UNC Global supports and strengthens Carolina's presence as a leading global public research university that prepares students for life in an interconnected world, helps North Carolina and the nation prosper globally, and addresses pressing global issues through collaborative research, scholarship, and exchange among UNC faculty, students, and their network of partners around the world.

Since its establishment as the nation’s first public university in 1789, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has earned a reputation as a leading global university. Our school spirit has been forged through more than two centuries of academic excellence, public service, and athletic, professional, and personal achievement. Often called a “public ivy,” Carolina is consistently ranked among the nation’s best in academic quality, diversity, engagement, and international presence.

The University is located in Chapel Hill, a sophisticated college town that’s adjacent to the Raleigh-Durham metropolitan area — an area with a population of more than 1.7 million people and a diverse range of collegiate activities, professional opportunities, resources, neighborhoods, cultural events and more.

Carolina is a comprehensive research university, offering 77 undergraduate programs, 107 master's programs, 69 doctorate programs, and 6 professional degree programs through its 14 schools and the College of Arts and Sciences.

As the University also exists to serve the state, nation, and world, its academic plan embraces a comprehensive approach to fostering excellence. Enhancing Carolina’s global presence — by attracting faculty with international expertise, augmenting opportunities for global research, and expanding international opportunities for students — is a University priority.

UNC has one of the highest participation rates among U.S. public universities of undergraduate students studying abroad, approximately one-third. The Study Abroad Office in the College of Arts and Sciences offers over 300 programs in more than 70 nations. In addition to study abroad, Carolina students are encouraged to pursue global research, service, and internship opportunities.
CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

Title VI National Resource Centers funded through competitive grants from the U.S. Department of Education foster global research, language and non-language course instruction, and outreach at UNC. National Resource Centers include:

- Center for Global Initiatives
- African Studies Center
- Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies
- Center for European Studies (also a European Union Center of Excellence)
- Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations
- Institute for the Study of the Americas

The University also has a Title VI National Center for International Business Education Research, which is a world leader in the business arena.

Across campus, many of our pan-university and school-based centers and institutes pursue research and activity of global significance. Pan-university centers include:

- Carolina Asia Center
- Carolina Population Center
- Institute for Global Health and Infectious Diseases
- Institute for the Environment
- Lineberger Cancer Research Center
- Global Research Institute

UNC GLOBAL BY THE NUMBERS

- 42nd worldwide and 26th among U.S. universities by the 2012 Times Higher Education World University rankings
- 41st worldwide and 30th among U.S. universities in the 2012 Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Rankings of World Universities
- 1st among research universities in the production of Faculty Fulbright Awards and 4th among public universities in Student Fulbright Awards
- 8th in Peace Corps enrollment (“large schools” category), with 87 graduates now serving in the Peace Corps
- 1st among all U.S. universities in the number of total Luce Scholars (33) selected for internship in Asia
- 31% of UNC students pursue a study abroad opportunity, one of the highest rates among public U.S. universities

GLOBAL EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

The Global Education Campaign is the first major fundraising initiative to provide support for Carolina’s growing global priorities. Annual gifts to the Global Education Fund support UNC Global and the College of Arts and Sciences, and the fund provides University leaders with the flexibility to provide essential financial assistance to UNC students, faculty and programs involved in Carolina’s strategic global priorities. For more info, visit global.unc.edu/giving.