

Overview of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - Fall 2023

Classification

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-Chapel Hill) is a public institution with a Carnegie Classification of R1: Doctoral Universities – Very High Research Activity and a member of the Association of American Universities.

Brief History

UNC-Chapel Hill was the nation's first state university to open its doors and the only public university to award degrees in the 18th century. It was authorized by the North Carolina Constitution of 1776 and chartered by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1789. The first student enrolled in 1795 and graduated in the first class in 1798.

Governance

As a constituent institution of the 17-campus University of North Carolina System, UNC-Chapel Hill is governed by the UNC Board of Governors and its own Board of Trustees.

Mission

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the nation's first public university, serves North Carolina, the United States, and the world through teaching, research, and public service. We embrace an unwavering commitment to excellence as one of the world's great research universities. Our mission is to serve as a center for research, scholarship, and creativity and to teach a diverse community of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students to become the next generation of leaders. Through the efforts of our exceptional faculty and staff, and with generous support from North Carolina's citizens, we invest our knowledge and resources to enhance access to learning and to foster the success and prosperity of each rising generation. We also extend knowledge-based services and other resources of the University to the citizens of North Carolina and their institutions to enhance the quality of life for all people in the State. With lux, libertas — light and liberty — as its founding principles, the University has charted a bold course of leading change to improve society and to help solve the world's greatest problems.

Programs Offered

UNC-Chapel Hill is home to 15 colleges and schools, including: The College of Arts & Sciences, Kenan-Flagler Business School, School of Data Science and Society, School of Education, School of Information and Library Science, School of Government, Hussman School of Journalism and Media, School of Law, School of Social Work, Adams School of Dentistry, School of Medicine, School of Nursing, Eshelman School of Pharmacy, Gillings School of Global Public Health, and The Graduate School. Across these units, UNC-Chapel Hill currently offers more than 78 bachelors, 114 masters, 66 doctoral, and 7 professional degree programs.

Headcount Enrollment

In fall 2023, the University enrolled 32,234 students, with 20,681 (64.2%) undergraduate, 9,073 graduate, and 2,480 professional students.

Student Characteristics

Race/Ethnicity	Undergraduate	Graduate	Professional
Underrepresented Minority*	19%	18.7%	20.8%
Asian	18.8%	16.8%	17.1%
White or Race/Ethnicity Not Reported	57%	60.5%	56.2%
Two or more races	5.2%	4%	5.9%
Other Demographics	Undergraduate	Graduate	Professional
North Carolina Residents	81.3%	45.8%	86%
Full-Time	95.9%	56.4%	96.7%
Female	60.7%	58.9%	64.7%
Military Affiliated	0.5%	6.8%	2.5%
Pell Eligible	19.4%	NA	NA
First Generation	17.8%	NA	NA

^{*}Underrepresented minorities consist of: American Indian/Alaskan, Black/African American, Hispanic, and Hawaiian/Pacific Islander. Data provided by UNC Office of Institutional Research and Assessment (oira@unc.edu)

Student Success

- First-to-second Year Retention Rate (2022 Cohort): 97.1%
- Graduation Rate (Full-Time First-Year 2017 Cohort): 4-Year 85.4%; 5-Year 91.4%; 6-Year 92.0%
- Degrees Awarded in 2022-23: 9,008 (Bachelor's 4,939; Master's 2,816; Doctoral/Professional 1,253)

Faculty and Staff, Permanent Employees

- Faculty: 4,174 (Tenured/Tenure Track: 43.2%)
- EHRA Professional Staff: 2,909
 Full Time: 2,836

Part Time: 73
SHRA Other Staff: 5,689
Full Time: 5,577
Part Time: 112

• Total: 12,772

Research Productivity

- Total Sponsored Research Awards, FY 2023: \$1,121,342,386
- Total Research Volume and Annual Expenditures: 12th largest university in U.S.
- Federal R&D Awards: \$723,404,462 million, 11th highest ranked university in the U.S.

Revenues and Expenditures, FY 2022

Revenues: \$3,738,047,976 Expenditures: \$3,430,989,668

Tuition & Fees (net of aid): 12.4% Instruction: 24.5% State Appropriations: 15.7% Research: 21.4% Other Revenues: 71.9% Public Service: 4.5% Student Services: 1.3%

Academic Support: 4.6% Institutional Support: 7.2% Other Expenses: 36.5%

Tuition and Fees, AY 2023-24

	In-State	Out-of-State
Undergraduate	\$8,998	\$39,338
Graduate	\$12,534	\$30.826