

INTERNATIONAL FIRST-YEAR STUDENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST



☐ Online application (choose one)

- **Future 49er Portal Application**
future49er.charlotte.edu/apply
- **Common Application**
commonapp.org

☐ \$80 application fee

☐ One item from the list below to show proof of English proficiency

*Not required if applying for conditional admission through ELTI

- **TOEFL IBT:** 70 or higher (minimum of 14 in each sub score). Use TOEFL discount code (UNCCCharlotte40) at checkout when registering or paying for test
- **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 high school transcripts with the 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 listed on naces.org/members. 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 with the [IEE discount](#), 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 U.S. 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 required essay

View a list of essay topics at commonapp.org/apply/essay-prompts

PLEASE NOTE

Art and architecture majors require additional application materials. Visit coaa.charlotte.edu/college/admissions for portfolio requirements.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

	Application Complete by:	Notified of Decision by:
Early Action	<u>NOVEMBER 1</u>	JANUARY 30
Regular Decision	FEBRUARY 1	APRIL 1
Other	AFTER FEBRUARY 1	SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS

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SUBMITTING YOUR DOCUMENTS

Test Scores

Scores for English Proficiency are valid for two years. They must be sent electronically directly from test centers to UNC Charlotte. Use the following information when making an order on a test center website:

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

Foreign high school documents and credential evaluation

Foreign academic documents are not evaluated by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Request a course-by-course credential evaluation to be submitted by any NACES accredited agency, listed on naces.org/members. We recommend using IEE, Educational Perspectives, SpanTran or ECE. Evaluation may be sent electronically, by mail directly from the agency or hand delivered in a closed, sealed envelope.

U.S. high school transcript

- Request for your school to mail transcripts directly to UNC Charlotte.
- Hand delivery of a transcript in a closed sealed envelope to the Gage Undergraduate Admissions Center at UNC Charlotte.
- Use your school's electronic delivery systems (Common App, National Student ClearingHouse, Parchment, etc.) to submit an official electronic transcript to admissions@charlotte.edu.

MAILING ADDRESS

UNC Charlotte
Attn: Undergraduate Admissions
9201 University City Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28223 USA

ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE

Tuition rates are based on the 2024-2025 academic year (two semesters) and 12+ credit hours. They are subject to change for 2025-2026 and/or pending legislative approval. The following chart represents average estimates. For a full breakdown of costs, visit admissions.charlotte.edu/afford/financing.

Mandatory Tuition & Fees	\$25,000
Average Room & Board <small>Average cost for housing & meals, on or off campus</small>	\$12,500
Health Insurance	\$3,000
Estimated Indirect Costs <small>Including books/supplies, personal expenses and other miscellaneous items</small>	\$9,000
Total	\$49,500

U.S. citizens and permanent residents

You are welcome to apply for University scholarships and financial aid. If you are on a visa, we encourage you to look for external scholarships and sponsorships. UNC Charlotte will accept all outside funding you secure. For more information, visit scholarships.charlotte.edu.

North Carolina residents

If you live in North Carolina and you are a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, refugee or a student on a status other than F-1, J, or B visas, you might be eligible for in-state tuition. You can verify your eligibility through the North Carolina Residency Determination Service at ncresidency.org.

PLEASE NOTE

We recommend that international students live on campus, but it is not required.



COMPLETE YOUR NEXT STEPS

☐ Log in to your Future 49er Portal

future49er.charlotte.edu/status

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

☐ Activate your NinerNET Account

[niner.net.charlotte.edu](https://niner.net/charlotte.edu)

*This is your UNC Charlotte student account

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

☐ Receive your I-20 if you plan to study on an F-1 international student visa

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, 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 also be asked to complete the SEVIS transfer form.

☐ Apply for housing and pay your housing deposit if you plan to live on campus

housing.charlotte.edu

☐ Plan your trip

Apply for the student visa if needed. If traveling from abroad, we recommend Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT), which is about a 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.

☐ Submit your final or updated credential evaluations and necessary test scores to undergraduate admissions

Email to admissions@charlotte.edu

☐ Reserve your New Student Orientation (NSO) session in your Future 49er Portal

orientation.charlotte.edu

All new incoming students are required to complete their New Student Modules online and attend orientation prior to the start of classes. During NSO, you will learn about University resources, connect with other incoming students, meet with your academic college and more.

☐ Attend International Student Orientation for students on an F-1 visa

isso.charlotte.edu/future-students/orientation

This is a free event hosted by ISSO. If you are a student on an F-1 visa, you are required to attend. Registration is not needed.

☐ Complete math placement

clas-math.charlotte.edu/math-placement

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

☐ Provide immunization records and show proof of health insurance, or enroll in the university-sponsored health insurance plan

studenthealth.charlotte.edu

☐ Plan your finances and bill payments

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.



STUDENT SERVICES

Learn English with the English Language Training Institute (ELTI)

elti.charlotte.edu

Would you like to improve your English proficiency skills prior to taking classes? Apply for 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.

Ease your transition to a new culture with ISSO

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. 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

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.

Navigate off-campus housing options

housing.charlotte.edu/housing-options/campus-student-services

Although we encourage all international students to live on campus, we recognize you may want support navigating off-campus housing options. UNC Charlotte's Housing & Residence Life offers several resources to help you make that significant decision while prioritizing your safety and well-being.

Take advantage of internships and on-campus employment

career.charlotte.edu

Explore our University Career Center website and discuss your skills, talents and goals with our career advisors. They are a valuable resource to help matching you with numerous experiential learning and job opportunities throughout the Charlotte community.

Continue your education at UNC Charlotte

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.