



Summer Forty-Niner Intensive Transition 2026

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INSTRUCTORS

	
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The Summer Intensive Opportunity is a week-long, intensive course designed to help prepare you for navigating college life at UNC Charlotte. The program is designed to provide admitted students with an opportunity to create a platform of strategies to apply to any courses, whether required or not. Students participating in this week-long course will gain experience in study, time management, written and oral communication skills, and problem-solving skills, which are essential for a successful college experience. Self-development and leadership skills are at the heart of this summer's First Generation FIT course.

Course Description: Prepare yourself for successfully navigating Charlotte. The course is designed for UNC Charlotte incoming freshmen and transfer students who plan to gain strategies for balancing study, life, and, at times, professional experience or work. There are many student organizations in different fields, and there are opportunities for student work and for studying abroad.

In this course, attendance is mandatory because each session includes a review of the material assigned on Canvas. Assignments may include readings, quizzes, writing assignments, and videos.

TEXTS AND MATERIALS

There are no required books for this course. Readings will be available online through the Canvas course website.

Bring to every class:

- A pocket folder for handouts and in-class work
- Laptop (on many days you will be required to complete in-class assignments)

GRADING

Participation in First Generation FIT 2026 will be through the 3-credit-hour Pass/No Credit course

Your participation will be evaluated in the following categories

Engagement

Students will be able to:

- Discuss cultural prior knowledge, behaviors, expressions, and/or communication styles across space and/or time
- Interpret events, issues, problems, etc., from familiar and unfamiliar worldviews

Community

Students will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of UNC Charlotte as a university
- Describe various ways to get involved on campus
- Demonstrate that they have developed relationships with peers, instructors, and staff

Real-World Skills

Students will be able to:

- Identify ways to promote physical and mental wellbeing
- Describe financial literacy terms and ideas appropriate to first-year students
- Demonstrate class participation and oral presentation skills

Due Dates: All assignments are due on Canvas on their specific dates, unless otherwise noted by the Instructor. Using the calendar in Canvas is a great way to keep up with assignments and other important dates for the semester.

Late and Missing Assignments: Students are expected to complete all assignments on time. This includes attending every class meeting. However, if something prevents you from doing this, contact me as soon as possible to discuss options. You have a lot going on in your classes and life, so if you do miss a deadline, I want you to keep at it and communicate with me. Learning and reflecting are the top priorities, but deadlines are equally important. If you communicate with me, I can better support you!

Submission of Coursework:

All coursework will be submitted via Canvas. Coursework will not be accepted via email or in hardcopy unless specifically noted by the instructor.

This course engages in diverse perspectives to develop critical thinking, analysis and debate, and inclusion of a reading does not imply endorsement.

COURSE POLICIES

This syllabus contains the policies and expectations for this course. Please read the entire syllabus carefully before continuing in this course. These policies and expectations are intended to create a productive learning atmosphere for all students.

Communication with Instructors/Guests/Peers: Our class communication should always be respectful and professional. This includes written communication by email, as well as face-to-face communication in the classroom. Students will be respectful to each other and to all guests who enter our classroom at all times.

Code of Student Academic Integrity: All students are required to read and abide by the Code of Student Academic Integrity. Violations of the Code of Student Academic Integrity, including plagiarism, will result in disciplinary action as provided in the Code. Definitions and examples of plagiarism are set forth in the Code. The Code is available from the Dean of Students Office or online at: <http://legal.uncc.edu/policies/up-407>. Faculty may ask students to produce identification at examinations and may require students to demonstrate that graded assignments completed outside of class are their own work.

Classroom Conduct: We will conduct this class in an atmosphere of mutual respect. I encourage your active participation in class discussions. Each of us may have strongly differing opinions on the various topics of class discussions. The conflict of ideas is encouraged and welcome. The orderly questioning of others' ideas, including ours, is similarly welcome. However, we will exercise our responsibility to manage the discussions so that ideas and arguments can proceed in an orderly fashion. You should expect that if your conduct during class discussions seriously disrupts the atmosphere of mutual respect we expect in this class, you will not be permitted to participate further and may incur an absence for the class period.

Syllabus Revisions: The standards and requirements set forth in this syllabus may be modified at any time by the instructors. Notice of such changes will be given by announcement in class or by written or email notice.

