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# The University of North Carolina at Charlotte 1987-2018

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## **About the University**

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, better known as UNC Charlotte or UNCC, is a public university best known for its business majors and research programs. UNC Charlotte first began in 1946 as the Charlotte Center, an evening college system. After closure of all the state centers in 1949, the center became Charlotte College and offered the first two-years of college courses. Then in 1965 the Charlotte College became the fourth four-year college in the statewide system and was rebranded as UNC Charlotte.

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**Overview**

This summary covers the years 1987-2020. UNC Charlotte used two-year catalogs from 1987-2009, with the 2009-2010 catalog marking the switch to annual catalogs. Years policies were used are marked in UNC Charlotte Green, if no year is mentioned, then the policy was in place from 1987-2020 with no changes. Policies are explained in various ways; tables, graphs, or paragraphs, for readability-not as an indication of anything.

**Term type**

- UNC Charlotte uses a semester-based academic year, divided into Fall and Spring, with a Summer session in between.

# Admissions, Engineering, 1<sup>st</sup> Year

## General Admissions Policies

Unit	Recommendations/Notes	Required Units 1987-2006	Required Units 2006-2020
English	Courses in grammar, composition, and literature	4	4
Math	Algebra I, Algebra II, and geometry, or(1987-2006)/and(2006-2018) a higher-level course that requires Algebra II	3	4
Social Studies	Include one unit in U.S. history	2	2
Science	At least one course in: life/biological science, physical science, and laboratory	3	3
Foreign language	Units must be in the same language	2	2
Total		14	15

- High school senior's curriculum should be challenging and include English, math, science, social studies, and a foreign language.
- Applicants must include SAT or ACT scores
- There is no reference to policies regarding dual enrollment of high school students in the bulletins, however from at least 2011 to 2021, the UNC Charlotte website specifies that high school students who took college courses in high school apply as an incoming freshman
- Engineering Lower Division (first two years of the program):
  - 1987-1997: Lower Division entry requires being in the top half of the high school graduating class.
  - 1997-2003: Lower Division Engineering entry requires a PGA (projected college GPA) of 2.5.
- Freshman Engineering (pre-Lower Division):
  - 1987-2007: Select freshmen students who needed additional advising and were not accepted directly into a department but were accepted into UNC Charlotte, would be placed into the Freshman Engineering

- **1987–1994:** Students who were not admitted to Lower Division but had an SAT Math score above 450, SAT Verbal Score above 350, and ranked in the top 50% of their class would be placed in Freshman Engineering
- **1994-1996:** Students who were not admitted to the Lower Division but had a SAT Math score above 480 (recentered), SAT Verbal score above 430 (recentered), and ranked in the top 50% of their class would be placed in Freshman Engineering
- **1997-2002:** The SAT Verbal Score and class ranking requirement were no longer used for determining placement in Freshman Engineering
- **2003-2007:** No clear requirements were outlined for placement upon
- **1987-2003:** To be admitted to Lower Division at the end of their freshmen year students had to 1) Maintain a GPA of at least 2.0, 2) Achieve C's or better in their core engineering classes, and 3) Not repeat more than two courses
- **2003-2007:** Specific guidelines for acceptance into Lower Division are no longer specified
- **Engineering Admission (Lower Division or Freshman Program):**
  - **1997-2020:** Specific SAT Verbal scores were not mentioned for engineering admission.
  - **2003-2013:** Students need a satisfactory combination of high school grades and SAT/ACT scores to enter into either part of the engineering college.
  - **2013-2015:** Admission into either Engineering program required a minimum SAT Math score of 550 or an ACT Math score of 24 and a pre-calculus equivalent class and a math course during the senior year.
  - **2015-2017:** Admission requirements to Engineering are the same as they were in 2013-2015, but with a change in the minimum ACT Math score to 23 and the addition of no math grades below a C.
  - **2017-2020:** Admission requirements are by major, rather than by college, though the standards stay the same as the 2015-2017 period.

## Standardized Testing Scores for Acceptance into Lower Division by Year\*\*

Years	SAT Math	SAT Verbal	ACT Math
1987-1998	>500	>400/ >350*	N/A
1999-2002	>520	N/A	N/A
2003-2012	Unspecified	Unspecified	Unspecified
2013-2014	>550	Unspecified	>24
2014-2016	>550	Unspecified	>23
2017-2020	>570	Unspecified	>23

\* Students would be accepted with a lower SAT Verbal score if they had a projected college GPA of at least 2.5 \*\* 'N/A' signifies no mention of the test as a means of admittance, whereas 'Unspecified' denotes the test is mentioned but no required scores are specified

## Admissions, Engineering, Transfer

### College level hours to be considered a transfer

- If a student has fewer than 24 credit hours, they must complete the freshman admission requirements as well.

