

# INTERNATIONAL FIRST-YEAR STUDENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST



## TWO WAYS TO APPLY (CHOOSE ONE)

Future 49er Portal Application:

[future49er.charlotte.edu/apply](https://future49er.charlotte.edu/apply)

Common Application:

[www.commonapp.org](https://www.commonapp.org)

## \$80 APPLICATION FEE

## PROOF OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY IF ENGLISH IS NOT YOUR FIRST LANGUAGE (Not required if applying for conditional admission through ELTI)

- **TOEFL IBT:** 70 or higher (minimum of 14 in each sub score)
- **TOEFL Paper Based:** 523 or higher (minimum of 46 in each sub score)
- **IELTS:** 6.0 or higher (minimum of 5.0 in each sub score)
- **Duolingo English Test (EDT):** 105 or higher
- **PTE Academic:** 48 or higher (minimum of 35 in each sub score)
- **SAT:** 500 on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing
- **ACT:** 19 on the Reading section
- **English Language and Training Institute (ELTI) at UNC Charlotte:** Completion of Level 5
- **U.S. High School Diploma:** Transcripts showing successful completion of two years

## OFFICIAL COURSE-BY COURSE CREDENTIAL EVALUATION

- **Foreign High School:** The University does not evaluate foreign high school transcripts. Instead, an official course-by-course credential evaluation must be provided from a NACES-accredited agency ([naces.org/members](https://naces.org/members)). Please send your official foreign transcripts to any appropriate agency. Once the review is completed, they will submit the credential evaluation report on your behalf directly to our office. We recommend using International Education Evaluations, Educational Perspectives, Educational Credential Evaluators or SpanTran for the evaluation.
- **U.S. High School:** Submit an official high school transcript. You do not need a credential evaluation for U.S. schools.
- **Please note:** Students who did not complete all four years of high school in the U.S. and the grades weren't transferred to their US transcript, must submit a credential evaluation for the years completed outside of the U.S. An evaluation must be completed by any NACES-accredited agency.

**ONE ESSAY IS REQUIRED.** The topics are listed here: [commonapp.org/apply/essay-prompts](https://commonapp.org/apply/essay-prompts)

**Note:** Art and Architecture majors require **additional application processes.**

Visit [coaa.charlotte.edu/college/admissions](https://coaa.charlotte.edu/college/admissions) for portfolio requirements.



## FALL DEADLINES

CLASSES BEGIN IN AUGUST

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

NOVEMBER 1 - PRIORITY REVIEW  
FEBRUARY 1 - STANDARD REVIEW  
AFTER FEBRUARY 1

## DECISIONS RELEASED

BY JANUARY 30  
BY APRIL 1  
ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS

# INTERNATIONAL FIRST-YEAR STUDENT SUBMITTING YOUR DOCUMENTS



## TEST SCORES

Scores for English Proficiency are valid only for two years.

They must be sent electronically directly from test centers to UNC Charlotte.

Use the following information when making an order on their test center website:

- **SAT School Code:** 5105
- **ACT School Code:** 3163
- **TOEFL School Code:** 5105
- **IELTS:** Select UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Admissions
- **DuoLingo English Test (DET):** Search “University of North Carolina Charlotte”
- **PTE Academic:** Select UNC Charlotte



## MAILING ADDRESS

UNC Charlotte  
Gage Undergraduate Admissions Center  
9201 University City Blvd.  
Charlotte, NC 28223 USA

## FOREIGN HIGH SCHOOL DOCUMENTS / CREDENTIAL EVALUATION

Foreign academic documents are not evaluated by the undergraduate admissions office.

**Request** a course-by-course credential evaluation to be submitted by any NACES accredited agency: [naces.org/members](https://naces.org/members). We recommend using *IEE, Educational Perspectives, SpanTran* or *ECE*. Evaluation needs to be sent electronically or by mail directly by the agency or by a student in a closed sealed envelope.

## U.S. HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

- Request for your school to mail transcripts directly to UNC Charlotte.
- Drop off a transcript in a closed sealed envelope at Gage Undergraduate Admissions Center at UNC Charlotte.
- Use your school’s electronic delivery systems (for example, National Student ClearingHouse or Parchment) to submit an official electronic transcript to [admissions@uncc.edu](mailto:admissions@uncc.edu).

# INTERNATIONAL FIRST-YEAR STUDENT AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE



## AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE

BASED ON 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR (TWO SEMESTERS)

Mandatory Tuition and Fees	\$25,000
Room and Board <i>Average cost for on-campus and off-campus housing and meals</i>	\$12,000
Health Insurance	\$3,000
Estimated Indirect Costs <i>Including book/supplies, personal expenses, and other miscellaneous items</i>	\$7,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$47,000</b>

**U.S. CITIZENS AND PERMANENT RESIDENTS** are welcome to apply for University scholarships and financial aid. Students on a visa are encouraged to look for external scholarships and sponsorships. UNC Charlotte will accept all outside funding secured by the student. For more information, visit [scholarships.charlotte.edu](https://scholarships.charlotte.edu).

**IF YOU LIVE IN NORTH CAROLINA AND YOU ARE A U.S. CITIZEN**, permanent resident, refugee or a student on a visa other than F-1, you might be eligible for an in-state tuition. You can verify your eligibility through North Carolina Residency Determination Service at [ncresidency.org](https://ncresidency.org).