Religious Accommodations: UNC Charlotte provides reasonable accommodations, including a minimum of two excused absences each academic year, for religious observances required by a

student's religious practice or belief. Such reasonable accommodations must be requested in accordance with the procedures in this [policy](#), and include the opportunity for the student to make up any tests or other work missed due to an excused absence for a religious observance.

Disability Accommodations: UNC Charlotte is committed to access to education. Students in this course seeking accommodations for disabilities must first consult with the Office of Disability Services and follow the instructions of that office for obtaining accommodations. Please visit the Office of Disability Services for additional resources, email questions to disability@charlotte.edu, or call 704-687-0040 for more information.

University Policy on Withdrawals: Students are expected to complete all courses for which they are registered at the close of the add/drop period. If you are concerned about your ability to succeed in this course, it is important to make an appointment to speak with your academic advisor or me as soon as possible. The University policy on withdrawal allows students only a limited number of opportunities to withdraw from courses. It is important for you to understand the financial and academic consequences of withdrawing from a course.

Incidents of Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Relationship Violence, and Stalking: UNC Charlotte is committed to providing an environment free of all forms of discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. If you (or someone you know) has experienced or experiences any of these incidents, know that you are not alone. UNC Charlotte has staff members trained to support you in navigating campus life, accessing health and counseling services, providing academic and housing accommodations, helping with legal protective orders, and more. Please be aware that many UNC Charlotte employees, including all faculty members, are required reporters. This means that if you tell an instructor about a situation involving sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking, they/we must report the information to the Title IX Coordinator. Although we have to report the situation, you will still have options about how your case will be handled, including whether or not you wish to pursue a formal complaint. Our goal is to make sure you are aware of the range of options available to you and have access to the resources you need. If you wish to speak to someone confidentially, you can contact any of the following on-campus resources, who are not required to report the incident:

- (1) Counseling and Psychological Services (caps.charlotte.edu), (704-687-0311);
- (2) Student Health Center (studenthealth.charlotte.edu), (704-687-7400); or
- (3) Center for Wellness Promotion (wellness.charlotte.edu), (704-687-7407).

Food Insecurity: UNC Charlotte offers assistance to students facing food insecurity through an on-campus food pantry. The Jamil Niner Student Pantry (JNSP) is located on the east edge of campus at 1224 John Kirk Road. It has regular hours that may change from semester to semester; please see the website at <https://ninerpantry.uncc.edu/>

Technical Support: Please note that your instructor does not provide technical support. If you need technical support, please use the links for help with Canvas: Canvas Support Center for Students - Visit the IT Service Desk in Atkins Library or the Student Union (<http://itservices.uncc.edu/student-services/help-services>), or call 704-687-5500, option 2

Student Support: There is support for students on Campus. Here are some links of places where you can get assistance:

- Student Assistance and Support Services: (704-687-0289)
- NinerCare <https://ninercare.uncc.edu> (704-687-0289)
- University Counseling Center (704-687-0311)
- Student Health Center uncc.edu (704-687-7400)
- Center for Wellness Promotion: uncc.edu, (704-687-7407)
- Food Pantry: <https://ninerpantry.uncc.edu/>
- Office of Civil Rights and Title IX: <https://titleix.uncc.edu/>

Classroom rules:

- Cell phones should **be turned off or put in silent mode during class time.**
- Laptops, if used, should **only** be used for taking notes.
- Do not talk while the instructor is speaking or when a classmate is asking a question.
- Come to class each day prepared to learn and engage. Sleeping in class, reading other material, texting, playing video games, and other such behaviors are not conducive to learning.
- The lecture will start on time each day. Walking 5 or 10 minutes late significantly disrupts the learning environment. Please arrive early to class and be ready to learn as soon as it starts.

E-mail Etiquette: E-mails must be sent from your official UNCC e-mail address. As in class, I expect that all communication will be clear and respectful. I do not read tweets or texts. You should correspond with all faculty and staff as you would any professional.

The topics that we will explore are the following topics

Getting to know each other,

Higher Education Population in the U.S., in Charlotte, and at UNC Charlotte.

Communication styles and Networking etiquette

Interdisciplinary Programs at Charlotte & Scholarship Access

Resume, Internship, and Student Work

Financial Wellbeing

Perspectives around the World – Study Abroad

College Experience - Alumni & Students' organizations