

# Welcome To UNC!



## Chapel Hill/Carrboro Bus System

The bus system in Chapel Hill and Carrboro is completely free. Please note there are different schedules on weekends and holidays. Some routes have “Safe Ride” options late at night Thursday-Saturday during the academic year. Since parking on campus/downtown is scarce, we recommend looking for housing located along bus routes with frequent schedules (such as the J, NS, or S). Chapel Hill Transit offers great smartphone apps, and even web- or text-based methods to keep track of when the next bus is coming.

Chapel Hill Transit System Map:  
<http://www.townofchapelhill.org/town-hall/departments-services/transit/routes-schedules/system-maps>

Next bus tracking:

[https://www.nextbus.com/?a=chapel-hill#!/chapel-hill/A/tomlkbldv/weinseve\\_d](https://www.nextbus.com/?a=chapel-hill#!/chapel-hill/A/tomlkbldv/weinseve_d)

iPhone App: EZ Chapel Hill Transit

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ez-chapel-hill-transit/id464201766?mt=8>

If you’re planning on living further away from Chapel Hill, check out <http://www.triangletransit.org/> (not free) or the UNC CAP program <http://www.dps.unc.edu/Transit/gettingtowork/gettingtowork.cfm>



## Parking

(short answer - there isn’t much)

Parking is very limited and very expensive at UNC. On weekends, or after 5:00 PM on weekdays, you can often park on campus for free. <http://move.unc.edu/files/2015/06/15.16-Guide-Map.pdf>.

On weekdays before 5:00 PM, there are metered locations on Cameron Ave west of campus, on South Road east of the Student Union, and on Franklin St. There are also two private parking ramps on Rosemary St. just east of Columbia St. In all cases, expect to pay about \$1 per hour. The town of Chapel Hill will waive your first parking ticket, but after that you will pay a fine for parking illegally.

The School of Public Health (or SPH) offers “quick drop” parking spots along Columbia Avenue, for short (<20 min) time periods. After work hours, the closest parking to the SPH is in the FedEx Global Education building, which is behind the Kerr School of Pharmacy building next to the SPH.



## Biking

Chapel Hill and Carrboro have good bike lanes on many roads (although some roads in Chapel Hill are quite hilly). The weather is also very good for biking (maybe not in August, but otherwise it’s ok). Biking is the cheapest, fastest way to be able to park right next to the SPH.



We recommend the website <http://www.heelshousing.com/> (or <http://www.heelshousing.com/roommate/login> for roommates) along with Craigslist. We also recommend that you find housing that is near to campus or along a “good” bus route where buses run frequently (see Chapel Hill/Carrboro Bus System). Many current students live along the following Chapel Hill Transit bus lines: J, NS, D, and V.

## Things on Campus

A list of UNC Student Organizations :

<https://studentlife.unc.edu/Organizations>

Lost on campus? <http://www.maps.unc.edu/>

UNC Libraries <http://hours.lib.unc.edu/>

Health Sciences Library – closest to SPH -

<http://hsl.lib.unc.edu/>

Mathematics annex

<http://library.unc.edu/science/>

Check out UNC’s free movie collection at

<http://library.unc.edu/house/mrc/> or

<http://search.lib.unc.edu/filmfinder/>

Reading room and great exhibits in

Wilson library

<http://www2.lib.unc.edu/wilson/>

Student Health Center

<http://campushealth.unc.edu/>

The Student Health Center is located west of the football stadium

University Bookstore

<http://www.store.unc.edu/>

The University bookstore is located at “The Pit” on campus, and is only a 5-10 minute walk from the School of Public health. You can buy textbooks, all office supplies, UNC Tar Heel stuff, other books, coffee, computer equipment, and there is a post office in the bookstore. It’s very convenient.

Check out the Print Stop (<http://printstop.unc.edu/>) as a quick and cheap way to bind your own materials. It’s especially helpful for class notes or large PDF’s.

Software from UNC:

<http://software.sites.unc.edu/>

If you need software (SAS, etc.), head to Software Acquisitions in the basement of the Undergraduate Library.

Microsoft Windows and Office, Mathematica, and many other titles are free.

Software help at UNC

Lots of seminars, short courses, and meetings are offered throughout UNC to help you learn new software or computing.

