FIRST-YEAR FAMILY & GUEST ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

DAY ONE

Note: Sessions marked with an asterisk (*) will be attended by both students and family members/guests.

8:30-9:45AM  ORIENTATION CHECK-IN - West Lounge, FPG Student Union
Receive your Orientation materials or register guest attendees on site.

8:30-9:45AM  INFORMATION FAIR - FPG Student Union & Student Stores
Connect with campus representatives to learn about various departments that are here to support your student through their Carolina career.

STUDENT STORES OPEN HOUSE - Student Stores
Take a few minutes to get to know the official University Bookstore, home to Bull’s Head Bookshop, the Pit Stop, the Print Stop, Student Store’s Pharmacy, the Tech Shop and more.

10:00-10:30AM*  THRIVE @ CAROLINA – Great Hall, FPG Student Union
Join other new students, families, and guests to learn what to expect from Orientation and learn how to help your student thrive at Carolina. Meet the Orientation Leaders (OLs) and Honors Carolina Orientation Ambassadors.

10:40-10:50AM  NSFP 101 – Great Hall, FPG Student Union
New Student & Family Programs partners with undergraduate families during your student’s entire time at Carolina. Learn about the ways we support families and support student success through our programming, communications, and engagement opportunities.

10:50-11:45AM  PARTNERS IN TRANSITION: PART 1 – Great Hall, FPG Student Union
Sending a student to college can be a big change for the entire family. Senior leadership from Student Affairs will discuss ways in which you can support your student’s transition to Carolina.

11:50AM-12:40PM  LUNCH – Lenoir Dining Hall

12:50-1:15PM*  PROFESSOR’S PERSPECTIVE – Great Hall, FPG Student Union
A Carolina faculty member will discuss faculty expectations for the Carolina classroom and strategies to facilitate student success.

1:15-1:45PM*  CAROLINA READY – Great Hall, FPG Student Union
Campus awareness and engagement are critical elements to promoting campus safety and proper implementation of the University’s Emergency Action Plan. Learn about emergency preparedness, Alert Carolina, methods for reporting crime or concerns and many other campus safety resources.
1:45-2:15PM* **A COMMUNITY OF CARE** – *Great Hall, FPG Student Union*
The holistic health, and well-being of students is critical to students’ success at Carolina. Learn about the services and programs available to keep students healthy and well, including Campus Health, Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), Student Wellness, and the Heels Care Network.

2:20-2:50PM* **HOUSING INFORMATION SESSIONS** – select one to attend.

**CAROLINA HOUSING** – *Great Hall, FPG Student Union*
Your student’s transition to a successful first year starts with their living environment. Receive a foundational overview of what Carolina Housing has to offer your student in terms of support, safety, resources, and learning opportunities.

**GRANVILLE TOWERS** – *Auditorium, FPG Student Union*
Your student’s transition to a successful first year starts with their living environment. Receive an overview of how to navigate the residential experience at Granville Towers (partnered with Carolina Housing). Topics will range from resources available for supporting your student to the basics of how the meal plan works, and more.

3:00-3:20PM* **INTEREST SESSION 1** – *Various locations in FPG Student Union*
See the listing of Interest Sessions on pages 6-7.

3:30-3:50PM* **INTEREST SESSION 2** – *Various locations in FPG Student Union*
See the listing of Interest Sessions on pages 6-7.

4:00-4:20PM **ACADEMIC SUCCESS** – *Great Hall, FPG Student Union*
Learn how to support your student’s academic excellence. The Center for Student Success will offer insight on how you can help your student take advantage of resources at Carolina to develop helpful habits, lower their stress, and meet all of their academic goals.

4:20-4:50PM **ADVISING @ UNC** – *Great Hall, FPG Student Union*
Gain insight on UNC Advising with an overview of academic expectations, the undergraduate curriculum, and students’ academic responsibilities.

4:50-5:20PM **TAR HEEL TALK: PART 1** – *Auditorium, FPG Student Union*
Wondering how much your student will need to study? How they can get involved on campus? Learn the student perspective by hearing from current students about their Carolina experience.

5:30PM-6:15PM **DINNER** – *Lenoir Dining Hall*

6:15-6:35PM **TRAVEL TO PLANETARIUM** – *The Pit, front of Lenoir Dining Hall*
If attending Under the Carolina Skies, please meet outside the Top of Lenoir, in The Pit at 6:15PM. The last guided departure to the Planetarium leaves at 6:25pm. Please note we are unable to seat guests at the Planetarium past 6:40pm.
UNDER THE CAROLINA SKIES – Morehead Planetarium
Relax in the Morehead Planetarium Star Theatre for a showing of Carolina Skies, which will surround you with thousands of stars, constellations, and planets. It is a UNC tradition that is out of this world!

