

Information for Exchange Students

(Tuition/Fee Exchange)
Academic Year 2008-2009

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

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<http://www.uncg.edu>

2. When should you arrive?

A. On-Campus: Your housing is expected to be available beginning on the following dates:

First semester: Monday, August 18, 2008

Second semester: Tuesday, January 13, 2009

See "On-Campus housing" (Paragraph 7) below.

B. Off-Campus: If you will be living off-campus, it is suggested that you arrive no later than August 8 (for Fall Semester) or December 31 (for Spring Semester) to have sufficient time to locate appropriate housing. See "Off-Campus" housing (Paragraph 8) below.

3. 2008-2009 Academic Calendar:

Fall 2008 Semester:

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| Arrival/Move-in day | August 18, 2008 |
| Orientation: | August 19-22, 2008 |
| Registration: | August 19-22, 2008 |
| Classes begin: | August 25, 2008 |
| Classes end: | December 8, 2008 |
| Reading Day: | December 9, 2008 (no classes or exams) |
| Exam period: | December 10-12; 15-17, 2008 |
| Fall Holiday: | September 1, 2008 (Labor Day) |
| Vacation periods: | October 18-21, 2008(Fall Break) November 26-November 30, 2008 (Thanksgiving) December 18, 2008 - January 13, 2009 (Christmas Break) |

Spring 2009 Semester:

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| Arrival/Move-in day | January 13, 2009 |
| Orientation: | January 14-16, 2009 |
| Registration: | January 14-16, 2009 |
| Classes begin: | January 20, 2009 |
| Classes end: | May 5, 2009 |
| Reading Day: | May 6, 2009 (no classes or exams) |
| Exam period: | May 7-9; 11-13, 2009 |
| Spring Holidays: | January 19, 2009 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) April 10, 2009 (Spring Holiday) |
| Vacation period: | March 7, 2009 - March 15, 2009 (Spring Break) |

4. Place to stay for temporary accommodations:

The Ramada Inn and The Battleground Inn are a short drive from the university. Costs will be paid by the participant. Students should call/fax the inn directly for reservations. Make sure you identify yourself as an international student studying at UNCG. Students also should call IPC as soon as possible to arrange pick-up and transportation to campus.)

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

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| Ramada Inn Greensboro 2003 Athena Court, Greensboro Tel: (336) 294-9922 | Battleground Inn 1517 Westover Terrace, Greensboro Tel: (336) 272-4737 |
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| Fax: (336) 294-9922 Estimated costs: Single/Double Approximately: \$55.00 per night Mention special UNCG Student Rate | Fax:(336) 274-6242 Estimated Cost: Single: Approximately: \$55.80 per night; Double: Approximately: \$59.40 per night |
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5. Getting to Greensboro, North Carolina

You can fly to the Greensboro airport: Piedmont-Triad International Airport, Greensboro, North Carolina. From the airport, Greensboro/UNCG is ten miles away. A 15-20 minute cab ride costs approximately \$18-24.

All exchange students may be met and greeted by a staff member at the airport provided The International Programs Center is advised of your arrival schedule (airline, flight number and arrival time) at least two weeks in advance and provided arrival is before 10:00 p.m. (including flight delays). IPC will also arrange pick-up for you by a local taxi/limousine company. After 10:00 p.m., we can not assure that you will be met and greeted by a staff member, but IPC will make every effort to arrange pick-up by the taxi/limousine company, provided we know your arrival time in advance. If you arrive late and are not met at the airport, you should take a taxi to your lodging. Please email IPC at studyabroad@uncg.edu indicating the following information: your name, complete arrival information including flight number (or train or bus information), date and time of arrival and the hotel where you have made a reservation.

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

6. Orientation Program.

The Fall 2008 Orientation for all international exchange students takes place beginning on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 (for the Spring Semester, Wednesday, January 14, 2009.) **Please try to arrive no later than the previous day in Greensboro. (See arrival in paragraph 2.)**

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, shopping trips, a lake trip and parties.