### Articulation Agreements

- **2003-2020:** Students are exempt from the Lower-Division General Education requirements if they:
  - Have an Associate of Arts, Science, Fine Arts, or Engineering from a North Carolina Community College
  - Completed the 44 hour general education core agreement
  - Graduated with an Associate of Applied Science and are enrolled in the UNC 2+2 Completion Program

### Requirements to transfer

- **1987-2017:** 2.5 CGPA on 4.0 scale to get into engineering
- **2016-2017:** 2.5 CGPA for engineering
- **2017-2020:** Catalogs refer to website, as of Dec. 2019 the website states the same policy noted in the 2016-2017 catalog.
- Students must have a C average/2.0 GPA minimum for transfer work
- Credits below a C will not be accepted and GPA does not transfer.
- Max of 64 credits are transferrable.

## Admissions, International

### Requirements

- 1987-2014: TOEFL or Michigan Test
- 1999-2014: minimum of 180 CB TOEFL, or a 75% MELAB
- 2014-2018: TOEFL or IELTS, removed MELAB
- Students must show evidence of financial responsibility.
- International applicants have to submit scores from the TOEFL or the Michigan test if not from an English speaking country.

## Engineering Matriculation Model

### Direct to Department—anyone admitted may declare

- 1987-1999: Students are admitted into the Lower Division (first two years of study) or Freshman Engineering Program (special pre-Lower Division program discussed on pages 2-3)
- 7Students may be admitted into Engineering Undecided, Lower Division, or Freshman Engineering
- 2007-2020: Freshman admission is competitive, so admitted directly to a major or as engineering undecided

### Enrollment Management for Any Major

- Students must meet certain requirements, including, but not limited to; completion of non-elective courses with a minimum grade, a minimum CGPA by the end of the year, and passing courses in a minimum number of attempts.
- 2016-2017: 3.0 CGPA for mechanical engineering

### Placement of transfers

- All transfers are admitted to the lower division of a department. Those who don't have a minimum 2.5 GPA but are from an ABET accredited engineering program may be admitted on an individual basis.

## Readmission for Students in Good Academic Standing

- 1987-1995: Students are not automatically readmitted to the university and must complete an application for readmission if they did not complete the last fall or spring semester before the semester they are returning to. Students of any standing may be readmitted under the Two-Year or Associate Degree Rule after having been absent for two years or earning an Associate of Arts degree respectively.

- **1995-2005:** Students who left in good standing and plan to return in less than 24 months can complete a brief enrollment form to register as long as they meet the GPA and department progression requirements. The Two-Year and Associate Degree Rules are still active.
- **2005-2015:** References to students who left in good standing being able to return in less than 24 months without having to be readmitted are removed from the bulletins. The Two-Year and Associate Degree Rule are still active.
- **2015-2020:** The Associate Degree Rule and Two-Year Rule are combined into a single Forgiveness Policy, which carries the same stipulations as previously.

## **Grading Policies**

### **Audit**

- Auditing is allowed for any student eligible for admission to the University provided there is space and the instructor approves it.
- Auditors earn no credit, but the audited class may be added to the transcript at the instructor's discretion.

### **Course Repeat policy**

- **1987-2020:** Repeated courses are not given additional hours, and the last grade replaces the previous grade, but all grades are on the permanent record.
- **1987-2007:** Grades of C, H, P, or better can only be repeated with approval of the advisor, chairperson, and dean of the department (excludes courses that can be repeated for credit).
- **1993-2020:** All enrollments in courses graded A, B, C, D, or F, including repeated courses, are used in the CGPA calculation and degree progression.
- **2007-2020:** Students can only replace 2 courses (max of 8 hours) with grade replacement (both grades on transcript, higher one used for GPA).
- **2007-2020:** For determining prerequisites, the most recent grade is used.
- **2009-2010:** The University doesn't require courses to be repeated, but individual colleges might.
- **2011-2020:** Failure to get a satisfactory grade in a course to progress in the engineering program within 3 attempts results in suspension from the engineering program (includes withdrawing from a course with a grade of W).

### **Credit without grades**

- Students are allowed credit without grades for AP exams, CLEP exams, and UNC Charlotte's credit by examination tests from the years 1987-2020. Credit

for IB is used from the years 1995-2020. The catalogs used for this summary did not mention specific scores to gain credit.

