Greensboro is the third most populous city in North Carolina. Citizens enjoy a thriving economy, an energetic cultural and arts scene, and a rich history dating to 1808. UNCG is an engine for regional prosperity by expanding student access, faculty scholarship, innovation, and service providing remarkable real-world impact every day.

“We are intricately tied to our local and regional community. We share a place, a fate and a responsibility for being an active partner in the future of both.” - UNCG Strategic Plan

UNC Greensboro opened its doors as a college for women on Oct. 5, 1892, with 198 students, 15 faculty members, and three academic departments: commercial, domestic science, and pedagogy. In 1932, it became one of the original three institutions to form the UNC System. An era of expansion began in 1964 when men were welcomed to the student body. Now, UNCG is a growing high-research, community-engaged, doctoral university, as classified by the Carnegie Foundation, with almost $68 million in external funding annually and noted strengths in health and wellness, visual and performing arts, nursing, and education. More than 90 nationalities, UNCG is one of the most diverse universities in the state. UNCG has been honored as a military-friendly institution and recognized as a minority-serving university – 53% of students are people of color.

Comprised of nearly 18,000 students and over 2,800 faculty and staff members representing more than 90 nationalities, UNCG is one of the most diverse universities in the state. UNCG is committed to creating transformational experiences for its students. Through the University’s Light the Way: The Campaign for Earned Achievement, the first comprehensive fundraising campaign in over a decade is raising $200 million to strengthen three key areas: access, excellence, and impact. Thus far, supporters have donated more than $70 million for access, fueling student scholarships; nearly $12 million for excellence, attracting and retaining world-class faculty; and over $82.5 million for impact, investing in research, programs, and opportunity.

UNCG offers unique programming for first-generation students including the “First G at the G” support group. Additionally, UNCG ranks No. 1 for Gilman Scholars awarded in North Carolina. The national scholarship program enables students of limited financial means to study or intern abroad. The University’s efforts in integrated student success have garnered national recognition. UNCG ranks No. 1 in social mobility and student experience in North Carolina according to the Wall Street Journal and No. 1 in North Carolina for affordability (net costs) by the New York Times.

With a strategic plan focused on transforming students, knowledge, our region, and improving graduation rates for low-income, underrepresented, first-generation, and rural students, UNCG is poised to take giant steps forward, emerge as one of the state’s strongest, most productive institutions, and meet the needs of students and communities for years to come.
FACTS

ACADEMICS
- 175+ undergraduate areas of study
- 250+ master’s and doctoral programs
- 17:1 student-to-faculty ratio
- 27 academic buildings
- 150 general purpose classrooms
- 150+ laboratory spaces
- 360+ students studied abroad in 2022-23 traveling to 28 countries on 6 continents
- 400+ Transfer-to-Transfer Mentoring Program participants welcome new Spartans
- 100+ faculty in 31 departments offering more than 350 courses with a focus on sustainability
- $1.2 million UNCG-McNair Scholars Program prepares first-generation, low-income, and underrepresented undergraduate students for doctoral studies

STUDENT BODY
- 14,156 undergraduates from 43 states and 71 countries
- 3,587 graduate students
- 50% of undergraduates self-identified as first-generation students
- 46% of undergraduates receive federal Pell grants (2022-23 aid year)
- 53% of students are people of color
- First in UNC System for total percentage of Hispanic/Latino enrollment (2541 students, 14%)

STATEWIDE IMPACT
- $1 billion economic impact in the Piedmont Triad
- 95% of undergraduates and 78% of graduate students are North Carolina residents
- 78% of 2022 graduates stayed in North Carolina
- 40,106 alumni live within 25 miles of Greensboro; 102,551 alumni live in North Carolina
- Alumni will grow by about 50,000 in the next decade

GROWTH
- 17,743 students enrolled in Fall 2023
- 85% increase in research funding in the last five years
- 4,745 degrees awarded in 2022-23 academic year
- UNCG’s academic programs connected to our innovative Esports Arena prepares students for careers in the $3.5 billion esports industry
- Launched in 2023: Minerva’s Mobile Health allows nursing students, in partnership with Cone Health, to bring healthcare to local, rural, and underserved communities
- LEED-certified Nursing and Instructional Building with 48 laboratories
- Millennial Campus initiative with two districts: Health and Wellness and Visual and Performing Arts

RESEARCH
- Almost $68 million in external funding annually
- One of only 60 doctoral universities in the nation classified by the Carnegie Foundation for both high research activity and community engagement
- 700+ undergraduates conduct faculty-sponsored research
- 17 interdisciplinary centers drive innovation, create new knowledge, and provide an engine for scholars to partner with the community to address critical challenges and translate ideas into impact

CAMPUS LIFE
- 260+ acre campus includes over 40 acres of parks, gardens, and natural spaces
- 250+ student groups
- 17 Division I athletic teams with 245 student athletes
- 7 living-learning communities; 4 residential colleges; 28 residence halls
- UNCG has 20 LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified buildings on campus
- University motto of “service” is reflected in student life and academic community engagement

No. 1 in NC for Social Mobility and Student Experience – The Wall Street Journal
Best Colleges: U.S. News & World Report, 33 straight years, Princeton Review, 25 straight years