

## **SAFE Voyage: points you in the right direction**

SAFE Voyage is a pre-orientation program for students participating in the SAFE Program. Students are invited to campus a week before classes to get a head start on college. Students interested in the SAFE Program are strongly encouraged to attend SAFE Voyage.

### **Benefits of SAFE Voyage:**

- Get a head start on your college transition!
- Connect with other students, faculty and staff.
- Attend workshops geared to your academic and developmental success (workshops hosted by various student organizations).
- Connect with a SAFE Counselor (trained upper-classman) who will serve as a mentor throughout your first year.
- Early move-in! Move into your assigned residence hall room before the rush!

### **Where Do I Sign Up?**

Students can sign up online at [dso.uncc.edu/SAFE](http://dso.uncc.edu/SAFE) and pay a registration fee to attend SAFE Voyage. However, if you opt not to attend Voyage, there is no cost to participate in the SAFE program.

*"SAFE has allowed me to become more familiar with the resources on campus. In SAFE I believe I have made some long lasting friendships."*

— Keisha, freshman,  
06-07 SAFE Counselor

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*"Had it not been for SAFE I don't believe I would have tried out for the basketball team or met nearly as many people. If I had to give advice to a first year student it would be to join SAFE!"*

— Eric, SAFE freshman, 49er Basketball player,  
SAFE Counselor

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**SAFE**  
STUDENT ADVISING FC  
FRESHMAN EXCELLENCE

## About SAFE

The Student Advising For Freshman Excellence (SAFE) Program was founded in 1987. SAFE is a peer mentoring program design to help students successfully transition through their first year of college. SAFE minimizes academic, social, and economic challenges by providing information about UNC Charlotte support services to facilitate a smooth transition for students.

SAFE is a joint program between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs that is intended for all University Freshmen, but is targeted toward underrepresented students. Not meant as a crutch, but as a SAFE-ry net, SAFE makes use of individual tutoring, personal counseling, study sessions, interaction with faculty and staff, goal setting and leadership development to aid in the retention and graduation of SAFE participants.

SAFE combines academic support with personal development programming to encourage your academic achievement, positive self-concept and increased personal growth. Participation in SAFE helps students achieve not only the UNC-Charlotte degree of choice but also a degree of excellence in your future.

## Three Pillars of the SAFE Program: Mentoring, Academic Support, and Social Networking

*"SAFE has helped me establish myself this first year on campus. It calmed me down and gave me something to actually look forward to and I realized that college was not going to break me. It was a coach for me and gave me beneficial advice that I do use, believe it or not!"*

—Carly, freshman

## Mentoring

First year students are matched up with upperclassmen students called SAFE Counselors within their specific major or college.

SAFE Counselors are students with GPAs of 2.5 and higher, are successfully involved in all aspects of the University, and are capable of providing ongoing support for students dealing with academic, personal, and social issues. SAFE Counselors are trained in the areas of mentoring, group dynamics, ethics, conflict resolution, team building, and diversity education.

## Academic Support:

SAFE students can get help when they need it through tutorial support, skill building workshops, and study hall.

## Social Networking

SAFE provides ongoing support to help students connect with each other in various social settings. Programs include: SAFE Socials, SAFE Talent Show, Community Service, Movie Night/Game Night, and SAFE Bowling.

*"The SAFE Freshman Seminar has impacted my college experience greatly. The seminar class has allowed me to build my social skills and get tips on how to be successful at this university."*

—Aysia, freshman

*"Many of the people I know on campus, I've met through SAFE."*

—Chantal, freshman

## Benefits of Participating in SAFE

- Connect with other students, faculty and staff
- Develop successful time management skills and become a better student
- Become familiar with campus resources and services
- Attend workshops geared to academic and developmental success
- Connect with a SAFE Counselor (trained upperclassman) who serves as mentor throughout your first year.
- Develop life-long friendships
- Celebrate "small wins" throughout the first year

*"SAFE has made me feel comfortable on this campus and contributed to my adjustment to college life. SAFE has allowed me to meet and greet new people."*

—Pierrette, freshman,  
06-07 SAFE Counselor)

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**DAY TWO (continued)**

9:15 - 10:15am      SAC (46) Salons      **Getting Connected, Week of Welcome, and Understanding the Course Registration Process**

This session provides students with information about Week of Welcome and the online course registration process. This meeting is critical to a student's success during the fall transition to UNC Charlotte and the course registration process.

10:15 - noon      Multiple Locations

**Fall Semester Registration**  
Orientation Counselors will lead students to the appropriate computer lab for fall semester course registration.