### Drop and Withdrawal

- **1987-2020:** To drop a course a student must have permission from the advisor, dropping a course after the last day to receive a refund or who drop without evaluation get a grade of W. Drops past the deadline with extenuating circumstances must be approved by the advisor and the dean of the college. Dropping a course when only enrolled in one requires a withdraw officially from the university
- **1987-2020:** Students who voluntarily leave the University before the close of the term have to withdraw officially through the Registrar’s office, and will receive a grade of W for all courses in progress
- **2014-2020:** Students that withdraw under extenuating circumstances receive as the grade “WE” instead of just “W”. This withdrawal does not count for GPA or tuition surcharges.
- **2014-2020:** Students are allowed a maximum of 16 credit hour withdrawals over their academic career.

### Grade Weights and Grading Scale

Letter	Meaning	Grade Points Per Credit Hour
A	Excellent	4
B	Good	3
C	Fair	2
D	Pass	1
F	Fail	0

### Incompletes

- **1997-2020:** Incomplete work can be completed by the deadline set by the instructor, but still no later than 12 months after the term it was assigned, and by whichever comes first.
- An F, U, or N (whichever is appropriate) is given if the I is not removed during the specified time. I cannot be removed by enrolling in the same course
- Incompletes are not used in computing the GPA.



- Work for an incomplete must be completed during the next semester in residence, but no later than 12 months after the term it was assigned (whichever comes first).

**Miscellaneous other grades**

- The following grades are not used in determining the GPA:

Letter	Meaning
FX	Academic honesty violation
I	Incomplete
IP	In progress
W	Withdrawal
WE	Withdrawal (extenuating)
H	Honors
AU	Audit
NR	No recognition for audit

**Pass fail**

UNC Charlotte has a Pass/No Credit Option. Students may take up to four courses on this scale while an undergraduate, but can enroll in no more than one course on this scale a year. This option is only allowed for courses that don't count towards the major or minor, or don't count for University degree requirements. Grades are marked as P-passing, N-no credit, or H-honors, and are not used in the GPA calculation.

**Academic Progress - Engineering**

**Academic Good Standing**

- **1987-2016:** CGPA of at least 2.0 of all courses attempted and a GPA of 2.0 in the major and any minor
- **2016-2020:** CGPA of at least 2.0 of all courses attempted and a cumulative ratio of earned to attempted credit hours of at least two-thirds

**Consequences of not meeting required performance**

- Academic standing is evaluated at the end of the Fall and Spring semesters.
- There are no explicit statements/policies on removing probation, just ways to avoid suspension.

Condition	Probation	Suspension
CGPA	Less than 2.0 (2011-2020)	Less than 2.0 at the next evaluation on probation
GPD (Grade Point Deficit, # of grade points it would take to raise the CGPA to 2.0)	1-13 (1987-2011)	14+(1987-2011)

- Suspension:
  - Conditions:
    - 1987-2011: Students will be suspended if they have a GPD of 14 or more or they have failed to achieve good standing after two successive semesters on probation.
    - 2011-2014: Students who remain on academic probation for two successive semesters (besides summer) are suspended. A student’s GPD is no longer referenced.
    - 2014-2020: Students who are on academic probation whose CGPA is below 2.0 during evaluation are suspended.
    - 2016-2018: Failure to progress by meeting certain requirements in the College of Engineering, but continuing to meet enrollment standards for the University, results in students being unable to reenroll in the College of Engineering without an appeal. Specifically, Freshman students are required to earn at least a 1.75 GPA in the first semester, earn a grade of a C or higher in all non-elective courses during the year, complete the Freshman curriculum within three regular semesters, and earn a 2.5 CGPA upon completion of the Freshmen curriculum. Sophomore through Senior students are required to maintain a CGPA of 2.0 in order to remain enrolled in the College of Engineering.
    - 2018-2020: Each Engineering major specified its own requirements for students to follow to stay enrolled in the College of Engineering.
  - Consequences
    - 1987-2005: To be readmitted, suspended students have to be absent from a semester, meet the continued enrollment requirements, earn an Associate of Arts degree, or use the Two-Year Rule and reapply to come back. The Two-Year and Associate Degree Rule are discussed in more detail on page 6.

