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BEARS

UNC Bound!

Blue AND Gold

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COLORADO Bound!

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WHAT WILL Your Story BE?



UNDERGRADUATE VIEWBOOK, 2024-25



UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHERN
COLORADO

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Welcome to the University of Northern Colorado!

College is about finding a place where you can grow, explore and thrive.

The University of Northern Colorado is a public, doctoral research and educational institution that is home to about 9,000 students and more than 200 undergraduate and graduate programs, many nationally recognized. As a research university, you will have the opportunity to work alongside faculty in the lab, in the field and more, which makes you competitive in the workforce or well-prepared for grad school.

Our culture is marked by academic excellence in education, health sciences, business, the humanities and the performing and visual arts. We are proud to be Colorado's newest Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and to serve more than 42% of our undergraduates who are the first in their families to graduate from college.

Your Story 
STARTS HERE

8,950
students

140,000+
alumni

200+
undergraduate and graduate programs

42%
first-generation students

26%
As Colorado's newest
Hispanic Serving Institution,
1/4 of our students identify
as Hispanic/Latine



5 out of 5 stars on the
Campus Pride Index, a
national listing of LGBTQ-
friendly colleges and
universities

One University

FIVE COLLEGES

**Our programs
are led by expert
faculty who love to
teach, share their
research and open
doors for students.**

Small class sizes and hands-on learning opportunities define our nationally recognized, highly regarded education, business, health sciences, the arts, human services and humanities programs. Make close connections with faculty, here where your professors know your name.

It's OK if you don't know what you want to study. Exploring your passions and finding out what sparks your interest is all part of the journey. We're here to help you!





COMMON TERMINOLOGY

UNIVERSITY VS. COLLEGE

Common misconception is universities are large and colleges are small. Universities come in all sizes! What's consistent is that universities are made up of smaller divisions called colleges. Colleges offer specific academic programs and contain specialized schools. For example, UNC's College of Natural and Health Sciences is home to the School of Nursing.

UNDERGRADUATE VS. GRADUATE STUDENT

Undergraduate students, or undergrads as they are known, are students attending college and are working on their bachelor's degree. Graduate students have earned their bachelor's degree and are pursuing additional education to earn a master's, doctoral or specialized degree.

FIRST-TIME STUDENT VS TRANSFER STUDENT

Students who graduated from high school and are enrolling in college for the first time at the undergraduate level are considered first-time students. Students who are entering UNC with advanced standing (college credits earned before graduating from high school) are also considered first-time students. Any students who have completed any college-level coursework, including technical or vocational courses, after high school graduation are considered transfer students at UNC.

4+1 ACCELERATED MASTER'S PROGRAMS

We offer a range of degree programs including 4+1 programs. They provide students in select programs a pathway to complete their bachelor's and master's degrees in five years, whereas most master's degree take at least an additional two years to complete, after earning a bachelor's degree in four years.

FIND YOUR FOCUS

With more than 200 degree programs across five colleges, there is something for everyone to study at UNC.



Explore all programs: unco.edu/programs



*Exploring the Liberal Arts (Undeclared)

A

Acting (B.F.A.)
Africana Studies (B.A.)
American Sign Language English Interpretation: (Exploring B.A.)
American Sign Language English Interpretation:
(Seeking Second B.A.)
Anthropology (B.A.)
Art & Design: Art Education K-12 (B.A.)
Art & Design: Art Studio (B.A.)
Art & Design: Graphic Design (B.A.)
Asian Studies: Liberal Arts (B.A.)

B

Biological Sciences: Cell & Molecular Biology (B.S.)
Biological Sciences: Ecology & Evolutionary Biology (B.S.)
Biological Sciences: Liberal Arts (B.S.)
Biological Sciences: Pre-Health & Biomedical Sciences (B.S.)
Biological Sciences: Secondary Teaching (B.S.)
Business Administration: Accounting (B.S.)
Business Administration: Computer Information Systems (B.S.)
Business Administration: Entrepreneurship (B.S.)
Business Administration: Finance (B.S.)
Business Administration: General Business (B.S.)
Business Administration: Human Resource Management (B.S.)
Business Administration: Institute Risk Management (B.S.)
Business Administration: Management (B.S.)
Business Administration: Marketing (B.S.)
Business Administration: Wealth Asset Management (B.S.)

C

Chemistry: Biochemistry (B.S.)
Chemistry: Chemistry (B.S.)
Chemistry: Forensic Science (B.S.)
Chemistry: Industrial Chemistry (B.S.)
Chemistry: Pre-Health (B.S.)
Chemistry: Secondary Teaching (B.S.)
Communication Sciences and Disorders (B.S.)
Communication Sciences and Disorders (Second Bachelor's) (B.S.)
Communication Studies (B.A.)

Computer Science (B.S.)
Criminology & Criminal Justice (B.A.)

D

Dietetics (Seeking Second B.A.)
Dietetics: Exploring (B.S.)

