RESOURCE CENTERS:

- Asian Pacific American Student Services
- César Chávez Cultural Center
- Center for Women's and Gender Equity
- Gender and Sexuality Resource Center
- Marcus Garvey Cultural Center
- Native American Student Services
- Veterans Services

“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:

- Bear Pantry
- Campus Recreation Center
- Center for Career Readiness
- Center for Honors, Scholars and Leadership
- Disability Resource Center
- Math Tutoring Lab
- Student Health Center & Counseling Services
- Student Success Resource Center
- Writing Center



A Place to Call Home

At the University of Northern Colorado, you will find more than a dozen residence halls with diverse living options. These include Residential Learning Communities and Specialized Housing options so you can connect with students who have similar interests, majors and identities.

You'll feel right at home in these communities. You can get involved and receive the support you need to thrive.

On-campus living combines comfort with convenience. You'll be close to your classes and campus life activities. Enjoy fantastic amenities like study spaces, Wi-Fi, large TVs in common spaces, pool tables, gaming areas, community kitchens, laundry and more. All of these extras make UNC a great place to call home!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

With our campus dining facilities, you'll find everything from mouthwatering burgers and fresh-made sushi to snacks and gluten-free bowls, catering to all tastes and dietary needs. For extra convenience and flexibility, you can even customize meal plans — perfect for grabbing coffee, loading up on snacks, or enjoying full meals between classes.

Whether you opt for dining halls, our centrally located food court at the University Center, mobile trucks, Grubhub pre-ordering, or one of our many grab-and-go options, great food is always accessible.

MEAL PLANS

If you choose to live on campus, you are required to have a meal plan. This gives you meals and Dining Dollars to use throughout the semester. First-year students can choose from two meal plan options, while upperclassmen living on campus can choose from two additional meal plans.

Learn more about all student dining meal plan options:
unco.edu/living-on-campus/dining/meal-plans.aspx



Select your own room and roommates



Pet-friendly options in every neighborhood



On-site registered dietitian available



Grab snacks at the Just Baked hot vending machine



2 dining halls plus UC food court



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.



2nd lowest average student loan debt at graduation among public research universities in Colorado!

TUITION AND FEES, 2025-26 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. We want you to be a Bear!



Try our Net Price Calculator



2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR

TUITION & FEES

(14 credits/semester)

HOUSING AND FOOD

(Tier 3 housing, 15 meals/week)

ESTIMATED DIRECT COSTS

(Living on campus)

COLORADO RESIDENT

\$12,882*

\$17,064

\$29,946

WUE** RESIDENT

\$19,026

\$17,064

\$36,090

NONRESIDENT/ NON-WUE

\$28,370

\$17,064

\$45,434

*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.

**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 (wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/). At UNC, the WUE tuition discount can be combined with academic scholarships.

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

			
2026-27 ACADEMIC YEAR	COLORADO RESIDENT	WUE RESIDENT*	NONRESIDENT/ INTERNATIONAL
BEAR SCHOLARSHIP 3.0-3.39 GPA	\$1,000/yr	\$2,000/yr	\$4,000/yr
PROVOST SCHOLARSHIP 3.4-3.79 GPA	\$2,000/yr	\$3,000/yr	\$5,000/yr
PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP 3.8-3.99 GPA	\$3,500/yr	\$4,500/yr	\$6,500/yr
TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIP 4.0+ GPA	\$4,500/yr	\$5,500/yr	\$7,500/yr

Minimum weighted GPA

TRANSFER STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

2026-27 ACADEMIC YEAR	COLORADO RESIDENT	WUE RESIDENT*	NONRESIDENT/ INTERNATIONAL
NORTHERN LIGHTS SCHOLARSHIP 2.75-2.99 GPA	\$1,000/yr	\$1,500/yr	\$2,500/yr
PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP 3.0-3.49 GPA	\$2,000/yr	\$2,500/yr	\$4,500/yr
TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIP 3.5+ GPA	\$3,000/yr	\$3,500/yr	\$6,500/yr

***WUE scholarships are stackable with WUE tuition discount for those who qualify.**

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, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam. 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.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

UNC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION KEY DATES/DEADLINES

November 1

UNC Scholarship Application opens

February 1

Priority deadline for undergraduate scholarships

June 1

Priority 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 MyUNC student account.
- Visit unco.edu/financial-aid to apply for financial aid, check out timelines and access support resources.

Explore all UNC Foundation
Scholarships:
unco.academicworks.com



Your Path to Becoming a Bear

 **90%**
acceptance rate

Apply for Admission

Submit application and school transcripts.

Get Admitted!

Admissions decisions take about 1-3 weeks.

Tell Us Your Plans

Submit decision form in your student portal.

Complete the Housing Process

Application opens December.

Attend New Student Orientation

Usually scheduled in June/July.