10:15 - 12:30pm      Student Union (69) 140

**ID Cards**  
While some groups are registering for classes, some will have their ID cards made. [axx@unc.edu/49er](mailto:axx@unc.edu/49er)

1:00 - 4:15pm      COBD (52) 038

**Veteran Educational Benefits**  
The Veteran Educational Benefits session will provide an overview of required information and forms for students using VA Educational Benefits. The session will address information for new students using VA educational benefits and transfer students that are continuing to use VA Educational Benefits. The VA Educational Representative from the Registrar's Office will be available to answer questions that you may have on benefits [registrar@unc.edu](mailto:registrar@unc.edu)



**UNC Charlotte Alma Mater**

Hail University! To you we sing our praise.  
May Charlotte's light dispel the night, illumine all our days.  
In Carolina's crown the brightest gem we see,  
Without your power our finest hour would hold no victory.  
So let us love your life and cherish your great name.  
To aid your cause up hold your laws and your enduring fame.

**UNC Charlotte Fight Song**

Hail, Charlotte 49ers, proud as we can be  
We stand to fight for the green and white,  
Til We win the Victory (Go Niners!)  
We pledge our trust in you,  
And wave your colors high  
The loyal Niner Nation cheers,  
Forever! We'll Fight-Fight-Fight!

**Freshman Students**  
**SOAR**  
2011-2012  
Student Orientation, Advising and Registration

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Time	Bldg. [Map No.] Room	Session Title/Description	Time	Bldg. [Map No.] Room	Session Title/Description
8:30 - 9:15am	Student Union (69) 340	<b>DAY ONE</b> <b>Welcome to UNC Charlotte and SOAR 2011</b> Official welcome and introduction of the Orientation Counselors (OCs) and SOAR staff.	5:30 - 5:45pm	SAC (46) Salons	<b>Recreational Services</b> Everything you ever wanted to know about Recreational Services and staying physically active on campus. <a href="#">RESOURCES.unc.edu</a>
9:30 - 10:15am	Woodward (56) 106	<b>Math Placement Exam</b> This test will assess which math class you should register for. <a href="#">math.unc.edu</a>	5:30 - 5:45pm	Student Union (69) Theater	<b>Student Union and Activities</b> When you open the door to the brand-new Student Union, you enter much more than a building. In addition to dining, services, and retail, you'll find the headquarters for Student Activities, your connection to 350+ student organizations, student government, leadership and multicultural opportunities, and more. Find out why this is YOUR place to Get Involved! <a href="#">studentactivities.unc.edu</a>
10:30 - 11:15am	Woodward (56) 106	<b>Freedom and Responsibility: Making Choices for your Success and Safety</b> As a student at UNC Charlotte, you are going to be facing some of the biggest decisions of your life. Learn how the choices you make can affect your success and safety. We'll talk about UNC Charlotte policies and expectations as well as resources for making good decisions. You will also learn how you can make your campus a safer environment for you and your peers. <a href="#">dso.unc.edu</a>	5:45 - 6:45pm	Crown Commons (69)	<b>Dinner</b> <b>OC Group Meeting</b> Begin planning your Fall semester schedule while learning more about UNC Charlotte.
11:15 - 12:15pm	Multiple Locations	<b>Meet your Orientation Counselor</b> The meeting with your Orientation Counselor will help you learn more about UNC Charlotte and college life. In addition, you will learn about the University's academic advising and registration system and the services available to you.	7:00 - 8:00pm	Multiple Locations	<b>OC Theatre</b> The OCs will be presenting information about issues and challenges you may face as a new student at UNC Charlotte.
12:15 - 1:00pm	SAC (46) Salons	<b>Lunch</b>	8:00 - 9:00pm	SAC (46) Salons	<b>Niner Night: Get Involved at UNC Charlotte</b> Relax and meet other new students and student leaders at this evening social. This event will be held in the Student Activity Center: Halton Arena. You will be able to use the climbing wall, play basketball, volleyball, and more. Additionally, student leaders from various student organizations will sponsor special events showcasing some of what their respective organizations offer throughout the academic year. <a href="#">studentorgs.unc.edu</a>
1:15 - 1:30pm	Student Union (69)	<b>Reconnect with parent/family members</b> For those who brought a parent or family member to SOAR. A program representative will provide information on reconnecting with your parent/family member prior to beginning of the afternoon sessions.	9:00 - 10:30pm	SAC (46) Halton Arena	<b>DAY TWO</b>
1:30 - 2:00pm	Student Union (69) 340	<b>Academic Advising and You: Benefits of General Education</b> This session, designed for students, parents, and guests will introduce you to learning opportunities provided through UNC Charlotte's General Education courses. Additionally, you will learn about academic advising, with tips on building a strong relationship with your academic advisor and information about the kind of advising available in our University Advising Center, the Colleges, and Departments so that you know where to get advising appropriate for your needs. <a href="#">weoll.unc.edu</a>	7:00 - 8:15am	Lynch Hall (546) Lobby	<b>SOAR Housing Check-Out and Breakfast</b> Grab a bite to eat and take it back to your room while you get ready for the day's events or hang out in the lobby and eat with new friends. Please check out of SOAR housing by 8:15 am by turning in your room key to the front desk of Lynch Hall. There is a \$75.00 charge to cover lock replacement costs for any keys not returned at the time of check-out. Please make sure that you return all keys prior to your departure from campus.
2:15 - 4:15pm	Multiple Locations	<b>Orientation to Academics: Meet Your College</b> Information about your college and department. Participants meet with academic advisors and college representatives	7:30 - 8:15am	Woodward (56) 106	<b>Math Placement Exam - Make-up</b> If you are not satisfied with your results from the Math Placement Exam, students have the opportunity to take the exam a second time. OCs will take a group from Lynch Hall to this exam at 7:30 a.m. <a href="#">math.unc.edu</a>
4:15 - 4:45	SAC (46) Patio	<b>Ice Cream Social</b>	7:45 - 9:00am	COED Bldg. (52) Rm. 427	<b>Foreign Language Placement Exam</b> This session is for students needing to complete the foreign language proficiency exam in a proctored setting. Please see your Orientation Counselor for more information. <a href="#">languages.unc.edu</a>
4:45 - 5:15pm	SAC (46) Salons	<b>Auxiliary Services</b> This is your chance to learn more about the dining, meal plan options and textbook affordability initiatives. <a href="#">aux.unc.edu</a>	8:30 - 9:15am	SAC (46)	<b>Resource Fair</b> Representatives from several departments, programs, and service areas will distribute information and answer questions about various campus resources. Continental breakfast will be available during the Resource Fair. If you have not already done so, please discuss meeting your family members at the Student Union at the conclusion of the SOAR program.
5:30 - 5:45pm	Woodward (56) 106	<b>Time Block - choose one of the following to attend</b> <b>Fraternalism and Sororities: More than you expected, different than you thought!</b> Fraternity and sorority programs offer UNC Charlotte students strong personal and professional development opportunities outside of the classroom. Our values-based groups are committed to developing leadership, academic excellence, the promotion of community service and philanthropic work, and creating life-long bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood. <a href="#">fraternity/sororities.unc.edu</a>			



