DIVERSITY AT CAROLINA

COMMUNITY
Carolina is committed to enrolling a diverse undergraduate student body. When students apply, they may report one or more ethnicities with which they identify. Only 68% of the 3,914 students in the first-year class identified themselves as White/Caucasian only. Other races included:

- 13% Asian/Asian American
- 10% Black/African American
- 6% Hispanic/Latino/Latina
- 2% Native American
- Less than 1% Pacific Islander

3% of students chose not to report an ethnicity.

QUICK FACTS
For the fifth consecutive year, Carolina is #1 in the nation among public schools in U.S. News and World Report’s 2012 list of “Great Schools, Great Prices.”

Carolina is ranked 42nd among the top 400 universities worldwide. (Times Higher Education Magazine, 2012-2013).

International enrollment increased by 63% from 2008 to 2012.

Carolina was 2nd among U.S. universities in the percentage of African American students in the 2008 first-year class.

Carolina has had five African American Rhodes Scholars, the highest number in the country, and UNC alumna Karen Stevenson was the first African American woman to receive a Rhodes Scholarship.

The American Indian population includes members of the Cherokee Nation, Choctaw Nation, Coharie, Haliwa-Saponi, Iroquois, Lumbee, and Navajo tribes, among others.

MAKING CONNECTIONS ACROSS BOUNDARIES
With 300 study abroad programs in 70 countries, Carolina consistently ranks among the top public universities for the largest number of students who study overseas.

Students don’t have to leave campus to learn about the world. From Samoan dance and Taiko drum performances to our annual International Research Symposium, Carolina offers daily opportunities throughout campus for students to learn about other cultures.

Students interested in connecting classroom learning with residence life may choose one of ten specialized living-learning communities. UNITAS, housed on the fifth floor of Carmichael residence hall, is a community sponsored by the Department of Anthropology that actively works to erase stereotypes and prejudice based on gender, race, nationality, religion, and sexual orientation. To help break down barriers, UNITAS residents are assigned roommates from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

Carolina’s more than 700 student organizations include the Black Student Movement, Carolina Hispanic Association, Carolina Indian Circle, Asian Student Association, and Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority. Students may also found and lead their own organizations.

AFFORDABILITY AND FINANCIAL AID
Named “Best Value” in the nation by Kiplinger’s Personal Finance eleven consecutive times, Carolina meets 100% of demonstrated need through a combination of grants, work-study funds, and low-interest loans for any admitted student who applies for aid on time.

The Carolina Covenant ensures that students from low socioeconomic backgrounds graduate 100% debt-free.

The Pogue Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship awarded to students who have strong academic records and leadership potential, demonstrate an abiding commitment to their local communities, and embrace diversity as a value.

OTHER IMPORTANT RESOURCES
Peer Minority Advisors are available through the Office for Student Counseling to assist in the transition to university life.

Communities Ties is a mentoring program to help new American Indian students develop a sense of belonging within the community.

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Center works to foster a safe and inclusive environment for students of all sexualities, gender identities, and gender expressions.

Accessibility Resources and Services provides assistance and accommodations to students with disabilities.

The Fed-Ex Global Education Center is the University’s hub for all international activity, from services to instruction to research.

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Carolina offers one of the most diverse and culturally rich campuses in the country. Students from all walks of life, all 50 states and more than 100 countries come together to enrich the community.

UNIQUE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Our First Year Seminar Program offers more than 300 courses from 38 different departments and schools. All courses help students expand intellectual interests and skills through a wide array of subjects and engaged learning strategies.

More than 60% of undergraduates enhance their learning through the research opportunities offered at Carolina. Recent diversity research topics include: social behavior among individuals, African American families and children, and water infrastructure improvement in Peru.

Carolina also offers one of the nation’s most inclusive honors programs. Honors Carolina allows all qualified students to take honors courses or write an honors thesis.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Carolina offers many interdisciplinary academic programs that allow students to explore their interest in diversity and multiculturalism:

- African Studies
- Afro-American Studies
- Asian Studies
- Ethnicity, Culture, and Health Outcomes
- Global Studies
- Humanities and Human Values
- International Studies
- Jewish Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Latina/o Studies
- Middle East/Muslim Civilizations
- Native American Studies
- Social and Economic Justice
- Sexuality Studies
- Women’s Studies

“Being at Carolina is an adventure where diversity meets reality in an exchange of culture, tradition, and ideas. Everyone who is at Carolina has a passion to follow a dream and make it come true.”

Ana
Monterrey, Mexico

RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

Diversity and Multicultural Affairs provides university-wide leadership to promote access to and diversity within our student, faculty, and staff communities.

The Sonya Haynes Stone Center offers scholarly inquiry, outreach, and services to broaden intellectual discourse about African Americans.

The American Indian Center is devoted to advancing research, teaching, and public service related to American Indians.

The Institute for the Study of the Americas is dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge of the Latin American experience in the Western Hemisphere.

The Latina/o Collaborative builds relationships across campus and the community to promote Latina/o scholarship, education, culture, and engagement.

“The brilliance of students at Carolina is contagious. The bar is set high, but instead of aggressive competition, there is a friendly collaboration and a welcoming approach that pervades the university.”

Frank
Charlotte, N.C.

“I truly believe that environment shapes character, and because the students at Carolina help to create an environment of excellence, it allowed me to develop a character that pursues excellence.”

Daniel
Garner, N.C.