Building an *inclusive* community.
Diversity Brings Higher Learning Outcomes for All Students

Diversity is an educational benefit fostering free exchange of ideas from multiple perspectives. Experiences with diversity prepare students to:

- participate in a pluralistic, multifaceted society
- behave positively and without judgment
- think maturely, constructively
- accept change

Experience with diversity, including understanding of the complexities of gender and sexual orientation, bring about better learning and the wider perspectives which accompany higher order critical thinking skills—that all students need to succeed in their chosen fields.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

UNCW’s LGBTQIA Resource Office is a nurturing environment for LGBTQIA students, staff and faculty to enjoy numerous educational programs and social resources in an open and affirming space. The office raises awareness of the benefits of diversity and inclusion and makes known the significant historical, intellectual, artistic and civic contributions of LGBT individuals and communities.

In addition to workshops and monthly socials, the office sponsors special programs such as Spectrum for questioning students and/or those who have recently come out, Trans(istors), which affirms students who are questioning their gender identity and OUR History, which presents the story of queer history.

YOU HAVE AN ALLY AT UNCW

Safe Zone allies are students, staff and faculty designated to support and advocate on behalf of LGBT students. Allies have a special concern and commitment to LGBT students and receive training. UNCW allies are examples in encouraging respect throughout the campus culture. Their offices are secure spaces, open to LGBT students seeking assistance in case of emergency, to share a concern or just to talk. The Safe Zone decal on an office door or wall indicates the office of an ally.

Support systems such as the Safe Zone Ally Program are part of a progressive, professional culture of tolerance and acceptance at UNCW.

WOMEN’S STUDIES AND RESOURCE CENTER: GENDERED EXPERIENCE

The Women’s Studies Program and Resource Center (WSRC) offers UNCW students, faculty and staff opportunities to understand the status of women and issues of gender from various perspectives. The women’s and gender studies academic minor examines the status of women and the gendered experience across disciplines from a variety of economic, historical, cultural and theoretical viewpoints and engages the wider community in educational events and programs. WSRC offers workshops, lecture series, documentaries and panel discussions that educate and empower women and explore issues of identity and gender.

WOMEN’S STUDIES STUDENT ASSOCIATION

WSSA promotes individual empowerment, gender equality, feminism and activism. Such projects as the “I Am a Feminist” poster series and UNCW’s annual benefit performance of The Vagina Monologues advance students’ leadership skills and create opportunities for student travel, collaboration and experiential learning.

UNCW PRIDE

People Recognizing Individual Differences Exist

PRIDE, established on campus in 1986, is the UNCW Gay and Lesbian Association. PRIDE is a student organization dedicated to the recognition of queer students, faculty and staff that increases awareness of LGBTQIA presence and concerns. The organization contributes to a safe, secure, supportive environment for all by promoting public service and information, monitoring political issues relevant to the LGBTQIA community and advocating for LGBTQIA students, faculty and staff.

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UNCW’s leadership studies minor is a popular academic program that gives all students experience in leading.

DIVERSITY RESOURCES

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LGBTQIA Resource Office
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Women’s Studies and Resource Center
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