FIRST-YEAR SPRING ADMIT
What is FYSA?

Each year UNCW has become increasingly selective and we are unable to bring in all of the talented students we want in the fall. Because space becomes available in the spring semester when some students are studying abroad or graduating, we offer a select group of first-year applicants admission for this term. The First-year Spring Admit (FYSA) program is designed to allow UNCW to bring in students like you who have achieved academic success, expressed enthusiasm for becoming part of UNCW, and exhibited leadership characteristics. We are confident that this select group of 200 students will make a successful academic transition to UNCW.

Check out UNCW’s FYSA Facebook Group

You can connect with former and recently admitted FYSA students. Be on the lookout for your invitation!
FYSA students enjoy the flexibility of choosing how to spend the fall semester. There are no requirements put on FYSA students for the fall semester, but there are a number of options available.

**Academics**  
If you wish to get a head start on your academics, take classes at a community college near home or close to UNCW. If an academic route is chosen, students will receive advising from UNCW regarding what classes would fulfill some of UNCW’s University Studies requirements or simply earn transfer credit (please complete the FYSA Information Sheet prior to this advising). For transfer credit information, check the Transfer Credit Equivalency Chart on the Office of the Registrar’s website [www.uncw.edu/reg/transfercredit.htm](http://www.uncw.edu/reg/transfercredit.htm) to see how classes may transfer to UNCW. Also, refer to the resources online through University College, [www.uncw.edu/uc/fysa](http://www.uncw.edu/uc/fysa). The majority of students who elect to take courses stay on track to graduate in four years.

**Internships**  
Internships are an excellent opportunity to explore a career field. Students are encouraged to find their own (non-credit) internships, and are invited to use the UNCW Career Center website as a resource [www.uncw.edu/career/internships.html](http://www.uncw.edu/career/internships.html)

**Work**  
Some students choose to work full or part time in order to save money to help finance college costs.

**Study Abroad**  
Use the fall semester to study abroad! UNCW has developed a partnership with Maynooth University, just outside of Dublin, Ireland. FYSA students have the opportunity spend their fall semester studying in Ireland with other spring admits.
MAY

Enrollment Deposit
To commit to UNC Wilmington and hold your place in the FYSA program, pay your $100 enrollment deposit by May 1. Your deposit can be paid online using mySeaPort or with cash or check to the UNCW Cashiers Office. Your deposit must be paid before you can complete the enrollment process.

Financial Aid
www.uncw.edu/finaid
Be sure to complete your FAFSA and include UNCW as a recipient. It is important to apply for financial aid early to make sure it is in place for the start of the spring semester in January.

JULY/AUGUST

Academic Advising
www.uncw.edu/uc/fysa
Complete the University College FYSA information sheet to notify UNCW of your fall plans. This form will help our academic advisors advise you if you plan to take courses in the fall, and later for spring registration at UNCW.

On–Campus Housing
www.uncw.edu/stuaff/housing
Contracts for spring on-campus housing will open late August. These contracts and the required $105 deposit will be accepted until mid-October. Placements are made on a space available basis in first-year residential areas, and a waitlist is kept for those who are not initially placed. In prior years, housing and residence life placed on average 125 FYSA students with on-campus housing for the spring semester.

myseaport.uncw.edu
Check your email for important updates and deadline reminders.
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Orientation
www.uncw.edu/transitions/orientation

All first–year students are required to attend orientation in January. At orientation you will be acclimated to the university, meet with an academic advisor, and complete class registration. Registration for spring orientation will open in mid-September.

Educational Planning

Course planning will begin before you arrive to campus for January orientation. We expect students to learn about academic requirements and register for classes starting in late fall before orientation.

Seahawk Preview Day
April 2, 2016
www.uncw.edu/admissions/SeahawkPreviewDay.html

All accepted students are invited to attend a visit day called “Seahawk Preview Day.” Meet other FYSA students and get an in-depth look at UNCW.
UNCW at Maynooth

Study abroad in Ireland at Maynooth University, one of UNCW’s most trusted partner institutions and take classes that will transfer to UNCW upon your return. Immerse yourself in the beautiful, safe, walkable university town, just 15 miles from the capital city, Dublin. Enjoy cultural excursions to major sites around the country!

Maynooth University is Ireland’s fastest growing university, with more than 9,000 students from over 90 countries and is the highest ranked Irish university in the 2014 Times Higher Education list of 100 Universities Under 50 Years Old.

For more information visit www.maynoothuniversity.ie
Program package includes:

- A UNCW Program Leader for the first 10 days of the program
- On-site Maynooth program director throughout your stay
- Tuition for full time course load
- On-campus housing just a 5-minute walk from lecture halls, campus restaurants, and facilities
- Partial meal plan
- Airport transfers on set arrival and departure days
- Welcome orientation
- Health insurance
- Leap Card for discounted rates on public transportation
- Mobile phone with monthly credit for local calls and texts
- Internet access
- Social activities and day trips during first two weekends
- Full access to campus amenities ranging from state-of-the-art library to rec center
- Special Thanksgiving dinner for the UNCW group
- The experience of a lifetime!

Program Dates:
Sunday, September 11
Friday, December 16

Program Package Cost: $16,280*

*Costs not included in program package: airfare, immigration fees (appx. €300), food outside of meal plan, local ground transportation, nominal club fees.

For more information on Maynooth, contact Jessie Heim: heimj@uncw.edu or 910.962.2028.
For more information:
www.uncw.edu/admissions