MOREHEAD PLANETARIUM PARKING INFORMATION

Whether walking or driving to the Planetarium, you must arrive by 6:40 PM to be seated. Anyone arriving after 6:40 PM will not be able to view the show.

WALKING DIRECTIONS

For those wishing to walk to Morehead Planetarium, please meet in The Pit outside of Top of Lenoir at 6:15 PM. Our staff will guide you there with the final guided departure leaving at 6:25 PM. To return to Rams Head parking deck after the show, please follow walking directions with QR code below.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Some guests may decide to have their car at the Planetarium to aid them in leaving for the evening of Day 1. If you opt to move your car to the Planetarium, please note that your Rams Head Parking Pass will NOT be accepted at the Morehead Lot. Plan to purchase a weeknight temporary parking voucher. You may do this several ways: Visit move.unc.edu/parking/visitor-parking/weeknight-payment to purchase the voucher. You can also pay on-site at the Morehead Lot Pay Station. Enter your License Plate number and follow the on-screen prompts. Accepted payment method is credit card (VISA, MasterCard, or Discover).
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Day Two

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7:30-8:15AM  Breakfast – Lenoir Dining Hall

8:30-9:30AM*  More Than Just a Major – Various, see below
Come learn how your student’s academic journey at Carolina is about “more than just a major.” Faculty, academic advisors, and Orientation Leaders share their insights in these sessions which focuses on the first-year experience including: finding a major that aligns with their goals, recommendations for getting involved beyond the classroom, what to expect in their introductory courses, and more. The 5 sessions that run concurrently are: Business, Fine Arts & Humanities, Pre-Health, Science (Not Pre-Health), and Social & Behavioral Sciences.

Business Interest – Chapman Hall, Room 201
Come learn about the required prerequisite courses to apply to the Kenan-Flagler School of Business. Information about the application process and co-curricular activities will also be presented. You will also learn about other majors that can lead to careers in the business field.

Fine Arts & Humanities Interest – Gardner Hall, Room 0008
Whether you are studying Music or English, explore opportunities that can complement and enhance your major coursework, and help you prepare for a career or graduate studies. Related majors: American Studies, Art History, Classics, Communication Studies, Comparative Literature, Dramatic Art, English, Germanic & Slavic Languages & Literatures, Linguistics, Media & Journalism, Music, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Romance Languages, Studio Art, Women’s & Gender Studies.

Pre-Health Interest – Murray Hall, Room G 202
Interested in being a healthcare professional? Here you will learn about health-related majors, required and suggested courses, co-curricular opportunities, and resources to assist you with the application process. Related graduate school paths: Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy, Physician’s Assistant, Physical Therapy, Radiologic Science, and other health-related professions.

Science, Not Pre-Health Interest – Manning Hall, Room 209
Science majors who do not intend to enter a profession in a health-related field will learn about academic opportunities, resources, and suggested coursework for their first year. Related majors: Applied Sciences, Biology, Biomedical Engineering, Biostatistics, Chemistry, Clinical Lab Science, Computer Science, Data Science, Pre-Dental Hygiene, Environmental Studies & Sciences, Exercise & Sport Science, Geological Sciences, Health Policy & Management, Mathematics, Neuroscience, Nutrition, Physics & Astronomy, Psychology, Statistics & Analytics.
SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES INTEREST – *Gardner Hall, Room 105*

9:45-10:45AM
**PARTNERS IN TRANSITION: PART 2 – Hamilton 100**
During this session, families and guests will receive an overview of pertinent policies that set the expectations for student behavior at Carolina. Presenters will also review available campus resources that support student well-being and overall student success. Strategies and tips will be provided for engaging with your student about making responsible decisions around alcohol, personal conduct, and utilizing campus resources.

10:45-11:15AM
**TAR HEEL TALK: PART 2 – Blue Zone, Kenan Stadium**
Utilize this question-and-answer panel to hear the student perspective on the Carolina experience. Whatever burning questions you have remaining our OL team can help answer.

11:40-12:20PM*
**HARK THE SOUND CLOSING CEREMONY – Blue Zone, Kenan Stadium**
Lux Libertas. You are now part of the light and liberty that is Carolina. Join us as we celebrate the completion of your first step as an official member of the Carolina community.