COLORADO FIRST-YEAR

ADMISSIONS GUARANTEE

At UNC we are deeply committed to a students-first approach. With more than 44% 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 Colorado students who meet the first-year guarantee requirements are eligible for automatic admission into UNC.

Non-resident and WUE students who meet these requirements can also expect to be a competitive candidate for admission.

FIRST-YEAR GUARANTEE

REQUIREMENTS:

- 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

HOW TO APPLY



FIRST-YEAR

Common App or Bear Application

- **Dec 1** – Early Action Deadline (Complete your application by December 15 for a guaranteed decision before the new year.)
- **Apr 1** – Summer Priority Deadline
- **Jul 1** – Fall Priority Deadline
- **Aug 1** – Last Chance Fall Application Deadline

TRANSFER/SECOND BACHELORS

Bear Application

- **Dec 1** – Spring Priority Deadline
- **Apr 1** – Summer Priority Deadline
- **July 1** – Fall Priority Deadline

HONORS PROGRAM

Submit Honors Application

- **Nov 1** – Transfer Spring Deadline
- **Dec 10** – First-Year Fall Priority Deadline
- **Mar 1** – Transfer Fall Priority Deadline
- **Mar 10** – Honors Residential Learning Community Priority Deadline
- **April 1** – Last Chance Application Deadline for Fall semester

HOUSING

Submit Housing Application

- Fall application opens December
- Spring application opens October

SCHOLARSHIP

See Page 25 for deadlines.

FINANCIAL AID

unco.edu/financial-aid

Required to receive need-based financial aid, including UNC's Tuition Promise

- **FAFSA/CASFA** – Expected to open October 2025
- **Priority Deadline** – June 1, 2026

Keeping a UNC Education Within Reach

TUITION PROMISE

The UNC Tuition Promise demonstrates our commitment to removing financial barriers for students and families to ensure a college education remains affordable.

Through this program, all Colorado high school graduates who meet the eligibility criteria will receive a financial aid offer letter designed to cover 100% of their standard tuition and mandatory fees up to 16 credits.

TO BE ELIGIBLE, YOU JUST NEED TO:

- Be a Colorado residents or eligible Military or ASSET undergraduate, working toward your first Bachelor's degree
- Have a household Adjusted Gross Income at or below \$65,000 or a Student Aid Index of 3,000 or less
- File the FAFSA or CAFSA by June 1 the year you plan to enroll
- Apply for and authorize the College Opportunity Fund (COF)
- Enroll in 12+ credits
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress

We keep it simple — if you are admitted to the university and meet the criteria above, you will receive the UNC Tuition Promise! Thanks to a combination of federal, state, university and donor-based funding, all students who qualify will receive a combination of funds in their financial aid offer from UNC.

Learn more about the UNC Tuition Promise.

unco.edu/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/tuition-promise



CAMPUS VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

CAMPUS VISIT DAYS

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

- Experience UNC: High School Senior and Transfer Visit Day
- Discover UNC: Sophomore/Junior Visit Day
- Destination UNC: Admitted Student Visit Day

CUSTOM CAMPUS VISITS

We host information sessions twice a day, Monday through Friday, with student-led campus tours, plus one session on select Saturdays. Customize your visit by adding a meeting with an academic college or department to explore your interests further!

TRANSFER VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

You can take advantage of visit experiences designed specifically for transfer students. You can take a transfer student-specific, custom tour of campus on select dates. Join us for Experience UNC which includes a specialized track for transfer students. Or attend Transfer Visit Day on Apr. 3, a half-day event where you can connect with programs and services designed to support your journey at UNC as a transfer student.

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



unco.edu/visit



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OUR HOMETOWN



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.



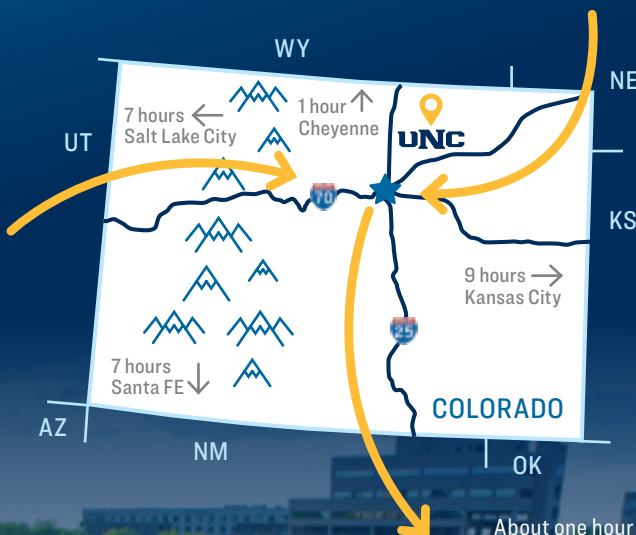
Discover a **creative district** that draws **artists, events and performers** for hundreds of events annually — and has close ties to UNC, helping our students find a **creative home** too.



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.

Find yourself in one of the fastest-growing cities 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



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