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Exchange Partner Institution Information



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About the University of Northern Colorado (UNC)	
Institutional Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in 1889 and tucked between the Rocky Mountains and Colorado's stunning high plains, UNC is a public doctoral research university committed to the success of its students, with more than 200 undergraduate and graduate programs. • The university's just-right size, expert faculty, and tradition of research and hands-on learning gives students exceptional opportunities and a personalized education. UNC has roughly 10,000 students, around 7,000 undergraduate and 3,000 graduate students. • UNC has 5 Colleges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College of Education and Behavioral Sciences • College of Humanities and Social Sciences • College of Natural and Health Sciences • College of Performing and Visual Arts • Monfort College of Business • Campus Map: https://www.unco.edu/map/
About Greeley, Colorado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greeley is a growing community of about 135,000 people with a safe, small town feel. • Established in 1869 as an agricultural colony, agriculture still provides a solid economic base for the city with Weld County consistently ranking in the top 10 agricultural-producing counties in the nation. • 165 restaurants, 57 city parks, some local groceries, including Asian and Mexican markets and a halal grocery.

Academic Calendar	
UNC's Official Academic Calendar Link: https://www.unco.edu/registrar/calendars/	
Fall 2025	
Preferred Arrival Date	August 21, 2025
Mandatory Orientation	August 22, 2025
Classes Begin	August 25, 2025
Classes End (including final exams)	December 12, 2025
Holiday Period (Housing & Dining Closed)	November 26-30, 2025
Spring 2026	
Preferred Arrival Date	January 8, 2026
Mandatory Orientation	January 9, 2026
Classes Begin	January 12, 2026
Classes End (including final exams)	May 8, 2026
Holiday Period (Housing & Dining Closed)	March 14-22, 2026

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Admissions	
Incoming Student Website	https://www.unco.edu/global/services-programs/international-student-scholar-services/exchange-students/
Nomination Deadline	Fall Semester and Academic Year: March 15 Spring Semester: October 1
Nomination Portal	Partner exchange coordinators may nominate students using this online portal: https://admissions.unco.edu/register/UNC_exchange_nomination <i>All nominations applications must be submitted online. No applications will be accepted through email or mail.</i>
Application Deadline	Fall Semester and Academic Year: April 15 Spring Semester: November 1
Application Instructions	<p>Step 1: Exchange partners submit nominations via the online portal.</p> <p>Step 2: Nominated students receive a link to apply. Select "International Exchange" as the application type and upload a transcript, passport, and language scores.</p> <p>Step 3: Students will be sent an acceptance email letter</p> <p>Step 4: Accepted students must activate their Ursa and BearMail accounts. OGE will contact students via BearMail with DS-2019 instructions. Proof of \$10,882 USD per semester is required for a DS-2019 visa support document.</p> <p>Important: All immigration and program information will be sent to BearMail only. Students should activate their account immediately and complete the online orientation to request visa guidance and UNC/Greeley resources.</p>
Eligibility Requirements	<p>To be eligible to participate in an exchange or study abroad at UNC, students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be nominated by a partner university • Have a minimum GPA 2.5 out of 4.0 (or equivalent) <p>All applicants MUST submit copies of the following documents in the application portal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport (valid 6 months post exchange program) • Unofficial Academic Transcript • English Language Proficiency Scores
Language Requirements	<p>Incoming international exchange students must submit ONE of the following at the time of application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL iBT: 72 with cut scores no lower than: Listening (16), Reading (16), Speaking (18) and Writing (18) • IELTS: 6.0 with subscores no lower than 5.5 in each of the following proficiency areas: Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking • English 3 Proficiency Test (E3PT) with score of 60 (minimum score of 15 in each subsection) or Gateway overall score of 425 with no subscores lower than 350 • Michigan English Test: 55 with cut scores no lower than: Listening (54), Reading (56), Speaking (54), Writing (56) • Cambridge English B2 First Test: 16 with subscores no lower than Reading 162), Use of English (160), Writing (162), Listening (162), Speaking (162) • Scores should be no more than 2 years old. • If students do not meet UNC English proficiency requirements, they may still be considered for admission on condition they enroll in UNC Intensive English Program classes, as necessary. The Intensive English Program costs are not covered by the bilateral exchange agreement and require additional tuition payment. <p>The US Department of State requires that all Exchange Visitors have "sufficient knowledge of the English language to undertake the program for which selected, or the sponsoring organization is aware of the language deficiency and has nevertheless indicated willingness to accept the alien".</p>
Health Insurance Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The U.S. Government requires all Exchange Visitors to carry health insurance meeting specific requirements for the duration of their time in the U.S. International students are automatically enrolled in the UNC Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP), which meets Department of State requirements. Please consult UNC Student Health Insurance