The Odum Institute has many short courses on R, LaTeX, etc.:

<http://www.odum.unc.edu/odum/>

Food on campus

Very few graduate students bother to get a meal plan for the dining halls at UNC. The closest dining hall is Lenoir, across from the bookstore at the pit. There is also a bagel café in the Student Union. There is a cafe in the Atrium of Hooker building, which is convenient for getting coffee or food between classes.



## Close to Chapel Hill

Also, the Beach Cafe (in Brinkhous-Bullitt) is close to the SPH, and is a food court offering a Chick-fil-a, Quiznos, etc. You can also go to Franklin St. to find something to eat.

### Food off campus

There are many options on Franklin St. Take a walk up and down Franklin one day to get a feel for what is available.

### Carolina Inn

Do you like bluegrass live music? The Carolina Inn on Cameron Ave. (<5 minute walk from SPH) hosts live music on their front lawn each Friday afternoon in the warmer months. It also houses the closest bar to the SPH.

### Carolina Performing Arts

<http://www.carolinaperformingarts.org/>

There are many great performances in Memorial Hall, between the two Quads. Tickets are only \$10 for students.

### Playmakers' Repertory Company

<http://www.playmakersrep.org/>

Has a good mix of classical and more modern plays. Located on campus on Country Club Road.

### UNC Athletic Events

<http://tarheelblue.cstv.com/>

You will surely notice basketball is popular, but there are many other sports as well. Tickets are usually free to students.

### Carrboro Farmer's Market

Saturdays 7am-noon all year  
Wednesdays 3-6pm during summer months

<http://www.carrborofarmersmarket.com/>

### Weaver Street Market, Carrboro

FREE music on the Lawn, Sundays 11-1  
Also on Thursdays 6:30-8:30.

<http://www.weaverstreetmarket.coop/>

### Southpoint Mall in Durham

It's huge. If you need to buy something, chances are it is here. Take Hwy 54 East, then I-40 East to Fayetteville Rd (exit #276). Or, try Triangle Transit's 800 or 805 busses (not free).

<http://www.streetsatsouthpoint.com/>

### Maple View Farms (Ice Cream)

15 minute drive (or a nice 45 minute bikeride) from UNC.

<http://www.mapleviewfarm.com/index.php>

### Parks in Chapel Hill and Carrboro:

<http://carrboro.com/parks.html>

Duke University: <http://www.duke.edu/>

North Carolina State University:

<http://www.ncsu.edu/>

SAMSI (Statistics and Applied Mathematical Sciences institute): <http://www.samsi.info/>

### Research Triangle Park

RTP houses many technology companies, including SAS. Our students often find internships with companies located here.

### Raleigh

It's North Carolina's state capital. It has all the opportunities of a big city, and the triangle's one major sports team, the Carolina Hurricanes

### Durham

The closest city to Chapel Hill (Bull City!!)

### Jordan Lake

Nearby state park and recreation area, includes a beach

### American Tobacco Campus in Durham

Includes many restaurants as well as the home of the local minor league baseball team, the Durham Bulls

## Stuff that isn't Close

(hours driving time listed in parentheses):

### Beaches (3-4 hours)

The closest beach is Wrightsville Beach near Wilmington, NC. It's about 3 hours drive. You can also go to the Outer Banks, which is an amazingly narrow strip of sand several hundred miles long off the coast of NC. This takes roughly four hours to get to. The Outer Banks has large sand dunes and a bit of American history (Roanoke Island is where the English first landed in 1585, and Kitty Hawk is where the Wright brothers flew the first airplane).

### Asheville, NC and the mountains (4)

Asheville is a city up in the Blue Ridge Mountains, and it serves as a convenient gateway to many outdoor activities (hiking, rafting, or rock climbing).

### Great Smoky Mountain National Park (5.5)

America's most visited National Park, and it's free! It has lots of hiking and biking trails, along with great views of the Smoky Mountains; and, more species of trees than all of Europe! Who knew?

Check out the Biostatistics Student Association (BSA) web page for additional information: <http://uncbsa.weebly.com/> or email Nicole Butera: [butera@live.unc.edu](mailto:butera@live.unc.edu)

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