

North Carolina Fellows Program



The North Carolina Fellows Program is a **three-year leadership development program** housed in The Office of Student Life & Leadership. Students apply in the Fall of their first-year at Carolina, are interviewed and selected in the Spring, and officially begin the program as sophomores. Founded in 1967, **the mission of the North Carolina Fellows Program is to reimagine traditional understandings of leadership by engaging in meaningful dialogue, creating a supportive community, increasing self-awareness amongst its members, and encouraging positive change.**

Learning Outcomes:

As a result of participating in the North Carolina Fellows Program, students will be able to:

- Evaluate how individual, group, and societal values influence their ability to lead.
- Define future leadership goals based on current and past leadership experiences.
- Identify strategies for resiliency through reflective self-discovery.
- Understand the implications of human and cultural differences
- Engage in civic responsibility, and identify engagement opportunities within the UNC, local, national, and global communities.
- Demonstrate how leadership theories apply to their everyday leadership practice.

Program Components:

Annual Retreat

Participants will begin their time as an NC Fellow at the beginning of their Sophomore year. Shortly after the semester starts, participants attend a weekend retreat with all members of the NC Fellows Program. The retreat is an opportunity for new Fellows to get to know the members of their incoming class, while also serving as an opportunity to meet the current members of the program. More importantly, it is a space meant for Fellows to set the tone for the rest of the year, build community, and outline expectations for both themselves and the program at large.

Monthly Meetings

Woven throughout all three years of the NC Fellows program are Monthly Meetings. Perhaps the most essential element of the program, these meetings give Fellows from every year a space for fellowship with one another to discuss ideas, and engage in critical dialogue. Whether it be a speaker series of professors, a performance, or a workshop facilitated by community leaders, these times allow us as a program to come together as a community.

One-on-One Meetings

Senior Fellows are required to meet with the program advisor at least once per semester. This personalized contact is intended to help Fellows navigate various challenges and make meaning of their time in NC Fellows and at UNC in preparation for their post-graduation plans.



Sophomore Seminar- EDUC309 (3 credits)

Sophomore year of the NC Fellows program is focused around learning individual values and consciousness of self. This is accomplished during the required Sophomore Seminar, a three-credit hour course that takes place in the Fall semester. The primary purpose of this course is to facilitate learning opportunities and experiences which allow participants to learn more about leadership development from an educational perspective, their values, and identities. Students will also come to understand how the aforementioned topics play a role in their leadership style and multiple facets of their lives. Additionally, participants will begin creating bonds with their cohort members as they engage in dialogue about community and societal issues.

Junior Cohort Meetings

The Junior year of the NC Fellows program is focused around learning group values and consciousness of others. Junior Fellows will be expected to read one book as a group over the course of the academic year. The purpose of the common reading experience is to build intellectual, social and co-curricular community amongst Junior Fellows through a shared experience of reading, reflection, community engagement, and discussion of challenging ideas and questions that raise important social and cultural issues. Junior Fellows will meet once per month to discuss the book in small and large groups, listen to guest speakers, and visit community events and organizations that are in alignment with the theme of the text.

Senior Capstone- EDUC317 (1-credit)

The Senior year of the NC Fellows program is focused around learning community values and consciousness of context. Throughout the Spring of their senior year, NC Fellows will take a required one credit hour course (Dynamics of Effective Leadership). This course is focused on reflecting on one's experience both inside and outside the NC Fellows program, and learning how to apply what has been learned beyond college.

Committee Membership

NC Fellows will be expected to serve on at least one committee during their time in the program.

Potential committees include: Selection Committee, Monthly Meeting Committee, Alumni Relations Committee, Community Service Committee, Student Directors, Teaching Assistants.

Additional committees may be formed based on needs.

End of Year Banquet

The year will conclude with an End of Year Banquet to celebrate the year coming to an end and recognize the graduating seniors. The incoming cohort of NC Fellows will be invited to attend the banquet as they transition into the program.



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November 4th 2020 - January 22nd 2021

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