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	<p>Program information for specific details. If students have other comparable insurance, they must show proof of insurance for the duration of the exchange program and submit an online waiver by the 10th day of classes. Insurance must be in effect by the program's start date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The UNC Student Health Center provides detailed information about immunization requirements for all students. Students must provide proof of immunizations (measles, mumps, rubella, and meningitis) prior to registration.
Vaccine Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students must prove immunity to measles, mumps and rubella prior to class registration. This is provided through documentation, signed by a medical professional, of receipt of 2 MMR vaccinations, at least 4 weeks apart, given after the student's first birthday, or through results of blood tests (called titers) that prove immunity to measles, mumps and rubella. https://www.unco.edu/student-health-center/immunization-requirements.aspx
Finances	
Tuition	Exchange students do not pay tuition.
Costs Not Covered by Exchange Agreement	<p>Semester students will typically need to cover the following expenses (based on 24-25 academic year, expect costs to rise 3-5% for 2025-2026 Academic Year):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing: \$3,158 -\$4,723 per semester (varies by student selection) Meals: \$3,514 and up per semester (varies) Health Insurance: \$1,667 per semester (varies) Books: \$600 per semester (varies) Personal Expenses: \$1,000- \$1,900 per semester (varies) International Student Enrollment Fee: \$200 per semester Academic Training Fee: \$150 Academic Training fee* *applicable only to those students applying for off campus work authorization related to studies)
Additional Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some art classes, all music lessons and field courses with field trips will have additional fees not included in the exchange agreement. Students should read course descriptions for these classes so that they are aware of any additional costs. Books can be costly, ranging from \$20 - \$200 per class. Often, books for science and math courses are more expensive. Students can sometimes reduce the cost of books by purchasing used books online or renting textbooks online or at the bookstore. To get less expensive books, students should shop around.
International Payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNC International Students can make payments to the university from home using Flywire. This information is available on the Bursar's Website and can be accessed under the "Financial" tab in students' Ursa Account. All students are advised to include their UNC Bear Number on all payments and bank transfers.

Academics	
Course Catalog & Class Schedules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNC's Undergraduate Catalog lists all classes, with descriptions, that are offered at UNC, but not all classes are offered every term. Students can see the specific list of classes offered for a term in the Schedule of Classes. The schedule is updated in April for Fall term and in October for Spring term. To search for offered courses in a specific term, from https://www.unco.edu/sched/: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Click on the 'Go to the Schedule of Classes' button Choose your term (Ex: Fall 2025) and subject (Ex: ANT – Anthropology)

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	<p>3. Click 'Run'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTE: Exchange students are not eligible to enroll in online courses. Students should check that the course they wish to take is listed as 'Face to Face' and not 'Online'
Course Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students register depending on admission date and priority registration dates from the Registrar's office (the same time as students with Junior class standing). The Registrar's website provides video instruction for class registration https://www.unco.edu/registrar/registration/. • We recommend that students review information on the UNCAdivising Hub for practical registration tips, but additional course registration information will be sent directly to students after admission
Standard Credit Load	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To maintain visa status, undergraduate students must be enrolled in at least 12 credits per semester. • Most courses are 3 credits, which usually means 3 hours/week in the classroom. 4-5 courses per semester is the typical course load (12 to 15 credits).
Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange students cannot take online classes because they do not count for J-1 visa or immigration purposes and are not included in exchange agreements. • Exchange students can only take undergraduate courses (numbered 100–499) on the Greeley campus. • Exchange students are admitted to the university, not a specific college or department. This allows them to take courses in different subjects and experience U.S. education. • Some courses have restrictions or prerequisites. Students may request approval from the instructor or department to join a restricted course. • Each semester, UNC offers University 101, a 3-credit, interactive course designed to help students adjust to college life. It is strongly recommended.
Grading Scale	<p>UNC works on a 4.0 grade point system. A-F grades are assigned where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A (4.0) is above average, • B (3.0) is average, • C (2.0) is below average, • D (1.0) is below average but still passing, and • F (0.0) is failing. <p>Grade point averages are calculated by multiplying the credit hours for each course by the grade point value of the grade; totaling credit hours and grade points; and then dividing the grade points by the credit hours.</p>

