Our new undergraduate students

This fall, Carolina welcomed 5,138 new undergraduate students to campus. The class includes 4,355 first-year students — the largest first-year class ever — and 783 transfer students. The class was selected from 44,443 applicants, marking the 12th consecutive year of record applications.

Who they are...

- 35% of NC students are from rural counties
- 10% were born outside the United States
- 3% are global students
- 14% are Covenant Scholars

Extracurricular Activities

- 25% service
- 50% sport
- 75% family
- 100% travel
- 0% job
- 0% faith

Degree Intentions

- 90% of first-year students plan to continue their education after earning undergraduate degrees

Carolina Firsts

- 20% will be the first in their families to graduate from college

22% of first-year students turned down a higher-ranked college or university

47% receive need-based aid

34% identify as a race or ethnicity other than Caucasian

7% have a military affiliation
Choosing a university.

University characteristics most important to first-year students:

#1 Career Preparation
#2 Academic Reputation
#3 Inclusive Environment

First-year students are seeking:
- 95% to get better at leading, serving, and working with people from different backgrounds
- 94% broadened understanding through dialogue with classmates and professors who differ from them

Where they want to go.

Top 5 Intended Majors*
- Biology
- Business
- Psychology
- Chemistry
- Economics

(*excludes 15% of students who are undecided)

81% very likely or somewhat likely to Study Abroad

Future Careers most mentioned by first-year students:
- physician
- business executive
- scientific researcher
- lawyer or judge
- engineer
- computer programmer
- nurse
- writer or journalist
- government policy maker
- pharmacist
- lawyer
- judge

What they believe.

46% participate in a faith community
- muslim
- church of christ
- eastern orthodox
- atheist
- LDS
- buddhist
- seventh day adventist
- united church of christ
- quaker

baptist • christian • roman catholic
methodist • presbyterian • episcopalian
agnostic • jewish • hindu • lutheran
muslim • church of christ
eastern orthodox • atheist • LDS
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liberal 39%
far left 4%
far right 1%
conservative 18%
moderate 38%
Family Background

PARENTS

marital status
- 77% married
- 2% widowed
- 6% other
- 15% divorced

30% at least one parent born outside the U.S.

parent education
- 97% high school diploma
- 81% 2- or 4-year degree
- 44% graduate degree

parent employment
- self-employed 19%
- unemployed 14%
- retired 7%

top 10 parent occupations
1) Business owner, executive
2) School teacher, administrator
3) Full-time homemaker
4) Engineer
5) Salesperson or buyer
6) Nurse
7) Physician
8) Accountant, actuary
9) Computer programmer
10) Lawyer, judge

HOME

number of siblings
- 45% one
- 29% two
- 16% three or more
- 10% only child

languages other than English

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Academic Success

In their high school class

Of the 71% of enrolling first-year* students reporting class rank:
- 14% ranked 1st or 2nd
- 44% ranked in the top ten students
- 78% ranked in the top 10 percent
- 94% ranked in the top 20 percent

On advanced exams

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate scores submitted:
25,852

83% of students submitted at least one test score

Most popular AP exams:
1) US History
2) English Language
3) English Literature
4) Psychology
5) Statistics

81% of those scores demonstrated subject matter mastery.
(AP tests: score of 3 or higher. IB tests: score of 6 or higher.)

On standardized testing

Middle 50% of students’ highest reported scores.

Score range
- 1300-1470 North Carolinians
- 1310-1470 all students
- 1370-1540 out-of-state students

ACT scores have been converted to SAT critical reading and math scale.

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*all data in this profile refers to enrolling first-year students