

Spring 2026 New Student Orientation

Meet the College

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & EARTH AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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Eight Academic Colleges

- Belk College of Business
- College of Arts & Architecture
- Cato College of Education
- College of Computing and Informatics
- College of Humanities & Earth and Social Sciences
- College of Science
- William States Lee College of Engineering
- College of Health and Human Services
- University College

School of Professional Studies

School of Data Science

CHESS AT A GLANCE

- Largest College
 - ~5,000 Undergraduate students
 - 15 Academic Departments
- What do we want for our students?
 - Dream BIG and take risks
 - Challenge yourselves
 - Be successful
- In a world increasingly characterized by varied backgrounds, perspectives and change, we strive to cultivate:
 - Leadership
 - Self-confidence
 - Persistence
 - Responsiveness
 - Intellectual inquiry
 - Engagement into local, national and global communities



15 CHESS Academic Departments

HUMANITIES

- Africana Studies
- Communication Studies
- English
- Global Studies
- History
- Languages, Cultures & Translation
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies

EARTH & SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Anthropology
- Criminal Justice and Criminology
- Earth, Environmental and Geographical Sciences
- Political Science and Public Administration
- Psychological Sciences
- Sociology

MILITARY SCIENCES

- Air Force ROTC
- Army ROTC

Several Interdisciplinary Minors and Programs

- American Studies
- Biotechnology
- Capitalism Studies
- Children's Literature & Childhood Studies
- Film Studies
- Gerontology
- Health and Medical Humanities
- Humanities, Technology, & Science
- Latin American Studies
- Legal Studies
- Southern Studies
- Urban Studies
- Women's & Gender Studies
- Office of Interdisciplinary Studies



THE SCHOOL OF DATA SCIENCE

FIRST IN THE CAROLINAS

- Collaboration with CHES and five other colleges, with recent addition of the Lee College of Engineering
- Bachelor's degree in data science since January 2021

MATH &
STATISTICS

COMPUTING

DATA
SCIENCE!

DOMAIN EXPERTISE
(HUMANITIES, SOCIAL
SCIENCES, BUSINESS,
HEALTH SCIENCES)



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Student Opportunities

- Undergraduate Research
- Honors Programs and Societies
- Education Abroad
- Experiential Learning
- Service Learning and Outreach
- Internships
- Academic Student Organizations



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LEADS



Support

Learn how to take action on issues you care about

Develop new lenses to view complex problems

Internships

Research experience

Be part of an interdisciplinary team

Gain experience with professional organizations

Professional development

Connections with off campus opportunities

CHESS FIT - Open to ANY CHESS Major!

Benefits of CHESS FIT

- Move into fall housing assignment one week early
- Be enrolled in a Hybrid 3-credit hour course
- Be assigned a peer mentor
- And so much more...



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MENTOR COLLECTIVE



Transitioning into a new institution can be challenging – a MENTOR can help!

- Mentors are current Charlotte students
- No Cost
- Mentors can assist students with:
 - Setting and achieving goals
 - Make connections
 - Provide referrals
- Informal meetings throughout the semester
 - Phone, in-person, zoom

STEPS:

1. Sign up with QR Code
2. Complete short survey about yourself and background
3. You will be matched with a Charlotte Mentor
4. Connect regularly throughout the year

NINER MENTORING

Sign up to



Get a Mentor

Advising is a Partnership!



Your Roadmap...to Success!



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Your Advising Network

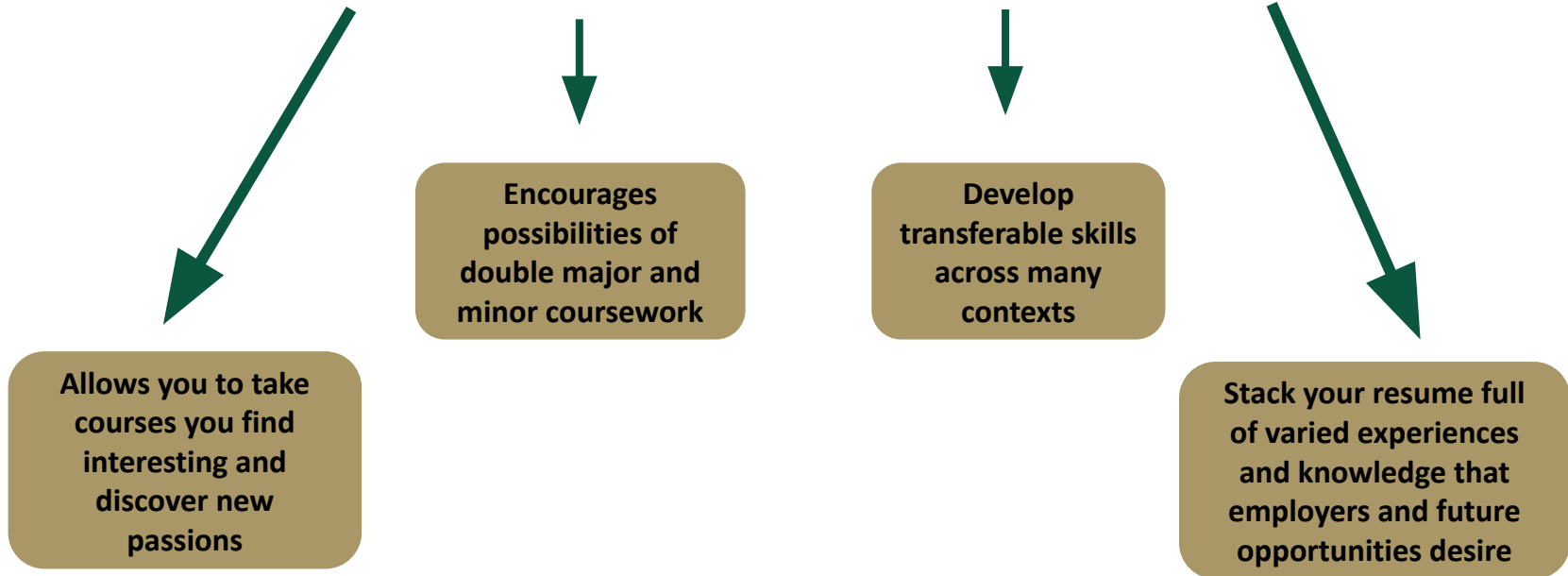
- All majors will have a professional academic advisor
- Get to know your advisor and where they are located!
- Always keep up to date with important advising information...Starting NOW!