Accommodations	
University Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Campus Housing: www.unco.edu/housing/ Students should reserve housing as soon as possible after admission to UNC. A refundable \$100 deposit is required to reserve an on-campus room/apartment and must be paid directly by the admitted student. Residence halls may be closed during the break between semesters. Please contact Housing for additional information about housing arrangements during university holidays and breaks. • Important: Students living in residence halls must enroll in a university meal plan. Students in an off-campus house or apartment may choose whether or not to purchase a meal plan. • Students in campus housing can be provided with basic bed linens on arrival from Housing, that are on loan for the first week (and can be rented for the semester thereafter).
Off-Campus Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to limited public transportation in Greeley, we recommend that students live in on-campus accommodations. UNC does not

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	provide a service to assist students in finding and securing off-campus accommodations. Students wishing to live off-campus are encouraged to consider distance from campus and grocery stores, whether the apartment is furnished and to carefully check all reviews. Lease contracts, once signed, are binding.
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Transportation	
Airport Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We recommend flying to Denver International Airport (called DIA, locally, but which has an official designation as DEN), which is the nearest major airport and nearest international airport. UNC is just about an hour from DIA. • There is no regular shuttle transportation between Denver airport and Greeley at this time. Most students use Uber and Lyft, or one of the car services available from the airport. https://www.flydenver.com/parking-and-transportation/to-and-from/
Local Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNC students have free transportation locally through the Greeley Area Transportation (GET) bus system, however, it is somewhat limited in scope. • ISSS organizes shopping trips during arrival week to help students make necessary purchases for linens, personal items, clothes, groceries, etc. Students wishing to participate in these shopping trips sign up directly with OGE.
Student Support Services	
International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)	The ISSS team provides support with cultural adjustment, academic and professional growth, and immigration services.
Cross-Cultural Events	International Student and Scholar Services organizes cross-cultural events and excursions throughout each term to promote and support cultural engagement opportunities.
Global Buddies	ISSS also organizes the Global Buddies program, to create a mutual learning opportunity between Americans and international students. Buddies help international students adjust to living in the United States through support and friendship.
International Exchange Store	The ISSS International Exchange Store has some necessary items like sheets, blankets, and hangers that are available free of charge, on a first come, first served basis (and we are happy to receive any donated items at the end of a student's stay).
Campus Support	Exchange students have access to a full range of other campus support and recreation services, including the Disability Resource Center (documentation of disability in English required), Recreation Center , Cultural and Identity Resource Centers , Tutoring Center , Writing Center , Library Services , clubs and organizations , club sports , and Outdoor Pursuits .
Employment and Tax Requirements for J-1 Exchange Students	
Employment in the US	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J-1 Exchange Visitors are only permitted to work with specific authorization. On-campus employment is allowed with advance approval from ISSS and is limited to 20 hours per week during active study. Students can search job postings through the Center for Career Readiness and apply to ISSS for authorization. • With home institution and UNC department support, exchange students may also qualify for Academic Training (AT), which allows paid or unpaid work directly related to their major. AT is academic in nature, with employment as a secondary component.
Tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J-1 exchange visitors are required to complete tax forms for the period of stay in the U.S, regardless of income in the U.S. • ISSS provides access to tax form preparation software for exchange students in the spring (February – June) for anyone who took classes at UNC during the preceding calendar year. • Access

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	<p>codes are sent to the email address on file for the student in the appropriate year or years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students enrolling at UNC for a full academic year must file separately for each calendar year, students here for a single term file only once, as long as they are not present in the U.S. during more than one calendar year. Students arriving before December 31 for the spring term will file twice.
UNC Office of Global Engagement Contact Information	
Contact for institutional questions, exchange balance information, student exchange agreements, promotional materials and other details about the bilateral exchange.	<p>Erika Saunders Director, Education Abroad & International Partnerships Office Phone: +1-970-351-4759 Email: Erika.saunders@unco.edu</p>
Contact for questions about admitted & current students, course registration, student visas inquiries.	<p>Kara LaSota Director, International Student & Scholar Services Office Phone: +1-970-351-3017 Email: kara.lasota@unco.edu</p>
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