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. You'll also have the option of living in the student apartments (called "Tower Village," or "Spring Garden Apartments" these more European-style accommodations include single rooms and a shared kitchen/bathroom). For more detailed information visit:

<http://hrl.uncg.edu/>

Estimated Costs (2008-09):

Double Room (e.g., Phillips/Hawkins aka I-House) per semester: \$ 1,800.00 (that includes telephone, cable and internet connection)

Single room (Tower Village) per semester: \$ 2,600.00 (includes air conditioning, telephone, cable and internet connection)

Single room (Spring Garden Apartments) per semester: \$ 2,700.00 (includes air conditioning, telephone, 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 make application 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*

Are bed linens and blankets provided? No

Are towels provided? No

Are laundry facilities available? Yes

How far is housing from institution? on-campus

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

Note regarding single room accommodations: single rooms are generally not available at UNCG unless you choose the *Tower Village* or *Spring Garden Apartments* student apartments.

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.

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 7, 2008 (December 30, 2008 for Spring 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):

2007-2008 Residential Student Meal Plans (Rate for 2008-2009 will be slightly higher)

| Meal Plan Eligibility | Meal Plan | Declining Balance | Meals/Semester | 2007-2008 Cost |
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| All Classes | Platinum 75 | \$75 | Unlimited | \$1,262 |
| All Classes | Platinum 150 | \$150 | Unlimited | \$1,312 |
| All Classes | Platinum 200 | \$200 | Unlimited | \$1,362 |
| Soph, Jr, Sr, Grad, TVLS, Spring Garden | Gold 200 | \$200 | 200 | \$1,162 |
| Soph, Jr, Sr, Grad, TVLS, Spring Garden | Gold 300 | \$300 | 175 | \$1,162 |
| Soph, Jr, Sr, Grad, TVLS, Spring Garden | Silver 400 | \$400 | 150 | \$1,162 |
| Soph, Jr, Sr, Grad, TVLS, Spring Garden | Silver 500 | \$500 | 125 | \$1,162 |
| Jr, Sr, Grad, TVLS, Spring Garden | Bronze 725 | \$725 | 25 | \$825 |
| Jr, Sr, Grad, TVLS, Spring Garden | Bronze 825 | \$825 | 0 | \$825 |
| Jr, Sr, Grad, TVLS, Spring Garden | Bronze 1000 | \$1000 | 0 | \$1000 |
| Only persons assigned to either Tower Village or Spring Garden Apartments will be eligible to sign-up for the following plans. | | | | |
| Spring Garden Apartments or Tower Village | Apartment 300 | \$300 | 0 | \$300 |
| Spring Garden Apartments or Tower Village | Apartment 450 | \$450 | 0 | \$450 |

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| Spring Garden Apartments or Tower Village | Apartment 600 | \$600 | 0 | \$600 |
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Cafeteria meals are "all you can eat." Students that choose declining balance 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, university dining hall, etc.

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

10. Vacation/Holiday Periods

If you live in residence halls, IPC can arrange for students to remain in housing for minimal cost over holidays and vacation periods. Students should advise IPC well in advance of their plans.

11. Estimated personal expenses:

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

Insurance: about \$350 per semester--(UNCG health insurance is mandatory and you will be billed upon arrival.)

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

12. Medical Requirement/Health Services

In this packet you have received a memo entitled "Student Medical Form" with instructions concerning your medical forms. You should now follow the instructions on that sheet. 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 \$10 and \$20.

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 about Approximately: \$350 per semester in 2007-2008. For more information on the policy, see the following web site: <http://www.uncg.edu/ipg/studyabroad/jinsuranceinfo.html> (NB: ISEP participants pay their insurance through ISEP).

13. 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 students getting around by car. Some international students choose to buy an older car to get around during their studies at UNCG.

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.