**It is recommended that international students live on campus, but it is not required.**

# INTERNATIONAL FIRST-YEAR STUDENT NEXT STEPS AFTER ADMISSION



## 1. LOG IN TO YOUR FUTURE 49ER PORTAL

[/future49er.charlotte.edu/status](https://future49er.charlotte.edu/status)

- Review your acceptance letter.
- Confirm you are coming to UNC Charlotte by submitting your Intent to Enroll.

## 2. ACTIVATE YOUR NINER NET ACCOUNT

[/ninernet.charlotte.edu](https://ninernet.charlotte.edu)

*(Note: your Niner Net Account is your student account.)*

- Go to [ninernet.charlotte.edu](https://ninernet.charlotte.edu), click on the “Activate Account” button and follow the instructions. Your NinerNET username can be found in your admission acceptance letter.

## 3. RECEIVE YOUR I-20 IF YOU PLAN TO STUDY ON AN F-1 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT VISA

[/isso.charlotte.edu/future-students](https://isso.charlotte.edu/future-students)

- The International Student and Scholars’ Office (ISSO) will email your Financial Certification Form (FCF) within 2 weeks of your acceptance. To receive an I-20 please submit this form along with your financial records (scholarship letter, sponsorship letter, bank statement, etc.) demonstrating your capacity to pay the total cost of attendance. If you are transferring from another U.S. institution, you will be asked to complete the SEVIS transfer form as well.

## 4. APPLY FOR HOUSING AND PAY YOUR HOUSING DEPOSIT IF YOU PLAN TO LIVE ON CAMPUS

[/housing.charlotte.edu](https://housing.charlotte.edu)

## 5. PLAN YOUR TRIP

- Apply for the student visa if needed. If traveling from abroad, try to fly into Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT), which is about 20-minute drive from UNC Charlotte’s campus. If you are an F-1 visa student, you can enter the U.S. up to 30 days before the program start date (the date listed on your I-20) and no later than the program start date.

## 6. SUBMIT YOUR FINAL/UPDATED CREDENTIAL EVALUATIONS AND NECESSARY TEST SCORES TO UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS.

## 7. MAKE YOUR NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION RESERVATION IN YOUR FUTURE 49ER PORTAL

[/orientation.charlotte.edu](https://orientation.charlotte.edu)

- All new incoming students are required to complete their New Student Modules online and attend orientation prior to the beginning of their classes. During this program, you will learn about University resources, connect with other incoming students, be introduced to academics at Charlotte and more.

## 8. ATTEND INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION FOR STUDENTS ON AN F-1 VISA

[/isso.charlotte.edu/future-students/orientation](https://isso.charlotte.edu/future-students/orientation)

- This is a free event hosted by ISSO. No registration is needed. If you are a student on an F-1 visa, you are required to attend.

## 9. MATH PLACEMENT

[/clas-math.charlotte.edu/math-placement](https://clas-math.charlotte.edu/math-placement)

- Prior to registering for math courses students are required to take the Math Placement Assessment. You are encouraged to complete it prior to New Student Orientation to register for the correct level of Math.
- Students who submit SAT or ACT or have transferable credits for the college math class, do not need to take the Math Placement Assessment.

## 10. PROVIDE YOUR IMMUNIZATION RECORDS AND SHOW PROOF OF HEALTH INSURANCE OR ENROLL IN THE UNIVERSITY-SPONSORED HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

[/studenthealth.charlotte.edu](https://studenthealth.charlotte.edu)

## 11. PLAN YOUR FINANCES AND BILL PAYMENTS

[/ninercentral.charlotte.edu](https://ninercentral.charlotte.edu)

- After you register for classes, you will be required to pay your bill prior to each semester of your studies.
- You will see the bill in your NinerNET account. There is also an option to enroll in the UNC Charlotte payment plan and divide charges into smaller payments. Check your Charlotte email regularly and keep track of the deadlines.

# INTERNATIONAL FIRST-YEAR STUDENT STUDENT SERVICES



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

### LEARN ENGLISH WITH THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING INSTITUTE

[/elti.charlotte.edu](http://elti.charlotte.edu)

Would you like to improve your English proficiency skills prior to taking classes? Apply for our English Language Training Institute (ELTI). You will enjoy taking classes in a fun, interactive environment right here on campus. You can also apply for conditional admission to UNC Charlotte. Follow the International First-Year Student Checklist. Proof of English proficiency is not required.

### TRANSITION TO NEW CULTURE EASILY WITH ISSO

[/isso.charlotte.edu](http://isso.charlotte.edu)

ISSO does not only issue I-20s for student visas but also hosts a variety of events for international students. The office provides immigration and cultural advising, supports international student organizations and coordinates social activities. For example, during International Coffee Hour, you can meet new friends while playing board games and enjoying free coffee and snacks.

### NEVER GET LOST ON CAMPUS

[/ninercentral.charlotte.edu](http://ninercentral.charlotte.edu)

If you are on campus and need help, stop by Niner Central in the Cone Center or call 704-687-8622. They will answer your questions or direct you to the correct office. In addition, they can provide you with enrollment verification forms and official UNC Charlotte transcripts, if needed.

### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INTERNSHIPS AND ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

[/career.charlotte.edu](http://career.charlotte.edu)

Explore our Career Center website and discuss your skills, talents and goals with our career advisors. They are an invaluable resource in matching students with numerous experiential learning opportunities the Charlotte community has to offer.

### CONTINUE YOUR EDUCATION AT UNC CHARLOTTE

[/gradadmissions.charlotte.edu](http://gradadmissions.charlotte.edu)

Thinking about staying in Charlotte after graduation? Visit the Graduate School in the Reese Building to learn more about our master's and doctoral programs. In addition, you can get a quick start on your graduate classes through our early entry graduate programs.