

STUDENT LIFE

ACTIVITIES

Students at UNC Charlotte are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities. The Student Government Association, the Campus Activities Board, and Student Media are a few of the available activities that can play a significant role in each student's development and total education. Participation in activities, ranging in type from service and religious to athletic and social, and from creative arts and crafts to wilderness experiences, increases a student's opportunities to acquire leadership skills, to experience the responsibilities involved in functioning within a self-governmental process, and to develop personal talents and interests.

Students are entitled to participate in several student groups and organizations as long as they are academically eligible to continue their enrollment. However, participation in organizations associated with the Student Government Association, Campus Activities Board, and Student Media requires students to be in good standing with the University, both academically and in accordance with The Code of Student Responsibility.

Athletics. The Charlotte 49ers Department of Athletics provides competition in 16 intercollegiate varsity sports for men and women. Each sport competes under the governing powers of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) at the Division I level, which is the highest competitive level for collegiate varsity sports. Scholarships are available for all varsity sports, male and female.

Male student-athletes compete in eight sports: baseball, basketball, cross-country, golf, soccer, tennis, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field. Female student-athletes also compete in eight sports: basketball, cross-country, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field.

The Charlotte 49ers are members of Conference USA, which sponsors championships in each of the 49ers' 16 sports. Conference USA is made up of 14 schools from 12 states: The University of Alabama at Birmingham, The University of Cincinnati, DePaul University, East Carolina University, The University of Houston, The University of Louisville, Marquette University, The University of Memphis, Saint Louis University, The University of South Florida, The University of Southern Mississippi, Texas Christian University, Tulane University, and UNC Charlotte. Conference USA tournament champions in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, and volleyball receive automatic bids to the NCAA post-season tournaments.

Each of the 49ers teams, except golf and cross-country, compete on campus in home competition. The basketball and volleyball teams compete in Halton Arena; the soccer and track and field programs compete at the Irwin Belk Center while the baseball, softball and tennis teams compete at the D.L. Phillips Athletic Complex.

IMPORTANT: UNC Charlotte students have free admission to all regular-season home athletic contests with proper University identification.

DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE

The Dean of Students Office is a department within the Division of Student Affairs and serves as a key link between students and other areas of campus life. Various programs are sponsored by the Dean of Students Office to promote opportunities for learning and growth during a student's college experience. The staff is responsible for advising and promoting the following programs: student government, fraternities and sororities, minority student support services, new student orientation, off-campus student services, women's programs, judicial programs and volunteer services.

The Dean of Students Office welcomes all students. The staff of student development professionals provides support for any student who has a grievance or concern about the University. The office also coordinates and assists with the settlement of academic and social misconduct charges against individuals and student organizations.

Each of the above services provides excellent opportunities for students to incorporate classroom knowledge into practical situations. Students often find themselves learning new skills and abilities that will help them become more productive and more responsible citizens. The Dean of Students Office is located in 217 King Building. For information, call 704-687-2375.

Greek Life at UNC Charlotte consists of 22 fraternities and sororities and involves approximately 8% of our campus community. Achieving excellence is the primary focus of a college education, and since 1776, Greek-letter organizations have been an integral part of that mission at colleges and universities across the country. Founded upon the principles of scholarship, leadership, community service and the formation of lifelong friendships, fraternities and sororities today uphold these fundamental values in their pursuit of collegiate excellence, enabling all members to achieve their personal best. The experience the student gains from organizing and motivating people, planning and implementing projects and learning to give back what one has received can be an invaluable part of a college education. Membership recruitment for a fraternity or sorority primarily begins with each new semester. However, some organizations hold recruitment meetings throughout the year.

The Student Advising for Freshman Excellence (SAFE) program is one of the University's most successful retention efforts. SAFE connects new students with an upper-class mentor who acts as a behavior and academic role model during the freshman year. Together with academic and student development programming, SAFE addresses student's needs in a holistic manner. Research shows that SAFE's efforts go a long way toward easing the transition from high school to college. SAFE is geared to minority students but is open to any student interested in success at UNC Charlotte.

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Women's Programs offered in the Dean of Students Office include the Women of the Year Awards, Women's Leadership Conference and the Take Back the Night Rally to protest violence against women and children. Women's Programs also works closely with the Women's Studies Program to provide services and awareness of women's issues.

Off-Campus Student Services in the Dean of Students Office supports students by providing informational resources about off-campus living and by working with campus departments to encourage University-wide support systems for off-campus students.