# MAPS Transition and Rebound Coaching Programs

## What is MAPS?

Maximizing Academic and Professional Success (MAPS) is a Lee College of Engineering support program which strives to increase the retention and academic performance of students who are committed to earning undergraduate degrees in engineering, engineering technology, and construction management. Its key objectives are to:

- Support new students as they transition into the Lee College of Engineering.
- Connect students in academic trouble with resources that can enhance their academic performance.
- Provide academic support for lower division math, science, and engineering courses.
- Introduce students to College of Engineering involvement opportunities and career resources.

## What coaching programs are offered by MAPS?

**Transition Coaching:** This seven-week academic program helps new freshmen and transfer students acquire skills and knowledge to succeed within their new academic setting. The session topics are:

- Introduction to the MAPS Program
- Time Management for College of Engineering Students
- Assessing Your Study Skills
- Building Relationships with Faculty and Advisors
- What Would You Do? Navigating Tricky Situations
- Academic Planning and Advising
- Assessing Mid-Term Progress, Preparing for End of Term Success

**Rebound Coaching:** The Rebound Program strives to connect students who are at-risk for or in academic trouble with the resources and accountability structure that is necessary to improve academic performance. Coaches meet one-on-one with students to help them identify their academic challenges. Students develop an action plan with their coach based on the assessment. The plan may include skills workshops to attend (i.e. developing better study habits, how to management time), tutoring or Supplemental Instruction attendance, and behaviors the students plan to modify.

## Who can serve as MAPS coach?

Undergraduates in the College of Engineering who have completed two semesters and who have maintained  $\geq 3.0$  cumulative grade point average are eligible to apply. They should also have the desire and ability to build relationships with other students in the college.

### **How are coaches recruited?**

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors with  $\geq 3.0$  cumulative GPA are targeted via email. Past transition coaching participants who have been academically successful receive a personalized invitation to apply. Nominations by Introduction to Engineering instructors (ENGR 1201/ETGR 1201) and freshman academic advisors are also collected.

### **How are coaches trained?**

Coaches complete a day-long training to learn more about the MAPS Program mission and objectives and to build skills to be effective coaches. This training takes place prior to the beginning of a new semester. Coaches attend a one-hour weekly coaching meeting during the academic year to further develop their coaching skills.

### **How are results assessed?**

The MAPS program collects the following data:

- Number of transition and rebound coaching participants
- Number of times students attending coaching sessions
- End of term GPAs of participants (these may be compared to non-participant GPAs or students' prior GPAs)
- Student satisfaction with coaching programs

This information is used to determine if and how the program is meeting its objectives and identify areas for improvement.

### **For more information:**

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