- **2005-2020:** The readmission option in which students could wait a semester before applying to be readmitted is replaced with an option in which students may appeal to the Registrar's Office.
- **2016-2020:** Those suspended from the College of Engineering are not allowed to reenroll in engineering courses until their suspension has been appealed by the appropriate department within the College of Engineering.
- **1987-2020:** Suspended students are not allowed to enroll in Fall and Spring semester until they are readmitted.
- Reinstatement
  - **1987-2020:** Students may be reinstated under the Two-Year or Associate Degree Rule as discussed in more detail on page 6.
  - **1987-2001:** Students suspended for the second time can only apply for readmission by taking summer courses to meet continued enrollment requirements.
  - Applications for readmission are not automatic, and students may take summer courses to remove probation
- Required Performance
  - **1987-2003:** satisfy requirements for continued enrollment
  - **2003-2020:** Reenrolled students in the College of Engineering must follow requirements set forth when they are reenrolled in a "Continuation Agreement" document signed by the student and their advisor. Failure to do so can result in consequences established at reenrollment or in not being allowed to continue in College of Engineering courses.
- Exceptions
  - **1987-2011:**
    - A. In good standing at the end of the last semester they attended
    - B. Is in their first semester of enrollment at UNC Charlotte
    - C. Has a 2.50 GPA for the current semester (not summer)
    - D. Is readmitted and was not enrolled at UNCC in the last two calendar years before the beginning of the current semester
  - **2011-2020**
    - Students who have a current fall or spring semester GPA of 2.3
- Academic Warning

- Called a semester warning until 2016, when it was changed to a good academic standing warning
  - Conditions
    - **2011-2020**: CGPA at or above 2.0, but a semester GPA below 2.0 at the end of Fall or Spring
    - **2016-2020**: Failing to meet the 2/3 ratio of earned to attempted hours
  - Consequences
    - **1987-2020**: warning of academic problems, and is communicated to the student’s advisor and major department(s)
    - **2015-2020**: doesn’t appear on the academic record
    - **2016-2020**: Students on this warning don’t meet the requirements for financial aid satisfactory academic progress
  - Removing
    - No specific mention, assuming same as with probation
- Clean Slate
  - **1993-2015**: Students of any standing may be readmitted under the Two-Year or Associate Degree Rule after having been absent for two years or earning an Associate of Arts degree respectively. Students who use the Associate Degree Rule can apply up to 64 semester hours from their Associate’s degree to their UNCC degree. Students using the Two-Year Rule could only count courses in which they earned a C or better towards their UNCC degree progression.
  - **2015-2020**: **The Associate Degree Rule and the Two-Year Rule were combined into one Forgiveness Policy; however the rules did not change.**
  - **2015-2018**: Students had to have a break in enrollment for at least 24 consecutive months

**Classification Hours**

Classification	1987-1995	1995-2020
First Year	1-23	0-29
Sophomore	24-51	30-59
Junior	52-89	60-89
Senior	90+	90+

## **Excess hours Policies**

- Definition
  - 1995-2011: 140 hours or more than 110% of the hours required to complete their baccalaureate degree program
  - 2011-2014: more than 140 hours
  - 2014-2020: Follows North Carolina state policy
  - 2019: University website states that the tuition surcharge is being repealed for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Exceptions
  - 1995-2014: students who exceed the credit hour limit while completing their degree within the equivalent of four academic years, or in the case of five-year programs within the equivalent of five academic years, it also doesn't apply to students entering the University before Fall 1994
- Penalties
  - 1995-2010: 25% surcharge on excess hours
  - 2010-2014: 50% surcharge on excess hours

## **Engineering Degree Progression**

### **Common Introduction to Engineering Courses**

- Called Foundation or pre-major courses 2015-2020
- \*Common Introduction to engineering courses used throughout the years for Engineering:
  - ENGR 1201 Intro. To Engineering I
  - ENGR 1202 Intro. To Engineering II

\*The course numbering for the courses remains the same throughout the years, though the names of the courses become more specific (i.e. English I is changed to English Composition, Intro. To Engineering I has Practices and Principles added to its name, etc.).

### **Engineering Co-Op**

Engineering cooperative education at UNC Charlotte is a voluntary commitment for students to participate in. Students that completed 3 semesters of work experience were allowed to earn partial credit towards the professional practice requirement for registration as a professional engineer. As of 2003, students could earn up to 3 credit hours towards this requirement. To participate in a co-op, students had to have completed 24 credit hours with a 2.5 GPA. In 2009 this requirement was raised to 30 credit hours with the same GPA.

**Progress in Engineering Major**

- Students must have a C or 2.0 GPA or better in all engineering major courses.

Year***	CHEM 1101*	MATH 1141*	MATH 1142*	EEGR 1102**	PHYS 2221*	ENGR 1100*	ENGR 1202	ENGL 1101	ENGL 1102
1987									
1993	CHEM 1251								
1995		MATH 1241	MATH 1242		PHYS 2101	ENGR 1201			
2001	ECE exempt								
2003									

\*Several courses were renamed in various years. CHEM 1101 because CHEM 1251 in 1993, MATH 1141, MATH 1142, PHYS 2221, and ENGR 1100 became MATH 1241, MATH 1242, PHYS 2101, and ENGR 1201, respectively, in 1995.

