

Frequently Asked Questions

SOARING TO GREATNESS

Registration and Format Questions

I am not really that tech saavy. Can't I just call the admissions office and register over the phone?

The admission staff does not have the ability to register guests over the phone due to high volume of phone calls we already receive during this time of the year. Try to find a friend or neighbor who can assist you in the online registration process.

My friend and I have both been accepted to UNCW. Only one of us needs to register, right?

Every individual student must register for Soaring to Greatness to give us an accurate representation of the number of guests will be hosting on-campus. **PLEASE REMEMBER:** If you are carpooling, count only *your* family members in *your* registration (i.e. If Adrienne is attending with her mother and father and Kara is attending with just her mother, the total registration is three (3) for Adrienne and two (2) for Kara).

If registration is closed, can I just show up?

Once registration is closed, we will be unable to accommodate any additions due to space constraints throughout the day in various locations. Therefore, you are advised to make your plans and register for Soaring to Greatness as soon as possible.

I am a high school senior who is interested in attending Soaring to Greatness, but I have not received a decision yet. Can you tell me my admissions decision over the phone or in an email so that I can register?

Admissions decisions from UNCW are sent through U.S. Mail. No admissions decision will be released via email or over the phone. We will make every effort possible to notify students of their acceptance well in advance of the visit day.

I have a brother or sister, cousin, friend, etc. who is interested in UNCW but is not an admitted high school senior, should I bring them with me?

Please keep in mind this is your day. Sessions are planned months in advance and targeted towards admitted high school seniors. Certainly, you are welcome to bring your brothers and/or sisters when necessary, but please refrain from bringing any additional guests who are prospective students who will be better-served by another visitation program that we have to offer.

I've already attended a campus tour, do I really need to come to Soaring to Greatness? Is it really *that* different?

A normal campus tour only covers the nuts and bolts of what UNCW has to offer. Soaring to Greatness affords you the opportunity to meet and interact with students, faculty, and staff, meet with official from your intended major, and much more. This is the *ideal* way to discover everything UNCW has to offer.

All I really want to do is tour the Residence Halls. Can I just come for this part of the day?

Residence Hall Tours are conducted by trained Resident Assistants (RAs) at specified locations during specified times. Only that building's residents and Soaring to Greatness guests (who are identified by their schedules and materials) will be permitted into the Residence Halls during this time.

I have already registered for Soaring to Greatness, but the number of people in my party has either increased or decreased from what I originally had indicated. How can I change this?

We will make every effort to accommodate these requests, but our space is limited. Please email us at admissions@uncw.edu with the subject line "STG Number in Party Change" as soon as you find out about the need for any changes.

I have been accepted to the First-Year Spring Admit (FYSA) program. Can I attend Soaring to Greatness?

FYSA's are welcome and encouraged to join us for Soaring to Greatness as well.

What if I am a high school sophomore or junior interested in visiting UNCW, can I attend?

Soaring to Greatness is only for admitted high school seniors. You may, however, wish to participate in our daily campus visitation program, one of our junior visit days (Just Juniors), or our fall open house for high school seniors (Seahawk Saturday). Visit <http://www.uncw.edu/admissions/visit.html> for more information.

What if I was not accepted to UNCW, can I still attend Soaring to Greatness?

Soaring to Greatness is for admitted students. We review the registration list in comparison with our records of admission offers we have made to ensure proper registration.

What if I am a transfer student who has been accepted to UNCW?

Soaring to Greatness is designed for admitted freshmen. Teal Nights and/or Transfer To Teal (T3) Saturdays are designed specifically for transfer students. Visit <http://www.uncw.edu/admissions/visit.html> for more information.

Scheduling Questions

We are on a tight schedule/We have already visited UNCW, can we choose which sessions we attend?