E

Early Childhood: Liberal Arts (B.A.)
Early Childhood: Teacher Education –
Ages Birth-8 (B.A.)
Earth Sciences: Environmental Earth
Sciences (B.S.)
Earth Sciences: Geology (B.S.)
Earth Sciences: Meteorology (B.S.)
Earth Sciences: Secondary Teaching (B.S.)
Economics: Business Economics (B.A.)
Economics: Environmental Policy (B.A.)
Economics: International Economic Policy (B.A.)
Economics: Liberal Arts (B.A.)
Elementary Education: Culturally and
Linguistically Diverse – Grades K-6 (B.A.)
Elementary Education: Education New
Literacies – Grades K-6 (B.A.)
Elementary Education: Mathematics –
Grades K-6 (B.A.)
Elementary Education: Non-Licensure
Educational Studies (B.A.)
Elementary Education: Performing and Visual
Arts – Grades K-6 (B.A.)
Elementary Education: Science –
Grades K-6 (B.A.)
Elementary Education: Social Studies –
Grades K-6 (B.A.)
Elementary Education: Special Education –
Grades K-6 (B.A.)
English Secondary Education: Cultural &
Linguistic Diversity (B.A.)
English Secondary Education: English
Language Literature (B.A.)
English Secondary Education: Special
Education (B.A.)
English: Literature, Culture, and Creativity (B.A.)
English: Writing, Editing, and Publishing (B.A.)
Environmental and Sustainability Studies (B.A.)

G

Geography: Community Development (B.A.)
Geography: Field Studies (B.A.)

Geography: Geographic Information
Sciences (GIS) (B.A.)
Geography: Regional Studies (B.A.)

H

Health Sciences: Healthcare
Administration (B.S.)
Health Sciences: Public Health (B.S.)
History: Liberal Arts (B.A.)
History: Secondary Teaching (B.A.)
Human Services (B.S.)

I

International Affairs: Area Studies (B.A.)
International Affairs: International
Political Economy (B.A.)

J

Journalism (B.A.)

M

Mathematics: Computer Science (B.S.)
Mathematics: Middle School Teaching (B.S.)
Mathematics: Pure & Applied Mathematical
Science (B.S.)
Mathematics: Secondary Teaching (B.S.)
Mathematics: Statistics & Data Science (B.S.)
Mexican American Studies: Liberal Arts (B.A.)
Mexican American Studies: Secondary
Teaching (B.A.)
Music Education: Licensure Music
(K-12) (B.M.E.)
Music Business and Recording Arts (B.A.)
Music: Composition (B.M.)
Music: Culture and Expression
Concentration (B.A.)
Music: Instrumental Performance (B.M.)
Music: Jazz Studies (B.M.)
Music: Latinx Concentration (B.A.)
Music: Piano (B.M.)
Music: Vocal Performance (B.M.)
Musical Theatre (B.F.A.)

N

Nursing (Exploring B.S.N.)
Nursing (Seeking Second B.A.)
Nursing: Dual Enrollment – Aims CC (B.S.N.)
Nursing: Dual Enrollment – Front Range CC
(B.S.N.)
Nursing: Dual Enrollment – Other U.S.
Community College (B.S.N.)

Nursing: Registered Nurse Seeking Bachelor
of Science in Nursing (R.N. to B.S.N.)
Nutrition (B.S.)

P

Philosophy (B.A.)
Philosophy: Ethics & Public Policy (B.A.)
Physics (B.S.)
Physics: Astronomy (B.S.)
Physics: Engineering (B.S.)
Physics: Secondary Teaching (B.S.)
Political Science (B.A.)
Psychology (B.A.)

S

Sociology (B.A.)
Software Engineering (B.S.)
Spanish: K-12 Spanish Teaching (B.A.)
Spanish: Liberal Arts (B.A.)
Special Education: K-12 Teaching (B.A.)
Special Education: Liberal Arts (B.A.)
Sport & Exercise Science: Exercise
Science (B.S.)
Sport & Exercise Science:
Human Performance (B.S.)
Sport & Exercise Science: Physical Education
K-12 Teaching (B.S.)
Sport & Exercise Science: Sport
Administration (B.S.)
Statistics (B.S.)

T

Theatre Arts: Drama Education K-12 (B.A.)
Theatre Arts: Theatre Studies (B.A.)
Theatre: Design & Technology (B.F.A.)

4+1 Programs

Education: Culturally and Linguistically
Diverse Education (M.A.T.)
Educational Psychology (M.A.)
English (M.A.)
History (M.A.)
Multilingual Education: Teaching English
to Speakers of Other Languages
(TESOL) (M.A.)
Multilingual Education: World Language
Licensure Program (M.A.)
Public Health (M.A.)



College of Natural and Health Sciences

Whether you want to help others with a career in health care or you can't wait to get out in the field or into the lab and make your own discoveries, you'll be ready for your career from day one with a degree in science.

With our just-right size, you'll have opportunities to do research, work alongside your professors, build connections and make an impact in your community that students at larger universities just don't have.

The College of Natural and Health Sciences (NHS) is our largest college on campus. But you can still get hands-on experience with faculty in a wide range of research areas, including our one-of-a-kind Cancer Rehabilitation Institute.