\*\*Students could take EEGR 1102, MEGR 1102, or CEGR 1102 for the years that EEGR 1102 was required

\*\*\*Policies began in the year stated in the table, and continue as originally mentioned until a change, where the table then marks a new year and redefines the policy with the change. I.E. the 1987 courses go until 1993, where CHEM 1101 is renamed, then the 1993 policy continues until 1995 where a few changes happen, and so on and so forth.

Core Courses 2015-2020	Foundation (Civil Engineering)	Pre-Major (Non-Civil Majors)
CHEM 1251		Removed 2019
MATH 1241		
MATH 1242		
MATH 2171		
MATH 2241		

PHYS 2101		
PHYS 2102		
STAT 3128		
ENGR 1201		
ENGR 1202		

- A minimum CGPA of 2.0 with an engineering course GPA of at least 2.0 is required to graduate and stay in the program.
- Common core/General Education program
- **1987-1999**
  - C's or better in CHEM 1101, math 1141, EEGR 1101, EEGR 1102 or MEGR 1102 or CEGR1102, Math 1142, PHYS 2221
  - Also no more than 3 repeats in mathematics, physics, and engineering courses (no repeating a single course more than once/taking a course more than twice, without the deans approval)
- **1999-2003**
  - Freshman and sophomores cannot retake more than three courses, and cannot take a course more than twice.
  - Juniors and seniors can only retake no more than 3 courses, same no more than two tries for a course.
  - Students may take (with advisor approval) no more than 12 credit hours of junior/senior work before completing the freshman and sophomore chemistry, math, physics, and engineering requirements.
- **2003-2020**
  - Freshmen are advised by a central office within the college of Engineering and must complete all non-elective courses with grades of C or better and have a minimum CGPA of 2.00 for all courses in order to progress to their major department.
  - Sophomore through seniors must meet University requirements for continued enrollment, and a major CGPA of 2.00 (failure to meet this for two semesters results in Engineering suspension).
  - No more than two attempts at a course.

## Financial Aid

### Does/does not meet full demonstrated need

UNC Charlotte follows the national policy that family is responsible for a student’s educational expenses, therefore eligibility for financial aid is dependent on the cost for the period of attendance and what the student’s family can reasonably be expected to contribute.

### Standards for retaining

- 1987-1991: Renewal based upon making a clearly satisfactory record
- 1991-1995: Renewal based on accumulating at least 10 earned hours for each semester of enrollment at the university
- 1995-2017: based on making satisfactory academic progress
- 2017-2020: Based on Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) minimum CGPA, minimum credit hour completion rate, completion of the program/degree within a maximum number of credit hours (exact details are unspecified)

## Policies for Students with Disabilities

### Accessing accommodations

- Meeting with the office as soon as possible is highly recommended.
- 1987-2007: Pre-admissions counseling is encouraged, students must meet with the office to have their needs met.
- 2007-2011: Students meet with counselors to determine accommodations
- 2011-2020: Students who wish to receive accommodations must provide documentation from their health care provider to disability services, then if approved for eligibility, students meet with a counselor to determine accommodations

### Name of offices

- 1987-1993: Office of Disabled Student Services
- 1993-2007: Disability Services
- 2007-2020: Office of Disabled Student Services

### Services offered

Services/Accommodations over the Years						
Services/Accommodations	1987-1989	1989-1993	1993-1995	1995-2007	2007-2015	2015-2020



Reading	■					
Writing	■					
Study Techniques		■				
Taped Textbooks	■	■	■	■		
Academic Counseling/coaching	■	■				
Special testing services	■	■	■	■		
Individual Services (includes educational plans)	■	■	■	■		
Peer Groups	■	■				
Mini-courses	*	**				
Study Techniques		■				
Transcribing		■				
Interpreting services for deaf and hard of hearing			■	■		
Registration services			+	++		
Orientation to available services			■	■		
Large print/Braille services			■	■		
Special Equipment			■			
Tutor Assistance			■	■		
Assistive Technology Loans				■		
Referrals to human service agencies				■		
Service Animals are allowed in all facilities					■	
Services based on documented needs						■

\*mini-courses for job preparation and academic study skill improvement

\*\*mini-courses include computer literacy

+registration assistance

++priority registration assistance

## Miscellaneous

- **1987-2016:** Students may enroll in classes not offered at UNCC at other Charlotte-area and NC colleges and have the classes count towards their transcript and UNCC GPA with approval from the college dean and academic advisor.