12:30-2:00PM
**HONORS CAROLINA OPEN HOUSE – Graham Memorial**
Following the conclusion of the formal orientation program, students and their guests are invited to stop by Graham Memorial—home base of Honors Carolina—to join members of the Honors Carolina team for refreshments and celebration.
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ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES & SERVICE - Room 2423
Find resources and supports that UNC utilizes to support students with disabilities and/or medical conditions. ARS seeks to remove barriers to equal access through accommodations as they relate to academics, residence life, dining, and co- and extra-curricular campus activities by assisting students in gaining responsibility of self-identification and accommodation requests as they enter a post-secondary education setting. If you have questions on how to navigate this process or want to learn more, please come to our drop-in style session where students and family members will be able to speak to an ARS staff member.

THE ARTS AT CAROLINA - Room 3409
Curious how you can attend a performance or see an exhibit? Interested in joining an arts-focused student group? There’s an arts experience around every corner at UNC and we’re here to help you find your creative outlet. Come to this session and discover what the Arts at Carolina can offer you.

CAMPUS RECREATION - Room 2422
Find out all the ways Tar Heels Stay Active during their time at Carolina! Campus Rec offers facilities and services to enhance your mental, physical, and social well-being. Discover how you can participate in our wide variety of programs, including Fitness & Wellness, Aquatics, Carolina Adventures (climbing, expeditions, and challenge course), Intramural Sports, and Sport Clubs. On-campus, off-campus, in-person or virtually, Campus Rec will help you stay active at UNC.

CAROLINA, THE NCAA, AND THE VARSITY STUDENT-ATHLETE* - Room 2420
Carolina varsity student-athletes must attend this session to learn valuable academic information.
*This session will span over Interest Session Blocks 1 & 2.

CAREER PLANNING EQUALS CAREER SUCCESS - Room 3203
Did you know that employers are shifting away from GPA as a screening tool to evaluate candidates? Other factors, such as internship experience and proficiency in the career readiness competencies, play a larger role. This session will introduce the importance of career readiness in four steps to families and students. Step one starts now!
CAROLINA COVENANT SCHOLARS - Room 3205
This session is designed specifically for Carolina Covenant Scholars and their families to gain more insight on the Covenant Scholarship Package. It features information related to the financial aid award process, student billing, work-study opportunities, and programming activities and services that are unique to Covenant Scholars.

GO ANYWHERE WITH HONORS CAROLINA - Auditorium, FPG Student Union
Our most important responsibility at Honors Carolina is preparing students to succeed once they graduate. Learn more about resources and programs designed to help Honors Carolina students market their skills and obtain relevant experience that will position them for success. Additionally, you will learn about Honors Carolina's global offerings that immerse students in new cultures and ways of learning.

PUBLIC SERVICE - Room 3206AB
Transformational Learning Experiences Through Service: How Public Service Can Enhance Your Undergraduate Career. Looking to discover ways to connect your academic interests with public service and community engagement across North Carolina and beyond? Join us at this session, where the Carolina Center for Public Service will share opportunities to leave your Heelprint through various programs, including APPLES Service-Learning and Buckley Public Service Scholars. Students can take part in alternative breaks, service-learning courses, paid internships with course credit and other interactive and engaging opportunities, many of which meet the High-Impact Experience requirement. Come learn more about how you can contribute to Carolina's tradition of service and engagement.

STUDENT BILLING - Room 3209
The Office of the University Cashier will provide basic information about student billing procedures, deferments, refunds, and payments.

UNC GLOBAL AFFAIRS & STUDY ABROAD - Room 3408
Chart a global learning journey at Carolina that meets your unique academic, professional, and personal goals. Through Study Abroad and on-campus opportunities, you can study new languages, experience different cultures, and develop the global expertise and skills needed to address the world’s greatest challenges. Come learn about programs like the Diplomacy Initiative, Carolina Spring Forward and more study abroad and funding options, as well as other transformative global education opportunities. Whether you study abroad or engage in global opportunities on campus, a world of opportunities awaits at Carolina.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH - Room 3411
Have you ever wanted to research art history in Spain, study ecology in the South Pacific, or even help find cures for cancer right here in Chapel Hill? The Office for Undergraduate Research can help students achieve these goals. Students at UNC can conduct research in humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences beginning their first year. Speak with an office representative about how to get started.
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