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- Spring 2026 Commencement Update
- Fall 2026 Enrollment Update
- New Academic Programs
- 90 Credit Hour Degree Proposals
- Commission for Public Higher Education





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Spring 2026 Commencement Update



Spring 2026 Commencement Degrees Conferred

- Total Graduates – 1,063
 - Juris Doctorate: 89
 - Master: 396
 - Bachelor: 578





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Fall 2026 Enrollment Update

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Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management

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Summer and Fall 2026 Enrollment

Term	Date	Total Registered
Fall 2026	06/12/26	7744
Fall 2025	06/13/25	6851
Fall 2024	06/14/24	6251

Term	Date	Total Registered
Summer 2026	06/12/26	4149
Summer 2025	06/13/25	3789
Summer 2024	06/14/24	3383





Fall 2026 Enrollment Forecasting: New Freshman

Housing Deposit Paid	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Preliminary Goal	1151	667	1818
Summer Melt (5%-R, 13%-N)	-55	-77	-132
Final Goal	1096	590	1686
Housing Deposit Paid 05/05/26	808	676	1484
Deposits Needed	343	-9	334
Housing Deposit Paid 05/14/25	906	657	1563



Fall 2026 Enrollment Goals – New Undergraduates

Freshman Transfer	PKH
1,686	207

New Undergraduates: 2,360



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New Academic Programs



Academic Program Updates for Spring 2026

- Minor in Artificial Intelligence approved at May 2026 APC meeting.
 - Full planning and implementation will begin in Fall 2026. Ultimately, this will allow undergraduate students in any major to minor in AI and take courses in their disciplines related to AI.
- B.S. Computer Science
 - Request for Preliminary Authorization was passed at May 2026 APC and will be submitted to the UNC System Office by June 4th for full consideration by the BOG in November 2026.
- Ph.D. In Communication Sciences and Disorders
 - The Request to Establish will be submitted to the System Office by June 4th for full consideration by the BOG in November 2026.



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90 Credit Hour Degree Program Proposals



90 Credit Hour Degrees

- UNC System invited proposals to explore 90 credit hour degree programs
 - Selected proposals will receive up to \$20,000 planning grant
 - Academic planning, market research, regulatory activities
- NCCU funded proposals
 - Reduced-Credit BSN Curriculum
 - Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology (ET)
- SACSCOC Substantive Change



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Commission on Public Higher Education



Commission for Public Higher Education Accreditation (CPHE)



- Founded by six university systems – the State University System of Florida, the University System of Georgia, the University of North Carolina System, the University of South Carolina System, the Texas A&M University System, and the University of Tennessee System.
- Institutional accrediting agency for state public colleges and universities that award associates, bachelor's, and/or higher degrees.
- Guided by core principles:
 - A return to true peer-review – for publics, by publics
 - A focus on student outcomes, not inputs
 - A reduction of unnecessary bureaucracy, opacity, and expense
- CPHE will submit an application for recognition to the U.S. Department of Education in late 2026.

Commission for Public Higher Education Accreditation (CPHE)



- Accreditation Standards

- Integrity, Transparency, and Compliance
- Continuous Improvement
- Governance and Leadership
- Mission, Public, Purpose, and Academic Excellence
- Faculty
- Academic Freedom and Intellectual Diversity
- Curricula
- Measures of Program Length
- Student Learning, Student Success, and Student Support Services
- Fiscal and Administrative Capacity
- Facilities and Other Resources
- Records of Student Complaints



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