MEET CAROLINA’S NEWEST CLASS

This fall, Carolina welcomed 5,002 students as members of the entering class of 2019. They include 4,182 first-year and 820 transfer students ready to grow, learn, and make each other better. Students were selected from 47,940 applicants, a 14th consecutive year of record applications.

The class includes 4,067 students from North Carolina and 935 out-of-state students who hail from:

- 54 countries
- 45 states and Washington D.C.
- 97 NC counties

These global students represent 5% of all incoming students.

- 206 first-year students graduated from schools that are served by the Carolina College Advising Corps
- 41% qualified for need-based aid
- 40% of enrolling transfer students most recently attended a North Carolina Community College
- 36% of all NC students are from rural counties

THEY’RE FIRST

- 21% of Carolina’s new students will be the first in their families to graduate from college
- 17% of enrolling first-generation college students ranked 1st or 2nd in their class

MEET IZZIE ESTES

Inspired by growing up at the Outer Banks, Izzie plans to major in environmental science at Carolina, where she’ll be the first in her family to go to college. During high school, Izzie played three types of saxophone, worked at Starbucks to help pay for her extracurricular activities, and learned to blaze her own trail.

“Being surrounded by opportunity excites me the most about Carolina, and being surrounded by people who are just as eager to embrace the opportunities that are being provided to them.”
THEY'RE ACCOMPLISHED

Extracurricular Activities

**Top Activities**

- service: 87%
- arts & music: 73%
- sports: 68%
- travel: 57%
- family: 55%

**Rank in High School Class**

Of the **69%** of enrolling first-year students reporting their class rank:

- 15% 1st or 2nd
- 45% top 10 students
- 78% top 10 percent
- 93% top 20 percent

**Success on Examinations**

3,350 students submitted 24,988 Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate scores.

82% of submitted scores demonstrated subject matter mastery.

**SAT and ACT**

- North Carolinians: 1310-1450
- All Students: 1310-1480
- Out-of-State Students: 1360-1500

*Middle 50% of students' highest reported scores. ACT scores have been converted to the SAT critical reading and math scale.

THEY'RE COVENANT SCHOLARS

This year, **14%** of incoming students are Carolina Covenant Scholars. Knowing that students from low-income families face extra challenges when it comes to paying for college, the Carolina Covenant was designed to help those students graduate from Carolina debt-free, meeting 100% of their demonstrated need with grants, scholarships, and work-study.

- 45% of enrolling Covenant Scholars ranked in the top 10 students in their high school class
- 57% of enrolling Covenant Scholars served in a leadership role while in high school
How Students Identify

- 63% contributed to a cause they believe in
- 28% participated in an academic or professional internship
- 16% founded an organization

Languages Other Than English spoken by enrolling first-year students:

- French: 4%
- Hindi: 2%
- Korean: 1%
- Mandarin: 7%
- Spanish: 16%

How Students Identify*

- American Indian or Alaska Native: 2%
- Asian or Asian American: 18%
- Black or African-American: 12%
- Hispanic, Latino, or Latina: 10%
- White or Caucasian: 67%

*Students are included under all the race or ethnicity categories with which they self identify.

They’re Supported

- 34% of first-year students have at least one parent born outside the U.S.

Parents’ Education

- 97% high school diploma
- 85% 2- or 4-year degree
- 46% graduate education

Top Parent Professions

- Active-duty military or first responder: 2%
- Actor, artist, musician: 1%
- Business owner or executive: 34%
- Educator: 16%
- Engineer or architect: 9%
- Health professional: 17%
- Homemaker: 11%
- Laborer or tradesperson: 6%
- Lawyer: 5%
- Salesperson: 10%

- Baptist • Christian • Roman Catholic • Methodist
- Presbyterian • Episcopal • Agnostic • Jewish • Hindu
- Lutheran • Muslim • Church of Christ • Eastern Orthodox
- LDS • Buddhist • Seventh Day Adventist

They’re Complex & Unique

- Contributed to a cause they believe in: 63%
- Participated in an academic or professional internship: 28%
- Founded an organization: 16%
- Participated in a faith community: 40%
THEY HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS

University Characteristics most important to first-year students

1. Career preparation
2. Academic quality of students and faculty
3. Welcoming, inclusive environment

Enrolling students are seeking

96% to get better at leading, serving, and working with people from different backgrounds
95% to exchange and engage with a broad range of ideas, perspectives, and visions
94% to deepen their appreciation, respect, and empathy for other people

Top 5 Intended Majors of enrolling students*

1. Biology
2. Business
3. Psychology & Neuroscience
4. Computer Science
5. Political Science

89% plan to continue their education after earning an undergraduate degree

*Excludes 14% of undecided students

Future Careers most mentioned by enrolling students

Physician
Business executive
Researcher
Lawyer or Judge
Engineer

THEY’VE TRAVELED DIFFERENT PATHS

MEET ABEL MIRANDA

Abel grew up without health insurance, which meant skipping doctor visits and avoiding injuries by not playing on the middle school football team. Illness or injury could have turned his family’s world upside down. Abel hopes that transferring to UNC after serving five years as a Marine Corps medic will set him on his path toward medical school and help him lift that burden for other families.

“I feel like it’s a responsibility to take these things that I’ve been lucky to learn in my life and put them to good use.”

6% of incoming transfer students are active duty military or veterans
28% of all enrolling students hope to pursue a career in healthcare