Soaring to Greatness is carefully planned to make certain that all of our guests have the same enjoyable experience. You will be assigned to a group at registration, and you should adhere to that group's schedule throughout the day. For this reason, plan to be on campus from 9:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. for required sessions, and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for any optional sessions you choose to attend.

My boyfriend/girlfriend, neighbor, best friend, etc. will be attending Soaring to Greatness as well. Can we make an arrangement to be in the same group throughout the day?

Groups are assigned at random on the day of the event to ensure that each group and session have similar numbers of guests. Keep in mind that in college, it is highly unlikely that you would have many of the same classes together; so, go ahead and branch out now! **Note:** We will be glad to make exceptions for immediate family members (i.e. siblings) so that parents and students can attend certain sessions together.

I would like to know exactly what my day will include. Can you send me a copy of the schedule before I arrive?

Because small changes often occur up until the morning of the event, we are not able to send schedules in advance. Please refer to the main Soaring to Greatness page for general information on what you can expect during the day.

Will I be able to choose the "Master Class" I attend?

Master Classes are assigned at random. However, every effort possible has been made to ensure that each class will be equally as appealing to students from every major as the next.

Are parents welcomed to attend the "Students Only" sessions, and vice versa?

Student-only sessions are designed and intended for just that – students. Similarly, the parent-only sessions are designed and intended for parents alone.

What is the diversity breakfast? I am not a minority, can I not attend?

The diversity breakfast is a formal gathering of students, faculty, and staff celebrating rich diversity and vibrant culture of UNCW's campus. Persons from all ethnic backgrounds are welcomed to attend. Space is limited, however, so be certain to register in advance.

Major-Specific Questions

Should I setup appointments with someone in the department(s) in which I hope to major?

Representatives from every academic department and various student services departments on campus will be present at the Academic & Student Services Fair; you can have any of your questions answered at this time.

I am a prospective marine biology major. Can I tour the Center for Marine Science while I'm in town for Soaring to Greatness?

Unfortunately, the Center for Marine Science (CMS) is a private research facility and visitors are not permitted to the CMS in order to prevent the disruption of any ongoing research. Since the facility is gated as well, we recommend you watch [this video clip](#) that details the opportunities at CMS.

I am a prospective film studies student. Can I arrange to tour the facilities at UNCW?

Yes. More information coming soon.

Other Questions

What should I bring to Soaring to Greatness?

We recommend that you bring comfortable walking shoes, a raincoat and/or umbrella, and a light jacket (some classrooms and other locations around campus can be chilly at times). Also, be sure to dress according to the day's forecast, as you will spend time walking from one location to the next throughout the day.

I (or someone in my party) requires the use of a wheelchair, a sign-language interpreter, or some other special accommodations. Will this be a problem?

In the registration process, we will ask if you require any special assistance. Please let us know however we can help to ensure that everyone in your party has an enjoyable visit to campus.

I know UNCW is my first choice. Will I be able to pay my enrollment deposit and take care of other steps in the enrollment process while I am in Wilmington?

One of our optional sessions, Next Steps, will allow you to pay your enrollment deposit, pay your housing contract fee and fully-contract for on-campus housing, register for orientation, return your Immunization & Medical History Form, and/or speak with a financial aid representative. (These will include Steps 2, 3, 5, and 8 of the Teal Ticket you received with your offer of admission).

Is there any way for me to sleepover on Friday or Saturday night in a UNCW Residence Hall?

For security reasons, this is not permissible. If you would like to stay in the Wilmington area, however, visit our accommodations page for information on hotels that will offer discounts on Friday and Saturday night.

If the forecast calls for rain, will the day be altered in any way?

The show will go on rain or shine. The one change that may occur, however, is the availability of a campus tour. Should the weather become more than simple rain (i.e. thunderstorms or severe conditions), tours may not be offered for your safety.

Will I be penalized for not attending or rewarded for attending Soaring to Greatness?

You are strongly encouraged to attend since there is no better way to determine if UNCW is your perfect fit than by visiting campus.