

Welcome New Exchange Students!

Agenda

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6. Adjusting your class schedule



Online Orientation Resources



Online Orientation

ISSO Orientation webpage

- <https://isso.charlotte.edu/future-students/orientation>
- Online International Student Orientation

Canvas Course

- Upload immigration documents for “check-in”
- Upon completion, we will register your immigration status

Aug 16 - 17

- Student led in-person events
- See Orientation webpage for details



U.S. Academic Culture



What to expect...

- Read the syllabus
 - Each professor outlines his/her expectations on the syllabus, provided 1st day of class
 - Attend class, all of them
 - It is part of your grade
- Complete your assignments
 - Group projects
 - Regular/weekly assignments
 - Big projects/exams



Class Participation

Expectations:

- Speak-up in class
- Contribute your own ideas:
 - group discussions/projects
 - written work, etc.
- Class participation usually counts towards grade

Talk to professors during 'office hours'

- shows strong interest & enthusiasm!



Tips for Course Selection

Find the right 'balance'

- Heavy vs. light courses (read syllabus)
- Recommended maximum:
- 15 credit hours (undergraduate)- 9 credit hours (graduate)
- Opportunity to learn something new!
- May drop & add other classes or sections.
- **Deadline: Monday, Aug 26th at 11:59PM**

Reasons you may be unable to register:

- Course is restricted to students of a different major or minor
- Specific section of a course is full (Closed)
- Class has pre-requisites (qualifications)

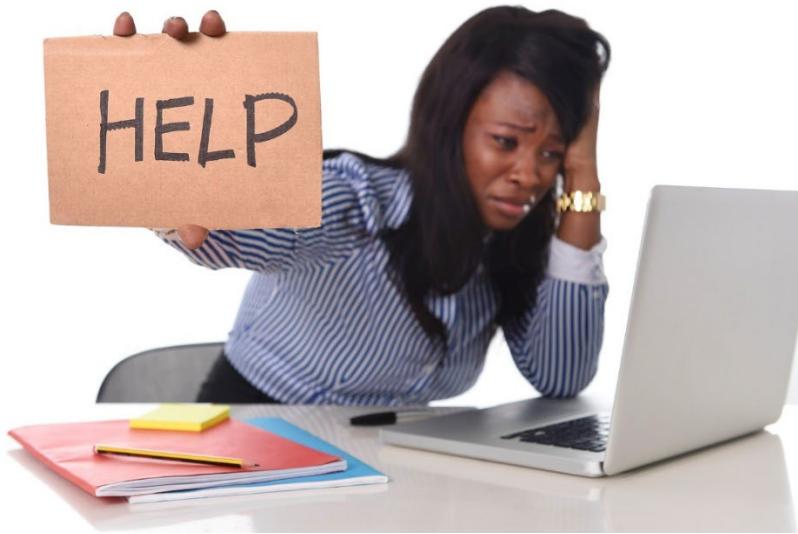


US Grading Scale

Letter Grade	U.S. Grade (Percentage)	Grade Description
A	90 – 100 %	Excellent
B	80 – 90%	Solid work
C	70 – 80 %	Improvement needed; average
D	65 – 70 %	Unsatisfactory; remedial lessons needed
E	60 – 65 %	This is looked upon as failing
F	< 60%	Failing



Asking for help



**YOU are a
problems solver!**

- Stress is part of the cross cultural experience
- Ideas:
 - Seeking support from friends
 - Signing up for ISSO advising
 - Joining a club
 - Other ideas



Housing



Housing

- Living with a roommate!
- Role of a Resident Advisor (RA)
- Required 'floor meeting' to cover rules,
- Learn about process for room changes
- Get involved in activities so you can meet people
- And teach them about your country!