Volunteer Services helps students find community service opportunities through a clearinghouse containing listings of local non-profit agencies. A wide diversity of positions is available, and the Volunteer Services staff can help students find an opportunity that matches their interests and skills. Volunteer Services also has a number of issue-based programs that focus on topics like hunger, education, homelessness, literacy, and mentoring in which all UNC Charlotte students, faculty, and staff may participate. Volunteer Services also sponsors special events such as Relay for Life, Alternative Spring Break, and 49er Plunge.

New Student Orientation Programs help freshmen and transfer students learn more about UNC Charlotte. SOAR and WOW! are two orientation and transition programs offered to new students.

SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising and Registration) occurs during the summer and immediately prior to the fall and spring semesters. This program provides the opportunity for new freshmen and transfer students to begin their transition to UNC Charlotte. Orientation workshops, testing, academic advising, and first semester course registration occur during SOAR.

WOW! (Week Of Welcome) is a weeklong event welcoming both new and returning students to campus. This program is a University-wide effort to welcome new students to campus and acclimate them to the many programs and services offered by the University. All students are invited to participate in WOW! activities which include video dances, movies, prizes, cookouts, and other fun events.

Intramural and Recreational Services offers a comprehensive program to provide enjoyable recreational opportunities for UNC Charlotte. The program includes team, dual, and individual intramural sports for men and women, and ample opportunities for unstructured "free play" activities. In addition, there are 18 active sports clubs, a diverse schedule of fitness classes, and a state of the art fitness center available to the entire University community.

The Belk Gymnasium features basketball, volleyball and badminton courts, an indoor swimming pool, racquetball courts, a weight room, and lockers for students, faculty, and staff. It also houses classrooms and an auditorium for audiovisual presentations.

The James H. Barnhardt Student Activity Center is a multi-purpose facility designed to meet the diverse social, cultural, and recreational needs of students at UNC Charlotte.

The 9,100 seat arena is a first-class setting for athletic events, as well as conferences, lectures, and entertainment activities. Recreational opportunities are available daily in the two weight rooms, aerobics studio, indoor track, four indoor basketball/volleyball courts, and the indoor climbing wall. While physical fitness opportunities can be enjoyed in these areas, two other areas of the building emphasize relaxation and socializing. The first floor is home to a spacious food court. Overlooking the food court on the second floor is a 7,000 square foot game room. Billiards, table tennis, pinball, computer games, and card tables are available for an array of gaming activities. A hospitality room that can be sub-divided into five separate meeting salons located on the top floor is available to University organizations.

Venture offers experiential learning, non-credit courses and workshops in outdoor settings. Activities include weekend trips in a variety of outdoor sports from backpacking to kayaking, and programs at our new on-campus team development course, new high ropes team challenge course, and indoor climbing wall. Venture programs are modeled on Outward Bound and are designed to facilitate individual growth through physical challenge, group interaction, and personal reflection. VOLTAGE (Venture Outdoor Leadership Training and Group Experience) trains student leaders to instruct Venture Programs. Venture houses a resource library to help individuals plan their own trips. Outdoor camping gear can be rented.

Venture also offers courses for academic credit through the Department of Kinesiology. Each fall, a four-credit course, Wilderness Experience, offers an adapted Outward Bound experience presenting a series of increasing challenges. A variety of one-credit outdoor activity courses also is offered. For additional details, see the descriptions for KNES courses or contact the Venture Program (704-687-2486) in the Cone University Center.

The Student Body Government provides students an early experience in governmental affairs. Students often find their work in student government a useful background for later public service. The University encourages student participation in its affairs and has student representatives on many of the faculty and administrative committees. The leaders of student government are committed to representing the student body and to developing students' awareness of the many facets of life at their University. All regularly enrolled students, whether on a part- or full-time basis, are eligible to participate in student government. Student Body Government comprises:

The Executive Branch, made up of the president, the vice president, the four class presidents, and the cabinet, who are appointed by the president.

The Student Senate, is composed of the President Pro Tempore, residence hall representatives, and representatives from each college who are chosen by the students majoring in the college. The Vice President of the Student Body conducts all meetings and serves as liaison between the Senate and the president's office. The student body treasurer reports to the Student Senate.

The Judicial Branch is composed of panel members of the Student Court including the Student Attorney General, the Chief Student Counsel, and the Student Defense Office. Members of Student Court are responsible for hearing cases of alleged violations of the UNC Charlotte Code of Student

Responsibility and determining appropriate sanctioning if the accused is found responsible for violation of the Code.

The UNC Charlotte Center for Leadership Development provides students with opportunities to develop leadership skills and abilities and provides the University and student organizations more effective leadership. The goal is to provide a comprehensive and diverse program of leadership development activities for current student leaders and potential leaders.

The program consists of both group and self-paced leadership components, academic courses, as well as retreats and conferences. Individual and group consultation is also available.

