TRANSFER FAMILY & GUEST ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

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

8:00-9:30AM  ORIENTATION CHECK-IN - West Lounge, FPG Student Union
Receive your Orientation materials and, if needed, add guest attendees.

8:00-9:30AM  CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST – Great Hall Lobby, FPG Student Union

INFORMATION FAIR - FPG Student Union & Student Stores
Connect with campus representatives to learn about various departments that are here to support you through your 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.

9:30-10:00AM*  THRIVE @ CAROLINA – Great Hall, FPG Student Union
Join other transfer 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).

10:10-10:30AM  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.

10:30-10:45AM  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.

10:55-11:25AM*  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.

11:30-11:45AM  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.

11:45AM-12:40PM  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.
12:45-1:05PM  FAMILY SMALL GROUP – Follow the FOLs
Connect with other Carolina family members in a discussion led by Family Orientation Leaders (FOLs) about how to best support your student as you navigate this new college experience together.

1:10-2:10PM  LUNCH – Lenoir Dining Hall

2:25-2:50PM*  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.

2:50-3:15PM*  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.

3:20-4:15PM  PARTNERS IN TRANSITION: PART 2 – Great Hall, FPG Student Union
During this session, parents and family members 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.

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

5:00-5:25PM*  INTEREST SESSION 1 – Various locations in FPG Student Union
See the listing of Interest Sessions at the bottom of the schedule.

5:35-6:00PM*  INTEREST SESSION 2 – Various locations in FPG Student Union
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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 3408
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.

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & TRANSPORTATION – Great Hall
Learn about resources, rights and responsibilities, and helpful hints for living off-campus in the local community, as well as tips about on-campus parking options, getting around the campus and community using local and regional transit, carpooling and bike sharing, Zipcar, and the Commuter Alternative Program.

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.
EAT LIKE A TAR HEEL - Room 2423
Learn the ins and outs of dining on campus and how to get the most out of your meal plan!

ISSS IMMIGRATION OVERVIEW - Room 2422
Are you an incoming international student in F-1 status? Join international student advisors for an immigration overview to ensure you know how to maintain your immigration status while at UNC and what resources the International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) office provides international students. Please note: if you are an incoming international student it is highly recommended you attend this at one of the interest session times.

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 - Auditorium
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.