



Information for Exchange Students

(Tuition/Fee Exchange)

Academic Year 2012-2013

The following information is accurate as of the time of its writing; however, it is subject to change without notice. International Programs Center (IPC) will make every effort to communicate any program changes.

1. Contact Information

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For more information about UNCG and Greensboro, please visit our Web Page at: <http://www.uncg.edu/ipg>

2. When should you arrive?

A. **On-Campus:** Your housing is expected to be available beginning and ending on the following dates. Do not arrive any later than the following arrival date.

Fall semester: Monday, August 13, 2012 to Monday, December 17, 2012
See "On-Campus housing" (Paragraph 7) below.

Spring semester: Tuesday, January 8, 2013 to Friday, May 10, 2013

B. **Off-Campus:** If you will be living off-campus, it is suggested that you arrive no later than August 1 (for the Fall Semester) to have sufficient time to locate appropriate housing. See "Off-Campus" housing (Paragraph 8) below.

3. 2012-2013 Academic Calendar: <http://www.uncg.edu/reg/Calendar/>

Fall 2012 Semester:

Arrival/Move-in day	August 13, 2012
Orientation:	August 13-19, 2012
Registration Confirmation:	August 14-16, 2012
Classes begin:	August 20, 2012
Classes end:	December 3, 2012
Reading Day:	December 4, 2012 (no classes or exams)
Exam period:	December 5-8, 10-12, 2012
Fall Holidays:	September 3, 2012 (Labor Day)
Vacation period:	October 13-16, 2012 (Fall Break) November 21-25, 2012 (Thanksgiving Break)
Move Out Day(by 5pm)	December 17, 2012

Spring 2013 Semester:

Arrival/Move-in day	January 8, 2013
Orientation:	January 8-13, 2013
Registration Confirmation:	January 9-11, 2013
Classes begin:	January 14, 2013
Classes end:	April 30, 2013
Reading Day:	May 1, 2013 (no classes or exams)
Exam period:	May 2-4, 6-8, 2013
Spring Holidays:	January 21, 2013 (MLK Jr. Holiday)
Vacation period:	March 9-18, 2013 (Spring Break)
Move Out Day(by 5pm)	May 10, 2013

4. Place to stay for temporary accommodations:

If you arrive on move-in day, you should go directly to Phillips-Hawkins Dorm for check-in and orientation. If you arrive before the move-in day, you should go to your hotel. UNCG will provide transportation from the hotels listed below to campus only on the move-in day.

The Ramada Inn and The Battleground Inn are a short drive from the University. Students are responsible for paying their own hotel cost. Students should call/fax the inn directly for reservations. Make sure you identify yourself as an international student

studying at UNCG. Students also should contact the Incoming Exchange Coordinator as soon as possible to arrange pick-up and transportation to campus from the hotel on Move In day.

Please make sure that you say that you are a UNCG INTERNATIONAL STUDENT!

Ramada Inn Greensboro 2003 Athena Court, Greensboro Tel: (336) 294-9922 Fax: (336) 294-9922 Estimated costs: Single/Double Approximately: \$59.00 per night Mention special UNCG Student Rate	Battleground Inn 1517 Westover Terrace, Greensboro Tel: (336) 272-4737 Fax:(336) 274-6242 Estimated Cost: Single/Double Approximately \$69.00-\$90.00 per night
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5. Getting to Greensboro, North Carolina

It is best that you fly to the Piedmont-Triad International Airport, Greensboro, North Carolina. From the airport, UNCG is ten miles away. A 15-20 minute cab ride costs approximately \$29 per person. Please be prepared to tip the taxi driver \$4-\$5.

All exchange students may be met and greeted by a student or staff member at the airport if The International Programs Center is advised of your arrival schedule.

Please email Kaitlin Ritchie (saein@uncg.edu) your arrival information in the following format. I have included an example below.

Flight/Train/Bus Name and Number: AA 2445

Arrival Time: 12:02 PM

Layover Airport: JFK (NewYork)

Arrival Airport: GSO (Greensboro)

Hotel Name if arriving before arrival day: Ramada Inn

We will alert the taxi service at the airport of your arrival information. You are responsible for the cost of the taxi ride. If you arrive late or you are not met at the airport, you should take a taxi to your hotel. A taxi can be called to the airport from the taxi desk on the first floor near the baggage claim area.

Greensboro is also served by Amtrak trains (<http://www.amtrak.com>) from all points north and south.

6. Orientation Program.

The Fall 2012 Orientation for all international exchange students takes place beginning on Tuesday, August 14, 2012. The Spring 2013 Orientation for all international exchange students begins on Wednesday, January 9, 2013. **Please arrive on the move-in day and be present for orientation.**

You will participate in university orientation activities for all international students with special orientation programs and events for exchange students. Various activities will be scheduled at UNCG and in the community including tours and shopping trips.

7. Housing and Meal Benefits during Academic Sessions.

Most exchange students in Greensboro choose to live on-campus due to its tremendous convenience, diversity of accommodations and general value. Phillips-Hawkins is the most popular housing for exchange students and internationals in general. You'll also have the option of living in the student apartments (called "Tower Village" or "Spring Garden Apartments" and "Jefferson Suites"; these more European-style accommodations include single rooms and a shared kitchen/bathroom). For more detailed information visit: <http://hrl.uncg.edu/> On campus housing is competitive and students should submit their housing applications as soon as possible once admitted.

Note regarding single room accommodations: single rooms are limited at UNCG and you should choose the *Tower Village* or *Spring Garden Apartments* student apartments.