NHS is also constantly evolving their programs based on market demand. This year alone, we added degrees in Computer Science and Statistics, to match educational skillsets to the fastest growing areas of career growth in the country.



CONNECT WITH EXPERT SCHOLARS

Study climate change with Dr. Cindy Shellito and chase storms with Dr. David Lerach, both Fulbright Scholars. Discover how snake venom might fight cancer with renowned expert Steve Mackessy, Ph.D.

Investigate the effects of cannabis compounds on physical and mental health with Dr. Laura Stewart, Director of our new Complementary Health and Integrative Physiology Center.

"I got to take the 'Cancer Biology' class at UNC, along with 'Medical Genetics,' 'Mammalian Endocrinology' and all the upper-level Biology classes and they've really made a difference with my research experience and with my life at Johns Hopkins."

–Kelli Johnson, B.S. '13

Biology

Ph.D. Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine



Kenneth W. Monfort College of Business

The Business Administration degree at the Monfort College of Business (MCB) offers many concentrations from Human Resource Management, Institutions and Risk Management, Entrepreneurship, Accounting to Marketing.

You will be engaged in hands-on learning experiences to set you up for success in your chosen field. You may be launching mobile applications with faculty, participating in national business competitions, or traveling to New York to meet with top business merchandise executives.

Employers know that a UNC business education gives students the foundational — and transformational — experiences they need to make an impact in the workplace from day one.

As an MCB student, you can step onto a trading room floor in the Financial Education Center to trade and manage real stocks. UNC's Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization can help you start a student-led business, such as Bear Box (bearboxstore.com). You'll have access to the latest business insights and trends from faculty who study cutting-edge research and analyze the markets to bring those learnings into the classroom every day.

Whether you choose to study Business Administration or Software Engineering, or add a minor in Digital Marketing, one of the fastest-growing fields in the nation, you'll get the latest insights in high-tech classrooms to be competitive in the job market.



RECOGNIZED WORLDWIDE

MCB is accredited in business and accounting by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Only 5% of business schools worldwide earn this accreditation.

“This experience has been invaluable. Despite being in one of the worst semesters in terms of market losses, the experience is probably much more valuable than if the market just steadily increased.”

—Colby Simpson, B.S. '20

Business Administration, Finance
After taking the Student and Foundation Fund class during the pandemic, which gives students an opportunity to manage a portfolio valued at more than \$3 million.



College of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Inspiring the next generation of learners and leaders. For students looking to impact the next generation through teaching, you've come to the right place.

Teaching is in our DNA. We began as Colorado's teachers' college more than 130 years ago — and we've been a national educational leader ever since — educating more than 50% of all teachers in the state. Whether you want to spend your career inside the classroom, in administration or in support services, you will find the best path for you here.

As a student in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences (EBS), you will gain significant, hands-on experiences that align with your interests, including 900 hours of student teaching (100 more than other schools offer). And with a nearly 100% job placement rate within six months of graduation, you'll be able to start your career on a solid foundation.

For students interested in psychology, our research and field-based internship opportunities with area clinics and centers will provide the knowledge and skills needed to launch your career or prepare for graduate school.

Additionally, our nationally recognized American Sign Language English Interpretation program is one of only 15 bachelor's degree programs in the nation accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Interpreter Education.



COLORADO'S PREMIER TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

UNC has graduated more than 50% of all education professionals in Colorado and is the alma mater to 18, or 30%, of the Colorado Teacher of the Year award winners.

“The psychology program here at UNC is engaging, flexible and personable. With excellent course options and events such as research forums and skills workshops, the program heavily emphasizes personal growth and professional development for future careers.”

–Tanner Crawford, B.A. '24
Psychology



College of Humanities and Social Sciences

The power of the liberal arts lies in understanding the human experience.

Whether you love history or politics or are interested in exploring cultures or social conditions, you will find majors and programs of study in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) that offer you extraordinary opportunities to understand and explore the world and how humans have shaped and been shaped by it.

You will learn to think critically and process information creatively to make informed decisions and create a world where everyone can thrive. For example, HSS students and faculty recently attended the Arctic Frontiers Summit in Norway, working alongside researchers from the European Union to deepen their understanding of climate issues in the Arctic, where temperatures are rising at four times the global annual average.

LEARN FROM GLOBAL SCHOLARS

Our faculty includes multiple Fulbright scholars, researchers and experts in their field, sharing their knowledge at home and around the world in their pursuit to solve the global challenges of today and tomorrow. Students can join faculty on international research excursions or participate in faculty-led study abroad experiences. This year, two of our faculty members were selected among 350 to participate in the 2024 White House Summit on STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and Medicine) Equity and Excellence.



CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE SOCIAL CHANGE

The College is committed to developing initiatives that address pressing societal challenges and foster positive social change. You can choose from four certificate programs: Spanish for the Professions, Equity and Inclusion, Drone Operations and Spatial Analytics, and GIS and Cartography.