CHES Advising Team



Realize the Potential of Your Degree



1 CRITICAL THINKING
PROBLEM SOLVING



2 ORAL AND WRITTEN
COMMUNICATIONS



3 TEAMWORK
COLLABORATION



4 DIGITAL
TECHNOLOGY



CAREER READINESS COMPETENCIES

ADOPTED FROM THE NACE CAREER READINESS COMPETENCIES FRAMEWORK

5 LEADERSHIP



6 PROFESSIONALISM
WORK ETHIC



7 CAREER
MANAGEMENT



8 GLOBAL
INTERCULTURAL
FLUENCY



Expectations of this Partnership

As a Student	Your Academic Advisor
Schedule early and keep appointments. Arrive on time!	Provide proactive, holistic advising.
Prepare for your advising appointment. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Review DegreeWorks- Come up with a list of tentative classes- Make list of any questions/concerns/goals	Provide accurate information in a timely manner.
Use your advising tools: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Connect - to review advising notes- DegreeWorks - for your degree audit- Email - check DAILY	Empower you to make independent and informed decisions.
Advisors offer in-person/virtual appointments. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- If virtual, still need to be an active participant (video on)- Have a quiet place that you can focus- Have your advising systems up to view	Encourage engagement in your advising process and make referrals when appropriate.



Selected Academic Resources

University Center for Academic Excellence (UCAE)

University Career Center (UCC)

Writing Resources Center (WRC)

Language Resource Center (LRC)

Math Learning Center (MLC)

Office of Disability Services (ODS)

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

Student Assistance & Support Services (SASS) –
extenuating circumstances



Student Responsibility

Each student is responsible for:

- *the proper completion of his or her academic program,*
- *for familiarity with the catalog,*
- *for maintaining the grade point average required,*
- *and for meeting all other degree requirements.*
- ***The advisor will counsel, but the final responsibility remains that of the student.***

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Let's Talk Policies

Quiz Time!

- What is the difference between a drop and a withdrawal?
 - Drop – done prior to the add/drop deadline and will not be reflected on your transcript
 - Withdrawal – happens after the add/drop deadline and will be on my transcript as an attempted course
- How many credit hours can I withdraw from?
 - 16 credit hours
- What is a grade replacement and how many do I have?
 - Undergraduate students may replace up to two (2) courses (maximum of 8 hours) for grade replacement. Both grades will be reflected on transcript. However, the higher of the two grades will be used in calculation of the GPA.



Let's Talk Policies

- Can I take classes at another institution while attending Charlotte?
 - Yes! A Transient Study form should be submitted PRIOR to taking classes elsewhere
 - Students are expected to take classes here during the Fall/Spring terms
 - Limited number of credits can transfer
 - Allow 3 weeks for processing
- What is the minimum GPA to be in good academic standing?
 - 2.0 Cumulative GPA
- What happens if I get placed on Academic Probation?
 - Need to earn at least a 2.3 Term GPA or bring Cumulative GPA to 2.0 to avoid Academic Suspension



Let's Talk Policies

- How many credit hours can a student take in Fall/Spring semester(s)?
 - Up to 18 credit hours
 - When registering, pay attention to dates for each course
 - The majority are full-term but there are some half-term courses (8 weeks) as well
- How many credit hours can a student take in the Summer semester?
 - Up to 14 credit hours – 7 credit hours in each half-term
 - Semester is mostly made up of half-term courses (5 weeks)
 - System can only read the total for the semester; students are responsible in making sure schedule aligns with university policy
 - If registered for more credit hours (without prior approval), a class will be dropped by the Registrar's Office - Take ownership of your schedules - don't wait for the Registrar's Office to make changes for you



Ensure Your Own Success

- Maintain communication, and use your University email account.
- Safeguard your Student ID# and NinerNet login info.
- Get to know your faculty.
- Plan out your involvement:
 - ✓ Student Opportunities
 - ✓ Research
 - ✓ Student clubs/organizations
 - ✓ Internships
- Work hard/play hard!





Important Reminders

- If you haven't already....
 - Complete New Student Orientation modules in Canvas
 - Make an appointment for advising
 - Register
- Check Charlotte email frequently!
- Advisor assignments
- Incoming credit & schedule adjustments



DATES TO REMEMBER

First Day of Classes

- **January 12th**

Add/Drop Deadline
(Fall full-term)

- **January 20th**

Tuition payment deadline

- **December 3rd**
- **January 21st**



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That's all Folks!