Estimated Costs (2012-13):

Double Room (e.g., Phillips/Hawkins aka I-House) per semester: \$ 2,090.00 (that includes cable and internet connection)

Single room (Tower Village) per semester: \$ 2,812.50 (includes air conditioning, cable and internet connection)

Single room (Spring Garden Apartments) per semester: \$ 3,131.00 (includes air conditioning, cable and internet connection)

Single room (Jefferson Suites) per semester: \$3,024 (includes air conditioning, cable and internet connection)

Information concerning residence halls is included with your admission packet. Please read the directions carefully regarding applying for residence. You should register for housing as soon as possible. Most on-campus accommodations are shared double rooms (except student apartments). You will need to pay your semester room/meals bill during orientation week (payable to Cashier's Office, Mossman Building).

Are cooking facilities provided? No (very limited) except *Tower Village, Spring Garden Apartments & Jefferson Suites*

Are bed linens and blankets provided? No

Are towels provided? No

Are laundry facilities available? Yes

Are Ethernet cords provided? No, Students must bring or purchase their own cords to connect to the internet in their rooms.

How far is housing from institution? on-campus

As an exchange student, you are NOT required to send a housing deposit for accommodations.

Married, Co-ed or family rooms are not available. Co-habitation is considered a violation of the housing contract and can result in dismissal from on-campus housing.

Note: Housing contracts are for the full year or semester (if that is the duration of your exchange). You will sign a full-year or semester contract and must petition to be released from that contract if you are only at UNCG for a semester.

8. Housing - Off-Campus

Exchange students who choose to live off-campus must find their own housing (e.g. apartments, group homes etc). Generally, housing is always available in Greensboro, the only variables being cost as well as distance from university. The International Programs Center can offer limited assistance (e.g. community contacts and accommodations list). There is an off-campus apartment registry in the Elliott University Center. Students renting apartments should be prepared to pay up-front security deposits (often equal to one month's rent). Sometimes, student group homes are available which can be less expensive. You should arrive in Greensboro early enough to arrange off-campus housing, preferably no later than August 1, 2012 for Fall Semester. (You will need to arrange temporary housing until you locate accommodations. IPC cannot arrange temporary housing. See Paragraph 4 above for suggested accommodations).

9. Meals - On-Campus

Benefits - Meals

You will have many meal plan options (subject to change):

Cafeteria meals are "all you can eat." Students that choose Flex options will receive this balance on their Student I.D. card to use at service concessions across campus such as java café, fast food, salad bar, convenience store/market, university dining hall etc.

2012-2013 Residential Student Meal Plans

The price of the most popular meal plan for students, Spartan Unlimited, is \$1400 per semester (prices subject to change for 2012-13). For a full list of meal plan options, visit: http://hrl.uncg.edu/rates_and_contracts/pics/meals.pdf

Note: Students that live in residence halls or apartments must purchase one on-campus meal plan as required.

10. Estimated personal expenses:

You should budget a minimum of \$150 - \$300 per month for miscellaneous costs such as local travel, entertainment, supplies etc.

Insurance: \$430.50 per semester as of academic year 2011-12 (rate is subject to change) (UNCG health insurance is **mandatory** and you will be billed upon arrival.)

Books: you will need to budget between \$200 - \$450 per semester. Actual cost depends upon classes taken.

11. Medical Requirement/Health Services

In your preliminary acceptance email and your welcome packet you will receive a memo entitled "Student Medical Form" with instructions concerning your medical forms. Please follow the instructions per the memo and mail it back to IPC per the requested deadline. It is far less expensive for you to have your forms completed at home than to do it once you arrive.

Important: You should bring copies of vaccination records. If you have insufficient evidence of proper inoculations, you may receive these upon your arrival at your own expense. Most vaccinations cost between \$15 and \$25.

There is a full-service university infirmary on campus providing medical services. There is also a counseling center with counselors and psychologists on staff.

Insurance

U.S. Government regulations require you to have sufficient medical insurance coverage to participate on an exchange to the United States. Accordingly, insurance coverage through a UNCG-approved plan is **mandatory** and you will be billed through your student account upon your arrival. The UNCG insurance plan costs approximately \$430.50 per semester as of academic year 2011-2012 (rates may change for academic year 2012-13). For more information on the policy, see the following web site: <http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/healthinsurance.html> (NB: ISEP participants pay their insurance through ISEP).

12. Miscellaneous:

Transportation: Like many U.S. cities, Greensboro does not have an extensive public transportation system (there is limited bus service). Greensboro is an automobile town, with most domestic students getting around by car. Few international students choose to buy a car for their studies at UNCG. The UNCG Campus and surrounding area are serviced by **HEAT** (Higher Education Area Transit); this service is free to students. Routes and schedules for HEAT and Greensboro Public Transportation can be found at www.rideheat.com or <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/GDOT/divisions/gta/>, respectively.

Employment: Exchange students are eligible to work on-campus up to 20 hours per week when classes are in session; 40 hours per week during holiday periods.

Payment: Cash and US paper check payments may be made in person at the Cashiers and Student Accounts Office, 151 Mossman Building. The University of North Carolina at Greensboro no longer accepts credit card payments for student account balances over the phone, in person, by mail, or by fax. Credit card payments for student account balances are only available online. Therefore, PayPath, a third party payment service, will accept credit card payments on behalf of the University via the online Student Account Center. This will only be available to you **after your arrival**. As part of this service, PayPath will add a **2.75% service fee** to the total payment made by credit card. PayPath accepts MasterCard, Discover, and American Express. PayPath **does not accept Visa**.

For more information, please visit the Cashier's website at the following address: http://fsv.uncg.edu/cashiers/cashiers_payment.html