



Fact Sheet for exchange program for the 2025-26 Academic Year

Contact Information	
Name of University	University of North Carolina Asheville
Office dealing with student exchange matters	Office of Study Abroad
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General/Course-Related Information		
Academic Calendar Classes Last day of Exams Vacation Periods	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
	August 18-December 10, 2025	January 12-May 6, 2026
	December 10, 2025	May 6, 2026
	Dec. 11, 2025 – Jan. 13, 2026	March 9-13, 2026
Is course information available online?	Yes, the Academic Catalog can be found at: https://registrar.unca.edu/course-catalogs Schedule of classes for particular semesters can be found at: http://registrar.unca.edu/schedule-classes-and-exams	
Are there any special language courses for exchange students prior to the exchange program? If yes, please provide schedule and costs	No there are no special language courses provided, however there is a mandatory orientation which is offered the Friday before classes begin on Monday. Students should always plan to arrive to Asheville the Thursday before classes begin on Monday.	

Exchange-Related Information		
Number of exchange students permitted	Per semester	Per Year
	Per agreement	Per agreement
Duration of stay	One semester or one academic year	
Can student extend their exchange? If yes, please advise on application deadline and procedures.	Subject to the approval of the host faculty/department and the home university.	
Restricted programs or courses (not open to exchange students)	Engineering, some Education classes, Senior Capstone classes	
Minimum or maximum credits for each semester	12 minimum, 18 maximum	
Are students allowed to take courses across departments?	Yes, however they must have completed prerequisites	
Services available to students (eg internet access, facilities, student organizations, etc.)	Internet access, email address provided, workout facilities, access to the University Health Clinic, student groups, organizations, writing center, math lab, tutoring, mental health counseling, outdoor programs.	
Deadline for nomination to reach university	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
	Prior to March 15, 2025	Prior to September 15, 2026
Are application materials online?	<p>This process takes place after your university has nominated you for exchange and the UNCA Study Abroad Office has accepted your nomination. Once this happens, please follow instructions below:</p> <p>Exchange application is online at: https://www2.cfnc.org/exclusive.html#/applicationlogin/UNCA/NonDegree/UNCANonDegreeApp It would be best to copy and paste this link into your browser's URL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Click on <i>Don't Have an Account? Create One Today</i>.• This will bring you to a "Create an Account" screen. Complete all of the fields then click on "Create my account." Be sure to write down your account name and password since you may need them again.• This will take you back to a login screen. Login with your newly created username and password.• Follow the instructions. Be sure to choose the University of North Carolina at Asheville – Non-Degree application. The application type will be Exchange.• Once you have submitted your complete application, you should see an Application Agreement Statement page. Please print this page and sign it on the Signature of Applicant line.• Give the page to your Study Abroad Coordinator. They should sign it and email it to ldobson@unca.edu	
English Language Requirement	TOEFL Score (minimum score 80 internet-based, 550 on the paper-based test, and 213 on the computer-based test) or IELTS 6.5. The UNCA code is 5013.	

Supporting documents required to be submitted with exchange application	Academic Transcript scanned and emailed with an English translation and graduation date, TOEFL or IELTS results (The UNCA code is 5013), scanned copy of passport (if available).
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Arrival/Orientation Information		
Arrival dates	August 14, 2025	January 8, 2026
Is airport pick-up service available? If yes, provide details:	Yes. You must complete the arrival form to arrange pickup from the Asheville Regional Airport . Alternately, Asheville Regional Airport is 25-35 minutes by taxi to campus. Students should plan to arrive to Asheville on the Thursday before the Orientation.	
Is orientation program available and mandatory? If yes, when will it be held?	Yes. August 15, 2025	Yes. January 9, 2026
Cost of orientation program (if any) and Description	All the events and activities are free of charge. An international student immigration orientation takes place. To the extent possible, international students will also be integrated into the "new" student orientation at the beginning of the semester. In the orientation session, students will learn about UNC Asheville and the city of Asheville, be given a tour of the university, register for classes, get their ID Cards and learn how to access their OnePort accounts. Ideally orientation will provide a context in which they can make some meaningful social contacts that aid with peer-guided integration into life on campus.	

Accommodation	
Is university-administered accommodation available for exchange students? Is availability guaranteed?	Yes, on-campus housing is available and recommended.
What is the application procedure?	Once accepted, students apply online through their OnePort account. Students should arrange housing using the housing website.
Is accommodation available over semester breaks? If yes, are there additional charges?	Campus housing is closed between semesters. Special arrangements can be made to stay on-campus over Fall Break, Thanksgiving or Spring break but no food service is available. Students are encouraged to make alternate arrangements, if possible. An extra charge may be required.
If university-administered accommodation is not available, will there be any assistance in finding private housing?	Campus Housing has a website with resources for off-campus housing.

Visa Requirements		
Are exchange students required to obtain a student visa? If yes, what are the procedures?	In order to study in the United States, international students must obtain a U.S. visa. The DS-2019 form required to obtain a student visa will be mailed to you after acceptance. UNC Asheville cannot release this form to you until you have been accepted have provided appropriate documents.	
Are exchange students allowed to work?	On campus:	Off campus:
	Registered full-time international students may work on campus a maximum of 20 hours per week if positions are available. This must be approved through the Study Abroad Office.	Off campus academic training may be authorized in unique situations, with the approval of the home and host university.

Medical Insurance	
Are exchange students required to purchase a compulsory medical insurance plan?	<p>U.S. Government regulations requires all international students to have sufficient insurance coverage while studying in the U.S. Exchange students may purchase the GeoBlue international student health insurance (approximately \$695 per semester) or submit proof of their own insurance that satisfies the U.S. Department of State's requirements outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Benefits USD \$100,000 • Repatriation of Remains USD \$25,000 • Medical Evacuation USD \$50,000 • Deductible per Accident or Illness: USD \$500 <p>All students attending UNC Asheville will be required to show proof of appropriate insurance coverage (submit to UNC Asheville Office of Health and Counseling) by the first day of classes or will be enrolled in, and charged for, the GeoBlue plan.</p>

Estimated Expenses per Semester (in Local Currency) One semester is approximately 4 months		
University administered accommodation	Dorm fees (USD) as posted 10/24 (2025-26 dorm fee per semester)	Dining Hall meal Plan charges (USD)

	Triple: \$2900 Double Room: \$3157-\$4272 Single Room: \$4136-\$4809 (if available)	Unlimited Meal Plan: \$2542-\$2750 Block 240 Plan: may be available or slightly less.
Private accommodation	N/A	
Food /Meals	Meal plan \$2,542-\$2750 per semester	
Personal expenses (such as books, laundry & local transportation)	USD \$2225 (This is based on a robust estimate of \$600 for books, \$800 for personal expenses and \$825 for local transportation. Frugal students may do with less.)	
Insurance	Approximately \$695 per semester with GeoBlue or submit proof of their own insurance that satisfies the U.S. Department of State's requirements (see above)	