# **EXCEPTION EXCHANGE PARTNER INSTITUTION INFORMATION**





NORTHERN COLORADO

Center for International Education

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### Name of Institution and website:

University of Northern Colorado (UNC) www.unco.edu

### Location (in relation to nearest town/city) & country:

Greeley, CO, USA Closest airport: Denver International Airport (DIA)

### Promotion Info About UNC:

The University of Northern Colorado is located on the front range of the Rocky Mountains, which offers easy access to many outdoor activities. There are over 150 student organizations; numerous music, theater and athletic events; and many student activities with which to become involved.

UNC offers a wide variety of academic programs, small class sizes, a safe environment, excellent student support services, and students representing over 50 countries.

The Center for International Education organizes excursions throughout the semester specifically designed for international students and UNC international ambassadors. Events each semester are posted here: https://www.unco.edu/center-international-education/events.aspx

### Full-time study load per semester and info about credit system and conduct

4-5 courses are typical.

Most courses are 3 credits. 1 credit = 15 contact hours.

Undergraduate international students are required, by federal immigration law, to enroll in 12 credits per semester. Graduate students are required to enroll in 9 credits per semester.

The Dean of Students Office develops and enforces standards of student conduct to promote a safe and respectful living and learning environment. In an effort to foster civility, empathy, and accountability, the student conduct process aims to serve as a learning experience that can result in growth and personal understanding of one's responsibilities and privileges within both the university and the greater community.

Student Code of Professional Conduct: https://mcb.unco.edu/students/student-code-of-conduct.aspx

### Academic grading system:

The university works on a 4.0 grade point system. A-F grades are assigned where A is above average, B is average, C is below average, D is below average but still passing, and F is failing.

Books are costly (ranging anywhere from \$20-\$200 per class), so bring extra money. Students can reduce the cost of books by purchasing used books online or renting textbooks online or at the bookstore. To obtain less expensive textbooks, search in advance.

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It is a policy of the UNC Board of Trustees that all students who are enrolled for 6 credit hours or more are required to have health insurance. The US Government also requires J-1 visa holders to carry health insurance meeting certain requirements. All students with 6 or more semester hours on the Greeley campus are automatically enrolled in the university student health insurance plan and billed along with other university services.

If students have other comparable insurance, they must show proof of insurance and submit an online waiver by the 10th day of classes. For more information about UNC insurance policies, and the coverage required by the US Government, please go to: <a href="https://www.unco.edu/student-health-insurance-program/international-students/">www.unco.edu/student-health-insurance-program/international-students/</a>

The plan must be a federally certified, US-based plan (or university approved plan), compliant with the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and provide coverage for all services included in the UNC SHIP plan:

- Coverage must begin on or before the first day of the academic term in which the student is enrolled and extend through the entire term
- The plan must include both accident and sickness coverage and offer unlimited annual benefit
- The plan deductible must be \$500 or less per individual, per accident/illness per year
- The plan must have a maximum out-of-pocket cost of \$6,350 or less per benefit year
- The plan must include medical evacuation coverage of at least \$50,000
- The plan must include repatriation coverage of at least \$25,000
- The plan must have co-insurance of 20% or less
- The plan must include preventative services with no deductible or co-pay

The plan must also include:

- Outpatient and inpatient emotional and mental health services
- Outpatient substance abuse treatment
- Prescription drug coverage
- X-rays and Lab testing
- Ambulance coverage
- Annual exams, standard immunizations, and contraceptives covered with NO copay
- Doctor's visits
- Durable medical equipment
- If your plan does not meet the above requirements, you will be enrolled in the UNC Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP).

The insurance policy must be in effect by the 10th day of classes, which is the waiver deadline for the current semester.

