Welcome to Carolina! The Office of Undergraduate Admissions offers a daily information session and student-led tour Monday-Friday throughout the year. Learn more and reserve your space at www.admissions.unc.edu. If you can’t make it to one of our daily visit sessions, we hope this self-guided tour will give you a small taste of life at Carolina. Please refer to our Campus Map to locate each point of interest.

A JACkSON HALL N-4
Jackson Hall is home to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, and receives almost 50,000 visitors each year. The building was renamed in 1992 to honor Dr. Bylden Jackson, who joined the English department as the university’s first black tenured professor in 1969, and his wife Roberta, who was hired in 1970 and later became the first tenured black woman within the Division of Academic Affairs. The admissions office at Jackson Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm excluding holidays.

B OLD CAMPUS LOWER K-5 QUAD COMMUNITY
There are 16 different residential communities across the UNC campus, from traditional corridor-style halls to high-rise suites and on-campus apartments. Students may choose to live in coed or single-gender residence halls, depending on their personal preference. Carolina also offers Residential Learning Programs (RLP) which give students a unique, inclusive living experience that connects classroom learning with residence life. Students in our nine different RLPs live on-campus in a residence hall among a group that shares similar academic goals and passions. RLPs include Spanish House, Chinese House, Service and Leadership, Balance and Wellness, Sustainability, Transfer United, and Women Experiencing Learning & Leadership.

C COKER ARBORETUM J-3
Coker Arboretum is fondly regarded by many as a quiet refuge in the middle of the busy UNC campus. Maintained by the North Carolina Botanical Garden, the arboretum celebrated its 100th anniversary in April 2003. The arboretum is open dusk to dawn daily, year-round, and welcomes visitors, volunteers, and students seeking a peaceful place to study, meditate, or even doze between classes.

D MOREHEAD PLANETARIUM H-3
Adjacent to the arboretum, you will find the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center, one of the oldest and largest planetariums in the United States. The planetarium itself seats about 240 people and boasts a dome that is 68 ft. in diameter and 44 ft. tall. Morehead Observatory, located at the east end of the top floor of the building, houses a telescope operated by the Physics and Astronomy Department.

E GRAHAM MEMORIAL HALL F-2
Graham Memorial Hall serves as a hub of intellectual activity on campus. It houses the Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence, which includes Honors Carolina, the Office of Distinguished Scholarships, and the Office of Undergraduate Research. Honors Carolina is highly accessible—anyone with a 3.0 GPA can take honors classes at Carolina. The Office of Distinguished Scholarships has helped Carolina students win numerous prestigious scholarships such as the Rhodes, Fulbright, and Goldwater, among others. About 60% of our 18,000 undergraduates complete research, whether in the sciences, the humanities, or through a multidisciplinary approach. The lobby also has great couches for napping!

F FRANKLIN STREET C-3
Franklin Street is home to numerous coffee shops, restaurants, interactive museums, book stores and music venues. It runs through the heart of Chapel Hill, which has been recognized as one of the best college towns in America. It is also a gathering spot for celebrations held in honor of a major Tar Heel sports victory. On April 6, 2009, after winning the men’s basketball national championship, over 45,000 UNC students and local fans congregated on Franklin St. Consider stopping by Sutton’s Drugstore, one of the last traditional soda fountains operating in North Carolina, and largely unchanged since it opened in 1923.

G MCCORKLE PLACE F-4
The UNC campus is dominated by two central quads: Polk Place and McCorkle Place. The latter is named for Samuel Eusebius McCorkle, the original author of the bill requesting the university’s charter. At the south end of McCorkle stands the iconic Old Well, and at its opposite, Franklin Street runs parallel to campus. In fact, from the Old Well to the other end of campus is only an 18 minute walk. Located in the center of McCorkle is the Davie Poplar tree under which the university’s founder, William Richardson Davie, purportedly selected the location for the college. The legend of the Davie Poplar claims that if the tree falls, so will UNC. Consequently, the university has planted two genetic clones of the tree nearby, Davie Poplar Jr. and Davie Poplar III. Likewise, in 1993, in honor of UNC’s Bicentennial, a Davie Poplar seedling was planted in all one hundred North Carolina counties.