“When I was younger, I wanted to be a firefighter, then a cop, then an FBI agent. I want to help people, especially my people. I want to fight for women’s rights and be their voice and benefit my community.”

–**Taw Paw, B.A. '24**
Criminology & Criminal Justice



College of Performing and Visual Arts

Do you see yourself on the stage, in the studio or teaching art? If you're drawn to creativity and innovation and have a passion for the arts, the College of Performing and Visual Arts is the perfect place for you to explore.

With a national reputation for excellence, the College of Performing and Visual Arts (PVA) offers programs in studio art, graphic design, music, theatre and musical theatre that give you the professional skills for a successful career in the arts. With over 300 concerts, productions, recitals, exhibitions, guest artists and more annually, you will find many diverse opportunities to experience art and refine your skills as a performer, designer and creative thinker.

Here, you get real-world experiences with expert faculty performers, artists, teachers and scholars who can help you grow and reach your career goals. You can take the stage in our performance spaces, make art in state-of-the-art studios, design behind the scenes for theatre productions, play on our All-Steinway piano fleet or create music with top-of-the-line technology. No matter your medium, you'll find a sense of belonging and identity in PVA.

YOU'LL HAVE ACCESS TO:

All-Steinway pianos fleet

18 art studios

Main performance hall and multiple music recital spaces

2 theatre performance spaces

Multiple computer labs with arts-specific technology

3 art galleries

5 recording and music production studios

Stand-alone music library



FROM UNC TO BROADWAY

Alumnus and Broadway performer Jason Veasey, '02 returned to campus in fall, 2021 to direct UNC's production of *Rent*. Veasey was in the cast of Broadway's *A Strange Loop*, which received two Tony Awards. He also landed a feature role in the hit TV show *Only Murders in the Building*.

"The programs are really strong at UNC and equip students to understand the work ethic that's required to do this as a career. My courses and experiences pushed us really hard in a way that reflects the real world."

—Neyla Pekarek, BME '09

Cellist and singer of the Grammy-nominated band, The Lumineers, from 2010-18, and who wrote and recorded the original folk opera *Rattlesnake*.



THE LIBRARIES

Your hub for knowledge and exploration.

The heart of our academic community, University Libraries is a vital part of UNC, transforming the lives of our students through diverse collections, innovative services and welcoming spaces.

The James A. Michener Library and Howard M. Skinner Music Library are home to a powerful network of academic resources, vast print and digital collections, and friendly faculty and staff who can help you find the information you need.

At Michener Library, you will find more than 1.5 million print books, journals, government documents and archival collections. Skinner Music Library has the second largest music collection in Colorado with over 12,000 jazz recordings. If you are not on campus, we've got you covered with personal online consultations for databases, ejournals, e-books and other digital materials that you can access wherever you are.

The Libraries are your go-to hub for information, resources and expert support, all designed to boost your research and learning. If you are on campus, it is the perfect place to study with extended hours, cozy study nooks, an art gallery and even a coffee shop.

A visit to the Libraries can lead to a world of ideas. Come discover, connect and create!



HONORS PROGRAM

Our Honors Program is a valuable way to gain specialized experience during your college education. Enhance your learning with smaller class sizes, access highly killed instructors, mentorship and hands-on learning opportunities.

Through the Honors Program, you can explore academic interests in different ways — through the classroom and with a dedicated faculty mentor. The Honors Interdisciplinary Program offers courses designed for students in any major to incorporate into their studies. The Upper Division Honors Program pairs students with a faculty mentor to complete in-depth research, or an applied or creative project.

Unlike honors programs at many larger universities, ours doesn't come with higher tuition. Designed to be accessible and personalized, our Honors Program gives you access to academic, creative and applied research opportunities that reflect your passion for learning and for making a difference. If graduate school is in your future, you'll be able to acquire value research experience that can give you a competitive edge when you begin your graduate studies.

See page 24 for Honors key dates and deadlines.

GRADUATE SCHOOL

If you are graduate school-bound, you will find many options to stay at UNC and continue your studies.

UNC offers more than 100 programs, including top programs in nursing, accounting, education and many more.

To get a head start and save time and money, you can begin in select graduate programs as an undergraduate student and complete your degrees in just five years. For example, in our 4+1 Multilingual Education: World Language Licensure program, you will earn both a bachelor's and master's degree after just five years. The accelerated program saves you money, traditionally earning a bachelor's and master's degree separately would take approximately six to seven years to complete.

THREE LOCATIONS + ONLINE





IF YOU COULD

↪ Go Anywhere

No ifs about it — when you start with the University of Northern Colorado, you have unlimited opportunities.

No matter where you come from or where you want to go, you will receive a personalized education with hands-on learning to help you succeed. At UNC, we know that education transforms lives and communities one student at a time, and we've seen our alumni do just that around the world in professions from nursing and teaching to business and the arts.



"I work in jobs where people are typically Oxford graduates, or Harvard graduates. But I feel like I wouldn't be where I am now if I hadn't gone to UNC."