LeaderShape Institute—Leadership program for established leaders; focus is on vision and leading with integrity

Leadership Resource Area--Information on a variety of leadership topics for individuals and organizations

Leadership Fellows—Fall semester group leadership experience for upper classmen

Emerging Leaders—Group leadership experience for freshmen

Leadership Theory and the Dynamics of Group Process--
A 3-hour leadership theory course in communication studies

Individual and Group Consultation--Assistance with applications, interviewing, leadership issues and programmatic needs

Conferences--Co-sponsorship of leadership conferences for Greeks, women, and members of multicultural organizations

Leadership, Service and Ethics--A 3-hour course in communication studies for students currently in leadership positions

PILOT—Programs in Leadership and Organizational Training individualized leadership program, provides an opportunity for leadership certification in a self-paced program

LEAD Team--Students trained as presenters available to make presentations on a wide variety of leadership topics

Leadership Website--Provides information, events calendar and leadership resources

Contact the Center for Leadership Development for more information, 704-687-2703.

Media Board. As the governing body for Student Media, the board may set policies and procedures and may determine operational restrictions. At-large representatives are elected each spring. Interested students should see the media advisor in early spring. *For information: Phone 704-687-2663.*

The University Times. Serving the University community, *The Times* is distributed free to both on- and off-campus locations. Published on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the newspaper covers news, events, sports, and features of importance to the UNC Charlotte and the surrounding community. It is not necessary to be a communication major nor to have prior experience, just the motivation to be involved. *For more information: Phone 704-687-2324.*

Media Marketing is the advertising branch of Student Media, responsible for contracting and sales of advertising for all student publications, generating campus promotions, special inserts, and sections of *The Times*, as well as soliciting contributions for Student Media fund-raising efforts, circulation, and subscriptions. There is no need to be a business or marketing major; a desire to make the program an exciting and successful one is all that is necessary. *For information: Phone 704-687-2663.*

Sanskrit Literary-Arts Publication, UNC Charlotte's literary-arts magazine, publishes both student and non-student work in four categories: art, photography, short fiction, and poetry. *Sanskrit* is an excellent vehicle for exposure of student talent and creative efforts. Submissions are encouraged and are due in the fall. Guidelines for submitting material and deadline information are available through the Student Media Offices in Cone Center. *For information: Phone 704-687-2326.*

NinerOnline.com is UNC Charlotte's new website created by and for students. NinerOnline.com includes an online edition of *The University Times*, as well as daily updates of news important to the University community. Students can also find valuable student resources and links. To join the staff or get more information, *Phone 704-687-2663.*

The Campus Activities Board is a student organization that plans and promotes social, cultural, educational, and recreational programs for students and the University community. These programs include live music, coffeehouse entertainment, homecoming, lectures, week of madness, films, lunchtime programs, and other special activities.

The Activities Board consists of a president, vice president, treasurer, and six student committee directors. The president and vice president are elected in the annual campus-wide spring elections. Directors are selected by an application and interview process during spring semester.

Black Student Union (BSU) is an organization designed to raise cultural awareness and address issues facing the African-American student community. Some of its sponsored activities include the annual Halloween Carnival, the Fall and Spring Step Shows, the Housekeeper's Appreciation Day, and an annual Awards Banquet. This organization also produces a student-run publication, "The Black Perspective," for the articulation of the voices of African-American students. Students interested in these types of events should contact the BSU office at 704-687-2191. Membership is opened to all students.

Martin Luther King Celebration Committee is a committee of students, faculty, and staff working together to produce a campus-wide celebration. For information, contact the Multicultural Resource Center at 704-687-3865.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The University has many clubs and organizations that help meet the academic, social, political, and religious needs of UNC Charlotte students. Contact the Student Government Office at 704-687-4606 for a listing of the clubs and organizations registered by the Student Government Association. A listing of all student clubs and organizations may be found at <http://www.uncc.edu/cone/clubs>.

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HONORARIES

The following is a list of national/international honor societies that have chapters at UNC Charlotte to recognize achievement in the disciplines indicated. Further information on each organization is available from the Department or College offering the discipline.

