

MEET CAROLINA'S NEWEST CLASS

This fall, Carolina welcomed **5,630 students** as members of the entering class of 2021.

This includes **4,688 first-year** and **942 transfer students** ready to grow, learn, and make each other better. Students were selected from **57,261** total applicants.

This class includes 4,363 students from North Carolina and 1,267 out-of-state students who hail from:



95 countries



45 states
and Washington D.C.



94 N.C. counties

→ **36% ARE FROM RURAL COUNTIES**



19%

will be the first in their families to graduate from college

40%

qualified for need-based aid.

211

first-year students graduate from schools served by the Carolina College Advising Corps.

36%

of enrolling transfer students most recently attended a North Carolina community college.

C A R O L I N A
C O V E N A N T

10%

of incoming students are Covenant Scholars

58%

of Covenant Scholars were ranked in the top 10% of their high school class

They're Dedicated

MEET SHRISTI SHARMA

Three years ago, a close friend of Shristi's family died due to Alzheimer's, and she began seeking a way to help. Inspiration struck while she was reading a magazine.

"I read this article about living with Alzheimer's and how hard it is, and on the right side was an ad for the latest FitBit. The two images converged in my mind. I thought, 'What if you could predict Alzheimer's with a smart watch?' That's one of the main research interests I hope I can continue at Carolina."

Shristi plans to study computer science and appreciates its interdisciplinary nature.

"You can use it with any subject you want. For me, those subjects recently have become health, neuroscience, and psychology. It's brains, minds, and computers. That's the intersection I want to work at."



74%

contributed to a cause they believe in.

82%

plan to continue their education after earning an undergraduate degree.

"Being a Tar Heel means becoming someone who can make a difference in this world."

SARAH GIANG, UNC '25

TOP FIVE INTENDED MAJORS

Excludes 6% of undecided students



Biology



Business



Psychology & Neuroscience



Computer Science

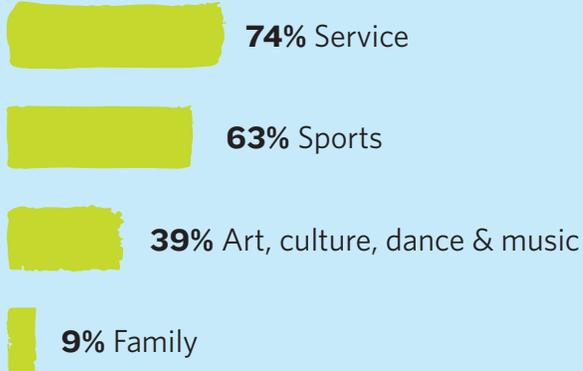


Political Science

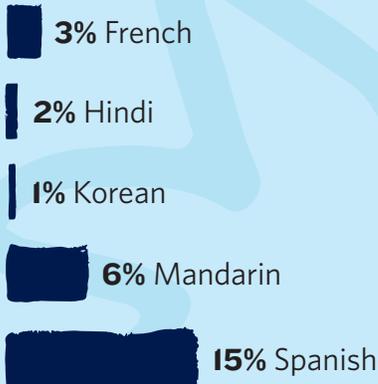


They're Complex and Unique.

Top Extracurricular Activities



Languages



19% of students ranked first or second in their high school class

SAT and ACT Scores

These score ranges represent the middle 50% of students' highest reported scores.

NORTH CAROLINIANS

1340-1490

ALL STUDENTS

1350-1500

OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS

1410-1520

Success on Examinations

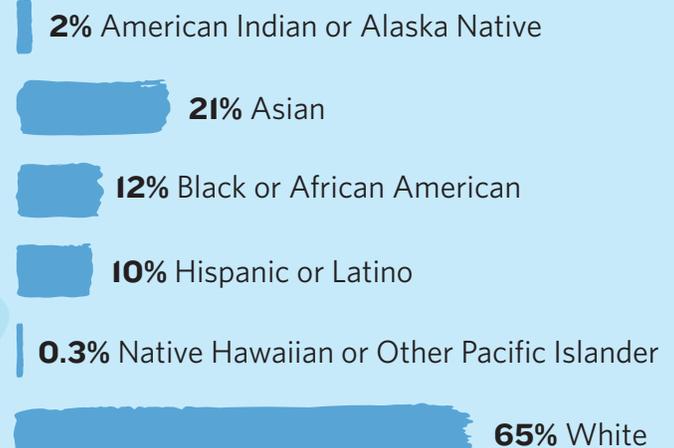
3,543 students submitted 23,569 Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate scores.

83% of scores demonstrated subject matter mastery.

Future Careers

Physician	Lawyer or judge
Business Executive	Computer programmer or analyst
Scientific researcher	Engineer

How Students Identify



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

They have high hopes.

MEET BRYCE JONES

Bryce arrives at Carolina ready to embrace all kinds of new experiences. That's the only way he believes he'll be able to accomplish his primary objective of college.

"I want to come out of college a better person than I came in. I don't really know what it's going to take to become a better person, but I want to come out different than I came in, having experienced something that alters the way I act and what my goals are."

94%

want to get better at leading, serving, and working with people from different backgrounds.

82%

chose to attend Carolina for its welcoming and inclusive environment.



They're Supported.

36% of first-year students have at least one parent born outside the U.S.

PARENTS' EDUCATION

At least one parent earned:

97%

high school diploma

86%

two- or four-year degree

48%

Graduate degree or some graduate school

TOP PARENT PROFESSIONS

Among enrolling first-year students at least one parent works as:

- 5%** Accountant
- 34%** Business executive or owner
- 4%** College teacher or administrator
- 6%** Computer programmer
- 8%** Engineer
- 10%** Full-time homemaker
- 5%** Lawyer or judge
- 2%** Military service
- 6%** Nurse
- 7%** Physician
- 10%** Salesperson or clerk
- 11%** School teacher or administrator
- 3%** Skilled trades