



## University-wide Planning

The **Strategic Framework** is the foundation for all of UNC's planning work. As illustrated by the Venn diagram (on right), our vision is to provide students with opportunities for transformative education by focusing on the intersections among academics, research and community.

UNC's approach to planning is **entrepreneurial**, **multiyear**, and based in **systems thinking**. Our planning process includes multiyear direction setting and priority setting; annual identification and implementation of action steps; and evaluation of both the planning process and its outcomes.

### Entrepreneurial

At UNC, we have defined planning as an ongoing, iterative process of taking control of our own future in order to fulfill UNC's mission and our shared vision for the University.

### Multiyear

We have two types of multiyear plans: **core plans** and **support plans**. Core plans articulate aspirations and action steps for the nine areas that comprise the core mission and function of the University. Building on the directions and priorities in the core plans, support plans articulate aspirations and action steps for major University-wide support efforts.

### Systems-based

To facilitate a systems approach, all of our planning work considers the following eight key system elements:

UNC Mission & Identity	External Funding
Cost of Attendance	Capital
Cost-saving Innovations	Compensation
Other Operating Costs	Reserves Strategy

While these eight elements are not of equal importance, each has a bearing on our ability to fulfill the vision articulated by the Strategic Framework. In the diagram on the right, a plan's color indicates only the Key System Element with which the plan is primarily associated; there is significant overlap among the plans and elements.