—Abraham Denmark, B.A. '00
History and Political Science
Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Defense



"I think UNC really made me who I am today. It's that small school feel where you don't feel like you're just another person on campus. I was a first-generation college graduate and I feel like because of that there was even more support to get me through the program. The instructors are genuine, they're authentic and they want you to be successful."

—Christina Randle, B.A. '03
Elementary Education
2018 Colorado Teacher of the Year



"The [Musical Theatre] department that did such wonderful things for me in getting me prepared to go out into the world. [UNC's] always been this cool little shining gem on the plains of Colorado... for it to have that reputation in New York City, that reputation of the training at UNC — it really, really worked in our favors."

—Jason Veasey, B.A. '02
Musical Theatre
Performer in A Strange Loop, winner of Best Musical, 2022 Tony Awards

“ I decided to [job] shadow at UNC’s Cancer Rehabilitation Center, where I was welcomed by the staff and was allowed access to patients. Those many different encounters inspired me to want to play a vital role in alleviating human suffering at the physician level.”

–Shukuru Rushanika, '22

Overcoming Obstacles, Making a Difference

Shukuru Rushanika, (ShaQ), B.S. '22 was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He spent his childhood in a Tanzanian refugee camp, with his mother and siblings. Even when his family moved to the U.S. while he was in high school, he faced more hurdles when his father was involved in a near-fatal car crash, putting him in a coma.

ShaQ turned adversity into a learning opportunity, asking to shadow his father’s medical team to glean all he could — his dream to one day become a doctor.

At UNC he enrolled in the Biological Sciences program in the College of Natural and Health Sciences where he studied biomedicine and pre-health. He continued shadowing, this time at UNC’s Cancer Rehabilitation Center.

During his four years, ShaQ did lab research into breast cancer and other biomedical issues, including graduate-level studies.

We Cultivate

HANDS-ON LEARNING EXPERIENCES

1/2

More than half of NHS faculty conduct research with undergraduate students

12

research centers for student-faculty collaboration

\$3M

Students in MCB manage a \$3M portfolio of assets in our unique Financial Education Center, which emulates the trading floor on the New York Stock Exchange

“*The Goodman Teacher Scholarship gave me hope and provided that final push to through the final semester, which was one of the hardest I took.*”

–Dakota Baer, '23

Graduating Debt-Free

Working while getting your degree is possible. Take it from Dakota Baer, B.A. '23. History and Education, she worked full-time during her two years at UNC, after transferring from Red Rocks Community College.

Dakota was able to fulfill her academic goals while meeting her financial obligations. During her last semester, she earned a scholarship so she could quit working and student-teach history at a middle school to finish her degree requirements stress-free.

In May 2023, Dakota graduated with a full-time teaching job lined up for the fall and almost no student loan debt.

WE HELP STUDENTS

→ Find Success

#1

Lowest average loan debt in Colorado
(among 4-year, public, research universities)

91%

of students are employed, in graduate school or in a service/volunteer position within 6 months of graduation

#1

UNC ranked first in Colorado in the 2021 CollegeNET Social Mobility Index

“ If you come to campus and you go to events and you support your community, and you find connections, you will leave not only with a degree but with friendships and relationships. Whether personal or professional, you will leave with so many more connections and just more tenacity and perseverance to continue to grow as a person.”

—Rosemary Gonzalez, '23

Forging Connections Among First Generation Students

Don't be afraid to get involved with a bit of everything, like Rosemary Gonzalez, BSN '23 a stellar well-rounded Nursing graduate. Rosemary plunged headfirst into everything from Greek Life to the Honor's Program to the Center for Human Enrichment (CHE), a community providing academic and personal support for students' academic journeys.

Over four years, she became the president of her sorority, a volunteer, a student-worker and a scholarship recipient, cultivating relationships with other first-generation students like herself.

Rosemary uses these experiences to make connections not only for herself, but also for her fellow students. She connected her sorority sisters to the services offered at the Career Readiness Center where she shared service opportunities offered at CHE with first-generation students.

Get Social 
ON CAMPUS

120,000
square feet of recreation space

17
NCAA Division I athletic teams

1,000s
of pieces of rental equipment
through Outdoor Pursuits



Building Lasting Relationships with Faculty

Dante Cesare chose UNC for the small class sizes and 1:1 mentorship with faculty. Dante, B.S. '23 Business Administration, became an involved student in college. He transferred from Aims Community College and engaged with the Monfort College of Business's Entrepreneurial Challenge (e-Challenge), an educational business pitch competition that helps participants acquire entrepreneurial skills and grow innovative ideas.

Dante volunteered as the community college director of the e-Challenge and used his connections from Aims to involve more students in the competition. The 1:1 mentorship from his professors, and Dante's ability to get hands-on experience by developing marketing plans for local businesses made him want to connect, engage and give it his all.

“ I thought the student-to-teacher ratio would fit me really well. I really like to be able to have a relationship with my professors and throughout my time [at UNC] I've felt I have a good rapport with my professors.”

