Welcome New Exchange Students!
Spring 2018
Universities Represented

Shout out the name of your school and country!

Who is here from…

- Europe?
- Asia?
- Central or South America?
- Oceania?
- Middle East?
- Africa?
U.S. Academic Culture
What to expect…

• Attend class, all of them
  – It is part of your grade

• Complete your assignments
  – Group projects
  – Regular/weekly assignments
  – Big projects/exams

• Read the syllabus
  – Each professor outlines his/her expectation on the syllabus, provided 1st day of class
Class Participation

Expectations:
• Speak-up in class
• Contribute your own ideas:
  – group discussions/projects
  – written work, etc.
• Class participation usually counts towards grade
• Talk to professors during ‘office hours’
  – shows strong interest & enthusiasm!
Tips for Course Selection

• Find the right ‘balance’
  – Heavy vs. light courses (read syllabus)
  – Recommended maximum:
  – 15 credit hours (undergraduate) - 9 credit hours (graduate)
  – Opportunity to learn something new!
  – May drop & add other classes or sections.
  – **Deadline:** Monday, August 28 at 11:59PM

• Reasons you may be unable to register:
  – Course is restricted to students of a different major or minor
  – Specific section of a course is full (Closed)
  – Class has pre-requisites (qualifications)
Housing
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Living with a roommate!

Role of a Resident Advisor (RA)

Required ‘floor meeting’ to cover rules, learn about process for room changes

Get involved in activities so you can meet people and teach them about your country!
Housing

• Contract length
  – Full Spring semester

• Check-Out
  – Last day you may stay in your dorm
    – Friday, May 11th at 12 noon

• Room changes
  – See your email for the room change dates
    – Usually 2nd week of classes
Meal Plans
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• If you live on campus…
  – A meal plan is required
  – Exception for students living in ‘apartment’ style housing (with a full kitchen)

• Changing meal plans:
  – After Jan 8th- $25 processing charge
  – Last day to change - Friday, January 26 @ 12 noon

• Enroll at any time

• Submit requests
  – In person: Auxiliary Services, Mon 8am-Fri Noon
  – Online: www.aux.uncc.edu
Transcript of Grades

• ISSO mails 1 transcript directly to home institution if…
  – You have signed the transcript request form
  – You’ve paid ALL outstanding bills (housing, library, etc.)

• When:
  – Transcripts mailed 6 weeks after end of semester

• Any additional transcripts:
  – You order all additional transcripts yourself through ‘My UNC Charlotte’/Banner Self-service
Immunization & Health Insurance

• Both are required by North Carolina state law

• Deadlines are NOT flexible!

• Missing immunizations must be completed within 30 days of the beginning of class (Wed, Feb. 7th))

• Health insurance
  – Purchase UNC Charlotte plan - $1270/semester
  – Submit proof of your own insurance and waive the UNC Charlotte plan
  – http://studentbluenc.com/#/uncc/welcome
J-1 Immigration

• Regular reporting of address: Update Banner Self-Service

• On-campus employment must be reported to ISSO and I-9 paperwork completed prior to first date of employment

• Off-campus employment*
  • must be authorized in advance by ISSO or sponsor.

• 20 hours/week maximum during Fall and Spring semester
Off-Campus Employment (after completing exchange program)

Academic Training

• When can I begin?
  – After completing exchange program

• How long can I work?
  – Up to the length of your academic program (either 4.5 or 9 months).

• What is the authorization process?
  – Contact the ISSO to discuss details
Get Involved!

Lots of opportunities – chance of a lifetime!

- Sports/Music/Dance/Theater
- Student organizations
- International Club trips
- Cultural Ambassador
- Outdoor adventures (Venture)
- Friendship & Culture Exchange
- International Coffee Hour
- International Festival (Ifest)
- Host Family Program (hospitality)
Making Changes to Your Schedule
(adding or dropping classes)
Tips for Adding /Changing Class Registration

• Check OFTEN for open seats!
• Seats can open at any time
  – Students change their schedules, drop classes, etc.
• More seats opening on August 17th
  – for students who didn’t pay on time
• Remember:
  – Last day to add/drop classes, Monday, August 28 at 11:59PM
Course Selection

• ‘Permit’ only starts the process
  – still must ‘register’ in my.uncc.edu after permit is added by instructor

• Graduate-level courses
  – (5000 and higher)
  – not available to undergraduate-level students
Wishing you Success

Be flexible,
be politely proactive,
and good luck!!