H THE OLD WELL G-6
The Old Well—a small, neoclassical rotunda modeled after the Temple of Love in the Gardens of Versailles—is a Carolina landmark that has stood as an enduring symbol of UNC since 1897. For many years, it actually served as the sole water supply for the university, and campus tradition claims that a drink from the Old Well on the first day of class will bring good luck. Adjacent to the Old Well stands Old East, the first public university building in the US and a designated National Historic Landmark. Though it initially served as a classroom building and dormitory, today Old East is used exclusively as a residence hall.

I MEMORIAL HALL F-7
Where can you see the internationally-renowned Russian Bolshoi ballet company, hear Grammy Award-winning cellist Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble, and watch performances by the National Theatre of Scotland? At Memorial Hall, Carolina’s gathering place and venue for performances in music, dance, and theater, as well as lectures by some of today’s most influential speakers. Innovative forms of artistic and cultural expression thrive here at UNC – from Master of Fine Arts exhibits at the Ackland Art Museum and public readings by visiting authors, to shows put on by the Playmakers Repertory Company and recitals by our own Music Department. If you get the chance, stop by the Hanes Art Center to check out student art displays, or pick up a copy of the Cellar Door, our undergraduate literary magazine.

J CAMPUS Y G-7
Carolina fosters a culture of engagement and a commitment to service. In fact, you’ll find almost everything here at UNC, from classes to student organizations, has a service component, from our student-led APPLES program (Assisting People in Planning Learning Experiences in Service) to the Campus Y, the hub of the university’s social consciousness and outreach efforts. Additionally, the Global Gap Year Fellowship (first awarded in 2011) is a chance for students to receive a stipend to fund a service-based gap year between high school graduation and their first year at Carolina. Most importantly, our students carry their passion for service with them even after they graduate, as UNC has consistently ranked third in the nation for placing graduates in the Peace Corps and sixth for placing graduates in Teach for America.
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The Steele Building is home to Academic Advising, where students meet with their individual advisor for assistance in planning out their college coursework and career path during—and even after—their time here at UNC. Carolina does not admit first-year students directly into majors; all students spend their first two years in our College of Arts & Sciences completing an interdisciplinary curriculum. Students have until the end of their sophomore year to either declare a major (we offer 70) or apply to one of our professional schools, including Business, Journalism, Nursing, Education, Allied Health, or Global Public Health. Our graduate schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Law, and Pharmacy are also located on campus.

Murphy Hall is representative of most of the classroom buildings here at UNC. 80% of our classes have less than 40 students and only 6% enrollment of more than 100. For the 6% of classes that contain more than 100 students, most also meet once a week in a small group discussion or lab setting. Furthermore, first-year English composition is capped at 19 students, introductory foreign language courses (level 204 and below) are capped at 19, and most introductory-level math courses are capped at 35. New students also participate in First Year Seminars, smaller classes (generally enrolling about 20 first-year students) built around a specialized topic and taught by faculty who are both active scholars and accomplished instructors. And to really expand your learning beyond the walls of the classroom (and even out of the country!) consider studying abroad—nearly 40% of our undergraduates do, one of the largest number of students from any US public university.

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The Library is home to over 16 libraries, including the Art, Health Sciences, Journalism, Law, and Music libraries, just to name a few. On top of that, UNC participates in an interlibrary loan system with other local universities: Duke, NC State, and NC Central. This combined system comprises the third largest collection of volumes in the US, behind only the Library of Congress and the Boston Public Library. No need to be overwhelmed though, as there are three main libraries of key importance to every Carolina student: Davis, Wilson, and the Undergraduate Library (or UL). Wilson Library is home to a number of unique stacks, including our Rare Book Collection, University Archives, and Southern Folklife Collection. The UL houses an array of student amenities, including the Information Technology Services Center, a digital media lab, and the Media Resources Center, where students can view or check out films from a collection of more than 28,000 titles.

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