–Dante Cesare, '23

SMALL SCHOOL FEEL WITH

→ **Serious Support**

14:1

Student-Faculty ratio

25

average class size

More than **95%**
of students receive some type
of financial assistance





WHAT MAKES US

Special

A community is more than a place, it's a feeling. At UNC, we foster community through diversity, equity and inclusion.

With eight cultural and resource centers, gender-inclusive, pet-friendly and learning-based residence hall communities, we make you feel at home. Get involved with more than 100 student organizations, find a group that shares your interests or cultivate new hobbies. There's always something happening.

Colorado's Newest ↘

HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTION

La nueva Universidad al Servicio de los Hispanos de Colorado

With 25% of our students identifying as Hispanic or Latine, the University of Northern Colorado is proud to announce is now a federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution. We support programs that will shape a more accessible, inclusive and culturally responsive experience for Hispanic/Latine students.

This recognition brings tremendous opportunities for UNC to create a campus community that honors and serves all students, no matter what their background is, where we can learn from and relate respectfully to people from all cultures.

UNC is deeply committed to creating campus spaces where all our students can thrive and reach their full potential. You belong here!

¡Vamos Osos!

Cultural and Resource Centers

Our cultural and resource centers provide tailored support services to empower students to reach their academic, personal and professional aspirations.

The staff engages all UNC students in our learning and community-based environments by providing opportunities for them to explore social identities and build an equitable and inclusive campus.

FIND YOUR COMMUNITY AT ONE OF EIGHT CULTURAL AND RESOURCE CENTERS:

- Asian Pacific American Student Services
- César Chávez Cultural Center
- Center for Women's and Gender Equity
- Gender and Sexuality Resource Center
- Marcus Garvey Cultural Center
- Native American Student Services
- Stryker Institute for Leadership Development
- Veterans Services

"The support from the Native American Student Services has made pursuing higher education and college life enjoyable. Being active in NASS, has helped me maintain a healthy balance in my academic success this past academic year."

—Evelyn Jones, Class of 2026

Psychology and Criminal Justice
Member of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES:

- The Student Success Resource Center
- Writing Center
- Math Tutoring Lab
- Disability Resource Center
- Coaching to boost your study skills
- Center for Honors, Scholars and Leadership
- Center for Career Readiness

A Place to Call Home

At the University of Northern Colorado, there are 17 residence halls, so you will have plenty to choose from — not just one or two first-year housing options.

Interested in living in a community with students who share similar interests, majors or identities as you? Our Residential Learning Communities will help you find your sense of belonging, deepen your campus engagement and experience a close-knit community to support you.

Combine comfortable living with close access to classes — then add amenities like flatscreen TVs in common rooms, fully equipped kitchens, study spaces, Wi-Fi and access to laundry facilities, and you'll understand why so many students love living on-campus.

RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

UNC has more than 6,000 undergraduate students and nearly 3,000 graduate students — and a beautiful 250-acre campus that feels like home the minute you set foot on it. While the building locations may change year-to-year, the following Residential Learning Communities are available to choose from.

- Biology
- Business
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Cumbres (for students planning to teach or are working toward an English as a Second Language or Bilingual/Bicultural endorsement)
- Gender Inclusive
- Honors Program
- Outdoor Pursuits
- Pet Friendly
- Pre-Nursing
- Queer Living Community – First-year
- Queer Living Community – Second year and above
- Transfer Students

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

From healthy snacks, gluten-free grain bowls to mouth-watering burgers and pizza, UNC's on-campus dining options are a treat for even the most discerning tastes and dietary preferences. A multitude of neighborhood cafes and restaurants help keep UNC students energized, 24/7.

Customizable meal plan options offer convenience and flexibility, perfect for grabbing a quick coffee, picking up a snack between classes, or enjoying a full meal in the middle of your busy schedule.

Whether you opt for one of our state-of-the-art dining halls, our centrally-located food court, UCook seminars, mobile food trucks, Grubhub ordering or one of our many grab-and-go options, you'll experience great food, anywhere and everywhere.

MEAL PLANS

Students living on campus are required to carry an on-campus meal plan, providing meals and Dining Dollars to use throughout each semester. First-year students have meal plan options that include a set number of meal swipes and Dining Dollars. Sophomores and above living on campus will have additional options when selecting on campus meal plans.

Learn more about UNC's dining options and available meal plans: unco.edu/living-on-campus/dining



Your Path to Becoming a Bear

 **90%**
acceptance rate

Apply for Admission
Submit application and school transcripts.

Get Admitted!
Admissions decisions take about 1-3 weeks.

Tell Us Your Plans
Submit decision form in your student portal.

Complete the Housing Process
Application opens December 1.

Attend New Student Orientation
Usually scheduled in June/July.