- Alpha Delta Mu*, national social work honor society
Contact: Department of Social Work
- Alpha Kappa Delta*, national sociology honor society
Contact: Department of Sociology
- Alpha Mu Alpha*, national marketing honor society
Contact: Department of Marketing
- Alpha Phi Sigma*, national honor society for the criminal justice sciences
Contact: Department of Criminal Justice
- Alpha Psi Omega*, national dance and theater honor society
Contact: Department of Dance and Theatre
- Alpha Sigma Lambda*, national honor society for non-traditional students
Contact: Office of Adult Students and Evening Services
- Beta Alpha Psi*, national accounting honor society
Contact: Department of Accounting
- Beta Beta Beta*, national biology honor society
Contact: Department of Biology
- Beta Gamma Sigma*, national honor society in business and management
Contact: Belk College of Business Administration
- Chi Epsilon*, national civil engineering honor society
Contact: Department of Civil Engineering
- Chi Sigma Iota*, international honor society for counselors
Contact: Department of Counseling, Special Education and Child Development
- Eta Kappa Nu*, national electrical engineering honor society
Contact: Department of Electrical Engineering
- Gamma Theta Upsilon*, international geography honor society
Contact: Department of Geography and Earth Sciences
- Golden Key*, national honor society (all disciplines)
Contact: Deb Sharer
- Kappa Delta Pi*, international honor society in education
Contact: College of Education
- Lambda Pi Eta*, national communication honor society
Contact: Department of Communication Studies
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars*, national honor society for first and second-year students
Contact: Department of Philosophy
- Omicron Delta Epsilon*, national economics honor society
Contact: Department of Economics
- Omicron Delta Kappa*, national leadership honorary
Contact: Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
- Order of Omega*, national Greek honorary
Contact: Assistant Dean of Greek Life
- Phi Alpha Theta*, international history honor society
Contact: Department of History
- Phi Beta Delta*, honor society for international scholars
Contact: Office of International Programs
- Phi Beta Lambda*, national honor society for business scholars
Contact: Belk College of Business Administration
- Phi Eta Sigma*, national honor society for freshmen
Contact: Dean of Students Office
- Phi Kappa Phi*, national honor society (all disciplines)
Contact: Office of Academic Affairs

- Phi Sigma Tau*, international philosophy honor society
Contact: Department of Philosophy
- Pi Alpha Alpha*, national public affairs/public administration honor society (for graduate students)
Contact: The Graduate School
- Pi Mu Epsilon*, national mathematics honor society
Contact: Department of Mathematics
- PinnAcle*, honor society of adult and evening services
Contact: Office of Adult Students and Evening Services
- Pi Sigma Alpha*, national political science honor society
Contact: Department of Political Science
- Psi Chi*, national psychology honor society
Contact: Department of Psychology
- Sigma Delta Pi*, national foreign languages honor society
Contact: Department of Languages and Culture Studies
- Sigma Gamma Epsilon*, national earth sciences honor society
Contact: Department of Geography and Earth Sciences
- Sigma Iota Epsilon*, national management honor society
Contact: Department of Management
- Sigma Pi Sigma*, national physics honor society
Contact: Department of Physics
- Sigma Tau Delta*, national English honor society
Contact: Department of English
- Sigma Theta Tau*, international nursing honor society
Contact: College of Health and Human Services
- Tau Alpha Pi*, national engineering technology honor society
Contact: Department of Engineering Technology
- Tau Beta Pi*, national engineering honor society
Contact: William States Lee College of Engineering
- Zeta Delta*, national management honor society
Contact: Department of Management

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

As a tax-supported public institution, UNC Charlotte neither promotes nor recommends any religious orientation. However, the University recognizes that spiritual discernment and moral appreciation are essential to the development of the whole personality and has established an Office of Religious Affairs.

The functions of this office include providing information to the campus community and general public about religious activities and programming, as well as coordinating the activities of religious organizations in the University. These organizations provide a variety of services including prayer, pastoral and academic counseling, retreats, Bible study, marriage preparation, discussion groups, ecumenical activities, and social services. Faculty members, staff, and students may obtain additional information by contacting the Office of Religious Affairs.

The religious associations listed below provide the services of their representatives to serve the spiritual needs of students and other members of the campus community.

- Baptist - Dan McClintock, Campus Minister- 704-687-3563
Catholic - Mary Wright, Advisor- 704-687-4069
Lutheran - Steve Cheyney, Campus Minister- 704-687-4068
Methodist - Steve Cheyney, Campus Minister- 704-687-4068
Presbyterian - Steve Cheyney, Campus Minister- 704-687-4068

These persons and other representatives may be reached through the Office of Religious Affairs, 200 King Building, 704-687-2344 or for further information visit our webpage at <http://www.uncc.edu/relaffairs/>.

STUDENT CONDUCT

Upon admittance to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, all students are encouraged to be familiar with The Code of Student Responsibility, Code of Academic Integrity, and University Policy Statements that govern student conduct. Any student who would like to obtain copies of these documents may come by the Dean of Students Office located in 217 King Building. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The Codes of Academic Integrity, Student Responsibility and University Policy Statements are also available online at <http://www.uncc.edu/policystate/ps-105.html>.