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### Language requirements:

The US Department of State requires that each exchange visitor have "sufficient knowledge of the English language to undertake the program for which selected, or the sponsoring organization is aware of the language deficiency and has nevertheless indicated willingness to accept the alien" {22 C.F.R. § 41.62(a)(3)}. In order to meet this federal requirement the CIE will evaluate the English proficiency of ALL incoming students. If students do not meet UNC English proficiency standards, this may require participation in our Intensive English Program (IEP) at the expense to the student. UNC asks students to submit the following documentation as initial proof of English proficiency. Submit ONE of the following:

- TOEFL iBT: 72 with cut scores no lower than: Listening (16), Reading (16), Speaking (18) and Writing (18)
- IELTS: 6.0 with subscores no lower than 5.5 in each of the following proficiency areas: Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking
- Completion of UNC Intensive English Program (IEP) at Level 6. For details, go to https://www.unco.edu/cie/intensive-english-program/

For more information, please visit: https://www.unco.edu/international-admissions/explore-unc/ admission-requirements.aspx

### International Office/Exchange Student website:

For more information concerning the application process and deadlines: https://www.unco.edu/cie/international-student-scholar-services/exchange-students/

### **Student Nominations and applications:**

Step 1: Partners need to nominate their students

https://unco.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_1z9llx8yw33xuaF

Nomination Deadlines

- Fall Semester and Academic Year Students: March 1
- Spring Semester Students: September 15

Step 2: Exchange students need to complete the Exchange Student Application

https://admissions.unco.edu/register/?id=441b9694-ec61-4ed4-aa27-cd9cff6ceac7

**Application Deadlines:** 

- Fall/Academic Year Priority: March 10th
- Spring Priority: October 1st

Step 3: Students will be contacted by CIE with further instructions

NOTE: ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH EMAIL.

Accommodation closing dates and website:

On Campus Housing: www.unco.edu/housing/ As soon as possible

A refundable \$100 Deposit is required to hold space in the dorms

• Students are responsible for this fee.

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### Additional housing information

### Off Campus Life: www.unco.edu/off-campus-life/

### Type of housing provided

Residence hall, on-campus apartments, and University owned houses

### What are the range of costs for a room/apt?

\$2500-\$3000 per semester including meals

### Refundable housing deposit required?

Yes

### Refundable housing deposit amount

\$100

### Distance from housing to institution

On campus

### # of students sharing room or apartment

2-4 students or more depending on residence hall design

### # of students sharing bathroom facilities

2-4 students or more depending on residence hall design

### Meal plan

Students living on-campus must enroll in the university meal plan. Students off campus, in an oncampus house or apartment, may elect to purchase a meal plan.

### Additional Information

\$150 International Student Enrollment Fee assessed for all incoming international students.

A linen packet is provided, which includes a pillow, two sheets , two blankets, towel and wash cloth. This packet is to be used for one week until the student can obtain his or her own linens.

There are cooking facilities in some residence halls. The Center for International Education arranges shopping trips during the "arrival week" for students.

Students have the opportunity to shop at local stores to purchase linens, personal products, clothes, etc. If a student wishes to participate in this activity, they must arrive during the official "arrival week."

International Payments: UNC International Students can make payments to the university from home using Flywire. This information is available on the **Bursar's Website**, and can be accessed under the "Financial" tab in your Ursa Account."

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### **Class Registration and Breakdown:**

Grade	Points	
А	90-100	Excellent
В	80-90	
С	70-80	
D	60-70	
F	59 and below	

For Full-time status, students must take at least 12 but no more than 18 credits and for summer full-time status is 6-9 credits

### **Academic Dates**

Semester	Spring 2020 (Jan – May)	Fall 2020 (Aug – Dec)	Academic Year 2020-2021
Orientation (Mandatory)	January 10, 2020	August 21, 2020	August 21, 2020
Classes Begin	January 13, 2020	August 24, 2020	August 24, 2020
Classes End (including final exams)	May 8, 2020	December 11, 2020	May 7, 2021
Holiday Period	Spring Break: March 14-22	Thanksgiving Break: November 25-29	Winter Break: December 13 - January 10

### Transportation from airport to university

Students may be picked up by personnel from the university on the date they wish to arrive within a specified date range. Students must send their arrival information and pay a \$35 fee in advance in order to arrange a university pick-up.

To arrange reservation for airport pickup, go to our Arrivals page: https://www.unco.edu/cie/ international-student-scholar-services/arrival.aspx. Click Arrival Survey and complete the form.

Students arriving after 7:00 pm must secure overnight lodging at a hotel near the airport and will be picked up from the hotel the following morning.

If students arrives outside of the specified dates, they are responsible for their own transportation to UNC.

### **Center for International Education Contacts**

Contact for institutional questions, balance information, MOUs, promotional materials, and campus visits:

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# Contact for questions from and assistance for admitted students, current students, and immigration-related concerns:

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