

State: North Carolina

Capital City: Raleigh

Major Cities: Charlotte, Greensboro, Chapel Hill, Durham, Fayetteville, Winston-Salem, Cary, Wilmington, High Point, Greenville

Major Companies: Bank of America Corp., Lowe's, Duke Energy, Nucor, VF, BB&T Corp., Laboratory Corp. of America, Sonic Automotive, IQVIA Holdings, Hanesbrands, Sealed Air

Major Sectors/Economy:

- Major industries in North Carolina include advanced manufacturing, aviation and aerospace, automotive, agriculture, bio pharmaceuticals, energy, defense, banking, information technology and textiles
- Charlotte, North Carolina's largest city, continues to experience rapid growth, in large part due to the banking and finance industry
- Charlotte is the second-largest banking center in the United States (after New York), and is home to Bank of America and Truist Financial. The Charlotte metro area is also home to 6 other Fortune 500 companies
- The capital city of Raleigh is where SAS Institute, one of the world's largest privately held software companies, and CaptiveAire Systems, the largest privately held kitchen ventilation systems company in the country
- North Carolina has a very diverse economy because of its great availability of hydroelectric power
- Top 5 Industries in North Carolina
 - Aerospace, Aviation and Defense – North Carolina is home to more than 180 aerospace companies
 - Automotive, Truck and Heavy Equipment – North Carolina employs more than 388,000 workers in manufacturing jobs in the automotive industry.
 - Biotechnology, Pharmaceuticals and Life Sciences – Industry and education factions in North Carolina have formed NCBioImpact which works to provide the industry with an educated and skilled workforce. Companies like LabCorp, Novo Nordisk and Pfizer thrive in North Carolina.
 - Energy – There are many energy companies in North Carolina, including Blue Ridge Biofuels, DuPont and Siemens Energy among others.
 - Information and Communication Technology – Apple, Microsoft, Google and Facebook are instantly recognizable names and all have locations in North Carolina.

Climate: North Carolina has a humid, sub-tropical climate, with short, mild winters and sultry summers

University Eligibility and Fee:

University	Bachelors Eligibility	Bachelors Fee Range/yr	Masters Eligibility	Masters Fee Range/yr
North Carolina State University	GPA – 3.7 SAT– 1160-1330 ACT – 27-31	\$25,878	GRE-320+ GPA – 3.7/80%+ TOEFL -100/IELTS – 7.0	\$36,077
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill	GPA – 3.5 SAT– 1010-1180 ACT – 22-25	\$33,202	GRE-315 GPA – 3.7/80%+ TOEFL -100/IELTS – 7.0	\$30,306
U of North Carolina Charlotte	GPA – 3.5 SAT– 1070-1310 ACT – 25-30	\$17,246	GRE-305, GPA – 3.3/70%+(2-3 B/L) TOEFL -80/IELTS – 6.5	\$26,400
U of North Carolina Wilmington	GPA – 3.3 SAT– 940-1110 ACT – 20-25	\$18,508	GRE-295+, GPA – 3.0/65%+(3-4 B/L) TOEFL -80/IELTS – 6.5	\$21,286

University	Key Points
North Carolina State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded - 1887 • NC State has an enrollment of more than 34,000 students • NCSU—Raleigh's ranking in the 2018 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities 81 • Campus size is 2,090 acres. • Median starting salary of alumni \$52,800 • student-faculty ratio 13:1 • 48 percent of full-time undergraduates receive some kind of need-based financial aid, and the average need-based scholarship or grant award is \$10,052.
University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded - 1789 • Students 29,847 (Fall 2017) • University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill's ranking in the 2018 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, 30. • Median starting salary of alumni \$47,600 • student-faculty ratio 13:1 • 42 percent of full-time undergraduates receive some kind of need-based financial aid, and the average need-based scholarship or grant award is \$17,988. • UNC Chapel Hill's 729-acre campus.
U of North Carolina Charlotte	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded - 1946 • Students 29,308 • The student-faculty ratio is 19:1 • Median starting salary of alumni \$48,100 • UNCC ranking in the 2018 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, 198.

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U of North Carolina Wilmington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded - 1947 • Total enrollment: 16,487 (2017) • UNCW's faculty has created a multi-disciplinary, applied learning model – known as ETEAL (Experiencing Transformative Education through Applied Learning) • UNCW Awarded \$80,000 In CAA "Innovate/Collaborate" Grant • The student-faculty ratio is 18:1, • University of North Carolina—Wilmington's ranking in the 2018 edition of Best Colleges is Regional Universities South, 14