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 students will make a successful academic transition to UNCW.
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 a number of options are available.

**Academics**
If you wish to get a head start on your academics, you can take classes at a community college near home or close to UNCW. Students can consult with UNCW academic advisors in selecting courses for transfer that would fulfill some of UNCW’s University Studies requirements or simply earn transfer credit.

For transfer credit information, check the Transfer Credit Equivalency Chart on the Office of the Registrar’s website [uncw.edu/reg/transfercredit.htm](http://uncw.edu/reg/transfercredit.htm) to see how classes may transfer to UNCW. Also, refer to the resources online through University College, [uncw.edu/uc/fysa](http://uncw.edu/uc/fysa). The majority of students who elect to take courses stay on track to graduate in four years. Students wishing to take courses elsewhere should complete the Transient Study Form via SeaPort under the Academics Tab.

**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: [uncw.edu/career/internships.html](http://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](http://maynoothuniversity.ie), just outside of Dublin, Ireland. FYSA students have the opportunity to spend their fall semester studying in Ireland with other spring admits.
**FYSA Action Items**

Be sure to check your UNCW email for important updates and deadline reminders.

**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**
[uncw.edu/finaid](http://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.

**Academic Advising**
[uncw.edu/uc/fysa](http://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.

**Orientation**
[uncw.edu/transitions/orientation](http://uncw.edu/transitions/orientation)
Registration for orientation will open October 1st. 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. For registration information including dates, costs and deadlines visit the orientation website.

**Educational Planning**
Course planning will begin before you arrive to campus for January orientation. Students have the opportunity to learn about academic expectations and requirements and register for classes starting in late fall before orientation.

**Seahawk Preview Day**
April 7, 2018
[uncw.edu/admissions/SeahawkPreviewDay.html](http://uncw.edu/admissions/SeahawkPreviewDay.html)
All accepted students are invited to attend. Meet other FYSA students and get an in-depth look at UNCW.

To view a complete calendar and deadlines, visit myseaport.uncw.edu and refer to your FYSA TealTicket.
On-Campus Housing
uncw.edu/housing
Agreements for spring on-campus housing will open October 1st. You may sign your agreement and pay the required $105 non-refundable housing application fee as long as space is available; students may not pull in roommates or request specific buildings. A waitlist is kept for those who are not initially placed.

Off-Campus Housing
offcampushousing.uncw.edu
You can choose to live off-campus near UNCW. There are many properties close to campus that can be found on the UNCW off-campus housing website. You can look for roommates, apartments and amenities that would be the best fit for your needs. The UNCW shuttle picks up from many off-campus apartment complexes, making it easy to commute.

PERCH
uncw.edu/perch
PERCH services, through the UNCW Office of the Dean of Students, provide programming, advocacy and support for off-campus, non-traditional and graduate students. PERCH hosts many events throughout the year designed for students to network, connect with valuable resources and gain knowledge to be a successful Seahawk.

To view a complete calendar and deadlines, visit myseaport.uncw.edu and refer to your FYSA TealTicket.
Spend fall 2018 exploring Ireland and studying at Maynooth University, one of UNCW’s valued and trusted partner universities. You will take classes in Ireland that will transfer to UNCW and will count toward your graduation requirements. Immerse yourself in the charming, safe, walkable university town of Maynooth, just 15 miles from the capital city, Dublin. Enjoy cultural excursions to major sites around the country with a group of your fellow FYSA students.

Maynooth University hosts more than 11,000 students from over 90 countries. Within Ireland, Maynooth has the national reputation for being the friendliest, most welcoming campus, with the strongest sense of community.
Program package includes:

- A UNCW program leader for the start of the program
- On-site Maynooth program staff throughout your stay
- Tuition for full-time course load
- On-campus housing (single room en suite in apartments) just a 5-minute walk from lecture halls, campus restaurants and facilities
- Meal plan
- Special Thanksgiving dinner and monthly dinners for the UNCW group
- Airport transfers on set arrival and departure days
- Welcome orientation
- Social activities and day trips during orientation
- One field trip or excursion per month for the UNCW group
- Health insurance
- Leap Card for discounted rates on public transportation
- Internet access
- Full access to campus amenities ranging from state-of-the-art library to rec center

For more information on Maynooth, visit uncw.edu/international/fysaatmaynooth.html or contact the Office of International Programs at studyabroad@uncw.edu or 910.962.3685.

UNCW enrollment deposit due May 1
UNCW @ Maynooth application due June 1

Important Contacts

**Office of Admissions**
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**University College (academic advising)**
910.962.3245 • uc@uncw.edu
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**Housing and Residence Life**
910.962.3241 • housing@uncw.edu
uncw.edu/housing

**The PERCH (off-campus housing resource)**
910.962.3119 • gansers@uncw.edu
uncw.edu/PERCH

**Transition Programs (orientation)**
910.962.3089 • transitions@uncw.edu
uncw.edu/orientation

**Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid**
910.962.3177 • finaid@uncw.edu
uncw.edu/finaid

**Cashier Services (student accounts)**
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