Housing

- Contract length
 - 1 semester students - Full semester
- Check-Out

Last day you may stay in your dorm

- Dec 13th at Noon, fall only students
- May 9th at Noon, full year or spring only

Room changes

- See your email for the room change dates
- Usually 2nd week of classes



Meal Plans

- If you live on campus...
 - A meal plan is required
 - Exception for students living in 'apartment' style housing (with a full kitchen)
- Changing meal plans:
 - \$25 processing charge
 - Last day to change – Sept 6@ 12 noon
 - Enroll at any time
- Submit requests
 - In person: Auxiliary Services, Mon 8am-Fri Noon
 - Online: www.aux.uncc.edu



Immunization & Health Insurance

Both are required by North Carolina state law

- Deadlines are NOT flexible!
- Missing immunizations must be completed within three weeks of the beginning of class (Aug 21)

Health insurance

- Purchase UNC Charlotte plan - \$1393/semester
- Submit proof of your own insurance and waive the UNC Charlotte plan
- <https://studenthealth.charlotte.edu/insurance>



Get Involved!

Lots of opportunities
– chance of a
lifetime!

- Gold Rush – welcome activities
- <https://tsi.charlotte.edu/goldrush>
- Sunday, Aug 20 – Student Org Showcase
- Outside Barnhardt Student Activity Center



Immigration



Legal age to consume alcohol

- 21 years old
- Consequences of underage drinking:
 - On campus
 - drinking citation, fine, educational classes
 - Off-campus
 - arrest, court appearance, large fine, immigration consequences



J-1 Immigration

- Regular reporting of address:
 - <https://isso.charlotte.edu/exchange-students/current-exchange-students>
- On Campus Employment
 - On-campus employment must be reported to ISSO and
 - I-9 paperwork completed prior to first date of employment
 - Limited to 20 hrs/week while classes are in session
- Off-campus employment (Academic Training)*
 - must be authorized in advance by ISSO or sponsor.
 - 20 hours/week maximum during Fall and Spring semester



Academic Training - Off-Campus Internship

- When can I begin?
 - During or immediately after completing exchange program
- How long can I work?
 - Up to the length of your academic program (either 4.5 or 9 months).
 - Up to 20 hrs per week while enrolled in classes, up to full-time allowed after classes completed
- What is the authorization process?
 - Contact the ISSO to discuss details



Exchange – Administrative Details



Transcript of Grades

- UNC Charlotte transcript
 - You must request your transcript on your own towards the end of your program
 - See <https://ninercentral.charlotte.edu/grades-transcripts-graduation/order-transcripts>
 - Cost - \$0
 - Restrictions – We request that you double check to make sure your UNC Charlotte bill is paid in full (housing, library, etc.) before ordering your final transcript.



Whom to Contact in Case of Emergency

- UNC Charlotte Campus Policy Emergency Number
 - 704-687-2200
- Campus police can contact ISSO staff after work hours



Making Changes to Your Schedule (adding or dropping classes)



Tips for Adding /Changing Class Registration

- Check OFTEN for open seats!
 - Seats can open at any time
 - Students change their schedules, drop classes, etc.
- Remember:
 - Last day to add/drop classes, Monday, August 28th at 11:59PM



Course Selection

- 'Permit' only starts the process
 - still must 'register' in my.charlotte.edu after permit is added by instructor
- Graduate-level courses
 - (5000 and higher)
 - not available to undergraduate-level students



Important Fall Semester Dates

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- Monday, Aug 28th
 - last day to drop/add/change classes
- Friday, Sept 8th
 - meal plan changes- by 12 Noon
- Monday, Sept 11
 - must complete immunizations, NO EXCEPTIONS
- Monday, Sept 11
 - health insurance waiver deadline



DS-2019 Travel Signatures

- Drop Your immigration document by the ISSO (CHHS 202)
- Pick it up signed within 3 business days



Niner Course Pack - \$20/credit

- Example, total course material costs
 - \$300/15 credits; \$240/12 credits
- Learn more
 - <https://aux.charlotte.edu/bookstore/niner-course-pack>
- Is this a good value (for me)?
 - Two student examples
- Last day to opt out
 - Tuesday, Sept 1, 2023



ISEP Students

- Meal Plan suggestion
- Break Stipend
- DS-2019 signature

- Meet with Amy & Dillon after today's meeting to discuss details regarding the above



Wishing you Success

- Be flexible,
- be politely proactive,
- and good luck!!

