Welcome to the College of Arts and Sciences, the academic core of UNC-Chapel Hill and the place many refer to as the heart and soul of Carolina.

This is my first year at UNC-Chapel Hill, and it is an honor to be leading Carolina’s largest school — one with a long and proud tradition of preparing the leaders and innovators of tomorrow with a well-rounded liberal arts education.

Fall 2022 marks the formal launch of our new IDEAs in Action general education curriculum. Years in the making, this broadly reimagined curriculum is designed to prepare our students to become lifelong learners and informed and engaged citizens. It will give them the essential critical thinking and analytical skills they need for whatever career path they choose. IDEAs in Action emphasizes key capacities and experiential education opportunities such as study abroad and academic internships. Essential first-year courses are designed to provide a strong foundation for students who are beginning their college journeys.

Beyond its excellence in teaching, the College is also a research powerhouse. As a climate scientist, I understand well the ways that university-led research contributes to the greater good. The College’s special strength (I might say its superpower) is the interdisciplinary research spanning both the arts and the sciences that happens here. I intend to maintain and build on that excellence.

I also believe the College should be a place where all feel welcome and valued. It is a priority to foster a climate where every member of the College community feels empowered to do their best work.

James W.C. White
Craver Family Dean

The College of Arts and Sciences has:

- More than 17,000 undergraduates (87% of all Carolina undergrads) and >2,300 graduate students
- More than 1,000 tenured, tenure-track and fixed-term faculty
- 43 academic departments and curricula; 114 undergraduate programs of study
- $134.8 million in research funding in FY22
- $99.2 million in new gifts and commitments in FY22
- 76 buildings and facilities (1.5 million square feet of assignable space) on and off campus

Top 10 majors in the College
(by degree awarded, 2021-22: 81% of all Carolina students graduate with at least one major in the College. )

1. Biology
2. Psychology
3. Economics
4. Computer science
5. Exercise and sport science
6. Political science
7. Statistics and analytics
8. Communication studies
9. Public policy
10. English & comparative literature

The College is also home to:
The Office of Undergraduate Education • Honors Carolina • Chancellor’s Science Scholars • Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC programs • Center for the Study of the American South • Institute for the Arts and Humanities • Institute for Marine Sciences • PlayMakers Repertory Company • Office of Study Abroad • six area study centers for global education
RESEARCH AT CAROLINA
Research at UNC-Chapel Hill has quadrupled over the past 15 years, firmly establishing Carolina as one of the nation’s top-ranked research universities.

- UNC conducted $1.2 billion of sponsored research from all sources in FY22, a 2% increase over the previous year.
- UNC ranks 10th nationally for federal research expenditures and 13th nationally in research volume and annual expenditures.
- The College of Arts and Sciences, with $134.8 million in research funding (by P.I. appointing department), is the third-largest research enterprise at UNC, behind the schools of medicine and public health.

CAMPAIGN FOR CAROLINA
The College raised $99.2 million in FY22. In all, it has raised $715.5 million toward its $750 million goal in the university-wide, $4.25 billion For All Kind: The Campaign for Carolina.

Signature initiatives in the campaign include: Chancellor’s Science Scholars • Convergent Science • Program for Public Discourse • Southern Futures.

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