

Anticipated Questions about the UNCW First-Year Spring Admit Program

Please read this sheet in its entirety before calling the Office of Admissions. We are confident you will find the answers to your questions here. Phone call volumes are particularly high at this time of year and there could be significant delays in returning calls. Extensive information can be found in the downloadable Teal Ticket pdf on our website <http://www.uncw.edu/tealticket/>.

1. Please tell me more about the First-Year Spring Admit program.

Each year UNCW has become increasingly selective and we are unable to bring in all of the talented students we want to in the fall. Because space becomes available in the spring semester when some UNCW students are studying abroad or graduating, we offer a select group of students the opportunity for entrance at that time.

2. Why was I selected for this program?

During application reading, we identified students who might not fit UNCW's academic profile precisely but who possess the leadership skills and academic preparation we are confident will make them successful at UNCW. You have exhibited the criteria we seek.

3. I applied to UNCW for the fall term and I prefer to start then. Can you change my acceptance to that term?

We are unable to change a student's acceptance from the first-year spring admit program to the fall term. We recognize that this offer will not appeal to all students; however, the decision is final and does constitute an official offer of admission.

4. How many other students will start in the spring semester?

While it is difficult to predict exactly how many students will take advantage of this opportunity to begin in the spring, we anticipate a significant group of more than 100 students. The First-Year Spring Admit group that entered in January of this year has made a successful academic transition to UNCW and report that they were warmly welcomed into the student community.

5. How will I be able to fit into UNCW's community if I begin in January?

We are pleased to offer a full orientation to our spring admits as well as the opportunity to work with a professional university advisor who can help you plan what courses you might want to take prior to arriving at UNCW. Since many other students will begin the same time as you, we are confident that you will develop friendships rapidly and assimilate into UNCW's community quickly.

6. What classes do you suggest I take during the fall semester?

You will be assigned an academic advisor through University College. Your assigned UNCW advisor will contact you over the summer to discuss strategies for taking courses at a community college or other institution during the fall semester and help you identify specific courses that will assist you once you enroll at UNCW.

7. Will there be classes available for me to take in the spring semester?

Yes, there will be classes available and your advisor will help you decide what courses you should take at UNCW to meet your basic studies requirements and prepare you for entrance into the academic program or major of your choice.

8. What type of housing options will I have? Won't all the rooms be occupied?

We are working closely with the Office of Housing and Residential Life to ensure you on-campus housing. All residence options are air conditioned, have internet access (wireless as well as Ethernet), cable television, your own phone connection and personal voice mail.

9. Will I be eligible for financial aid beginning in January?

If your family demonstrates eligibility for financial aid through all required federal forms, financial aid will be available. As you may realize, all college students must apply for financial aid each year so grant and loan levels change according to federal guidelines and according to your family's eligibility. Please feel free to contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at (910) 962-3177.

10. Will I still be able to graduate in four years even though I start in January?

Students who take advantage of bringing college credit into UNCW and who use each semester wisely will be able to graduate in four years. If students choose to take fewer courses during some semesters, they would need to take additional classes during summer session in order to stay on track to graduate when they planned.

11. Do I have to take college classes before entering UNCW in January?

If you plan to graduate within four years, it would be prudent to take advantage of the fall semester before entering UNCW in order to accumulate credit hours. If you choose to take classes, we would encourage you to do so at a community college near you. Plan to submit your official transcript to UNCW Office of the Registrar to receive credit for those classes. Some students prefer to do an internship or work during the fall; this is your choice, but it may affect your graduation date.

12. What if I am an athlete and want to play a sport at UNCW?

If you plan to try out for a fall sport, you would have to wait for the following fall term after you enter UNCW. For specific questions regarding athletics, please contact the Athletics Department (910) 962-3232.