HOW TO APPLY



FIRST-YEAR

Common App or Bear Application

- **Dec 1** – Early Action Deadline (Complete your application by December 15 for a guaranteed decision before the new year.)
- **Apr 1** – Summer Priority Deadline
- **Jul 1** – Fall Priority Deadline
- **Aug 1** – Last Chance Fall Application Deadline

TRANSFER/SECOND BACHELORS

Bear Application

- **Dec 1** – Spring Priority Deadline
- **Apr 1** – Summer Priority Deadline
- **Jun 1** – Fall Priority Deadline

HONORS PROGRAM

Submit Honors Application

- **Nov 1** – Transfer Spring Priority Deadline
- **Dec 1** – First-Year Fall Priority Deadline
- **Mar 1** – Transfer Fall Priority Deadline
- **Mar 10** – Honors Residential Learning Community Priority Deadline
- **April 1** – Regular Decision Deadline

HOUSING

Submit Housing Application

- *Check Your Student Portal for Housing Application Open Dates*

SCHOLARSHIP

Fill out the UNC Scholarship Application

See Page 26 for deadlines.

FINANCIAL AID

unco.edu/financial-aid

- **FAFSA/CASFA*** – Expected to open December 2024
- **Priority Deadline** – June 1, 2025

**Required to receive need-based financial aid, including UNC's Tuition Promise*

COLORADO FIRST-YEAR

ADMISSIONS GUARANTEE

At UNC we are deeply committed to a students-first approach. With more than 42% of our students identifying as the first in their families to attend college, we understand how stressful the college search process can be. Our First-Year Admissions Guarantee for Colorado residents removes the guesswork from knowing whether UNC is an option for you.

All Colorado students who meet the first-year guarantee requirements are eligible for automatic admission into UNC.

Non-resident and WUE students who meet these requirements can also expect to be a competitive candidate for admission.

FIRST-YEAR GUARANTEE REQUIREMENTS:

- 3.0 cumulative high school GPA (weighted)
- 4 years of English
- 4 years of math (or 3 years of math with at least a B in Algebra 2)
- 3 years of physical/lab sciences
- 3 years of social sciences
- Meet high school graduation requirements
- Submit your application for admissions by **March 1** of your graduation year



Costs, Financial Aid and Scholarships

At UNC, you will earn a quality education that is rich in experiences. We offer the best tuition for tremendous value among four-year Colorado public research universities.

UNC ranked #1 in the lowest average student loan debt at graduation among 4-year, public doctoral universities in Colorado!

TUITION AND FEES, 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR (2 SEMESTERS)

Your cost of attendance will vary based on the state you live in (residency) and how much financial aid you qualify for. Don't worry, we're here for you and want to work with you to figure out how to finance your educational goals so you can achieve them. We want you to be a Bear!



2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR

TUITION & FEES

(14 credits/semester)

HOUSING AND FOOD

(Tier 3 housing, 15 meals/week)

ESTIMATED DIRECT COSTS

(Living on campus)

COLORADO RESIDENT

\$11,955*

\$16,154

\$28,109

WUE** RESIDENT

\$18,414

\$16,154

\$35,568

NONRESIDENT/ NON-WUE

\$26,805

\$16,154

\$42,959

*This is what students pay after the College Opportunity Fund (COF) is applied to their bill. To be eligible for COF rates, Colorado resident students should apply at cof.college-assist.org.

**The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program provides reduced tuition automatically to students who are residents of one of the states/territories participating in the WUE program (wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/). At UNC, the WUE tuition discount can be combined with academic scholarships.

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS



2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR	COLORADO RESIDENT	WUE* RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT/ INTERNATIONAL
BEAR SCHOLARSHIP 3.0-3.39 GPA	\$1,000/yr	\$2,500/yr	\$4,500/yr
PROVOST SCHOLARSHIP 3.4-3.79 GPA	\$2,000/yr	\$3,500/yr	\$5,500/yr
PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP 3.8-3.99 GPA	\$3,500/yr	\$5,000/yr	\$7,000/yr
TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIP 4.0+ GPA	\$4,500/yr	\$6,000/yr	\$8,000/yr

Minimum weighted GPA

TRANSFER STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR	COLORADO RESIDENT	WUE* RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT/ INTERNATIONAL
NORTHERN LIGHTS SCHOLARSHIP 2.75-2.99 GPA	\$1,000/yr	\$1,500/yr	\$3,000/yr
PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP 3.0-3.49 GPA	\$2,000/yr	\$2,500/yr	\$5,000/yr
TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIP 3.5+ GPA	\$3,000/yr	\$3,500/yr	\$7,000/yr

*Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Program — WUE provides reduced tuition to students who are residents of one of the states participating in the WUE program: AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, ND, OR, SD, UT, WA, WY. Note: Students cannot qualify for in-state residency after attending UNC as a WUE student. They would need to decline WUE and pay nonresident tuition for one year before establishing in-state residency. Scholarships are applied to WUE tuition rates for student who qualify.

Try our online estimator tool:
go.unco.edu/price-calculator



ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

UNC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION KEY DATES/DEADLINES

November 1

UNC Scholarship Application Opens

February 1

Priority deadline for scholarships

March 15

Deadline for incoming new first-year students

June 1

Deadline for international students, new transfer and graduate students

HOW TO APPLY

- Fill out the UNC Scholarship Application, after you are accepted apply through your UNC student account (Ursa).
- Visit unco.edu/financial-aid to apply for financial aid, check out timelines and access support resources.



Keeping a UNC Education Within Reach

TUITION PROMISE

The UNC Tuition Promise demonstrates our commitment to removing financial barriers for students and families to ensure a college education remains affordable.

Through this program, all Colorado high school graduates who meet the eligibility criteria will receive funding to cover 100% of their standard tuition and mandatory student fees.

TO BE ELIGIBLE, YOU JUST NEED TO:

- Be a Colorado residents or eligible Military or ASSET undergraduate, working toward your first Bachelor's degree
- Have a household Adjusted Gross Income at or below \$65,000 or a Student Aid Index of 3,000 or less
- File the FAFSA or CAFSA by June 1 the year you plan to enroll
- Apply for and authorize the College Opportunity Fund (COF)
- Enroll in 12+ credits
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress

We keep it simple — if you are admitted to the university and meet the criteria above, you will receive the UNC Tuition Promise! Thanks to a combination of federal, state, university and donor-based funding, all students who qualify will receive a combination of funds in their financial aid offer from UNC.

Learn more about the UNC Tuition Promise.

unco.edu/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/tuition-promise



CAMPUS VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

CAMPUS VISIT DAYS

Full day event programs offered several times throughout the year. Register early to save your spot!

CUSTOM CAMPUS VISITS

We host information sessions twice a day with student-led campus tours. Personalize your visit by connecting with a specific academic program.

TRANSFER VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

Transfer students are welcome to attend any of our campus visits & events, but in the fall, we recommend attending our Nov. 15 Experience UNC date as it will include unique offerings for transfer students. In the spring, we will be hosting a Transfer Visit Day on March 7. This event is a half-day opportunity for current or former college students looking to connect with programs and services designed to support your needs.

TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR BEFORE YOU VISIT

Discover UNC's campus anywhere, anytime. You can also explore upcoming and on-demand virtual events presented by our team of experts.

Take a virtual tour today!

unco.edu/virtualtour

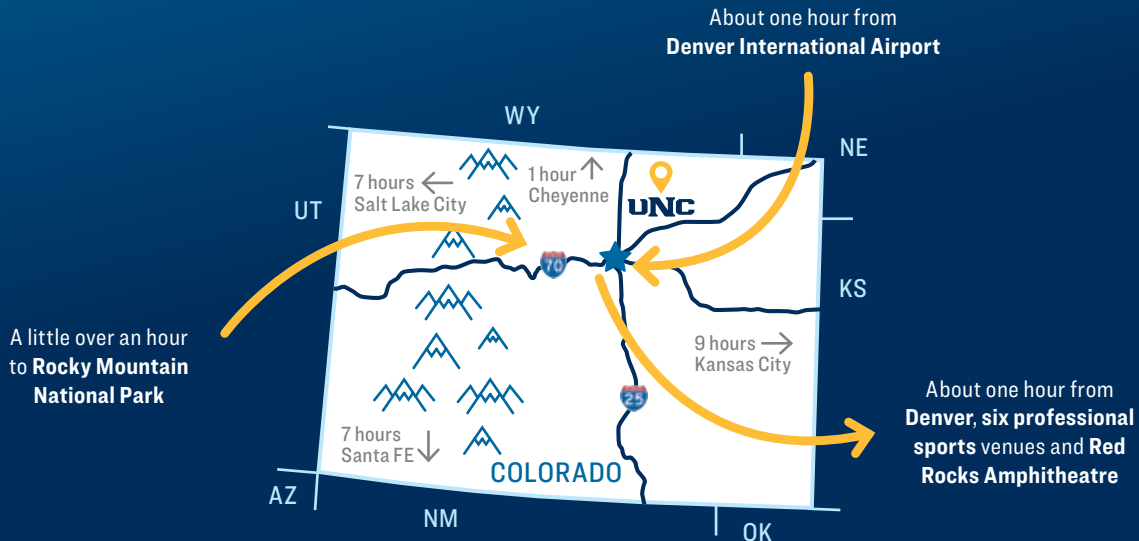
unco.edu/visit



Greeley

OUR HOMETOWN

Find yourself in one of the fastest-growing cities in the country. Greeley ranks #1 in Colorado and #4 in the nation in terms of growth, according to 2020 census data.



Check out a movie at **The Kress Cinema & Lounge**, a special behind-the-scenes tour with the Museum at Twilight series and more.



Explore more than **300 acres of neighborhood parks** at 40-plus locations and the **21-mile Poudre Trail** gives you plenty of space to bike, run or work along the Cache la Poudre River.



Discover a **creative district** that draws **artists, events and performers** for hundreds of events annually — and has close ties to UNC, helping our students find a creative home too.



Skate at the **Greeley Ice Haus**. This ice rink is a short walk from campus for lessons and skate time.



Enjoy **dozens of restaurants and eateries** ranging from Mexican to African, with local favorites including an authentic French bakery right next to campus and a pizza place that's served Bears for more than 30 years.



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