

advance tuition payment may be waived, at the discretion of the registrar, in consultation with the director of Student Financial Aid.

The advance tuition payment shall be applied against the student's tuition and fees. If the student decides not to return to the School and gives notice of the decision within 30 days after the day the advance tuition payment is due, or if the School determines that the student is not eligible to return, the advance tuition payment shall be refunded. Payments made by students who decide not to enroll and fail to notify the registrar's office by June 30 shall be forfeited to the School.

Advance Housing Payment - New and Returning Students

All students (excluding in-state high school students) are required to pay a \$300 advance housing payment to reserve a space in an on-campus residence hall.

New students (excluding in-state high school students) are required to pay the \$300 advance housing payment at the same time the advance tuition payment is paid. When a new student is fully accepted for admission to NCSA, he or she is notified by the Office of Admissions that the tuition and housing payments are due and payable. The advance housing payment shall be applied against the student's housing fee. Procedures for refund are the same as for the advance tuition payment.

Returning students (excluding in-state high school students) are required to pay the \$300 advance housing payment during the spring term in order to reserve a residence hall space for the following fall term. This advance payment shall be applied against the student's fall housing fee. Procedures for refunds are the same as for the advance tuition payment.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Registration

Registration takes place at the beginning of each term. Students must show evidence of payment of tuition and fees prior to enrolling in courses. All students are required to register and will not be granted entry to classes without having done so. New students will receive instructions regarding times and places of registration, orientation and placement testing during the summer before their arrival at the School.

College

All undergraduate and graduate college students must register at the appointed time and show evidence of payment of tuition and fees prior to enrolling in classes. Students will not be granted entry to classes without having completed registration.

High School

High school students (grades 8-12) are required to meet certain attendance standards set by the state of North Carolina to receive credit for courses.

While NCSA high school students enroll in year-long courses at the beginning of each academic year, all students are required to register at the beginning of each term. High school students are

required to attend classes continuously and are not permitted to miss classes at the beginning of the term. Arrangements for payment of tuition and fees for high school students must be made on a timely basis each term, and students must be cleared by the financial services office for class attendance by either:

- * presenting a receipt to reflect that all tuition and fees have been paid at the time of registration
- or
- * in exceptional cases, making arrangements with the financial services office to pay the tuition and fees on a schedule to be determined in consultation with the vice chancellor for finance and administration.

High school students who fail to make the necessary arrangements within one week after the beginning of classes in any term may be asked to withdraw, and will not be able to receive credit for classes.

No one will be permitted to register as a full-time student after the completion of the fifth day of classes for a given term. Any exception will be by petition to the dean of the arts school involved, in consultation with the associate vice chancellor for high school programs.

Class Designation

A student's status is officially determined on the basis of progress in the major arts area. Level designations are, therefore, based upon a combination of the number of arts course requirements which have been met and the level of artistic proficiency that has been achieved.

Credit Definitions

Students enrolled in high school programs receive credit in terms of standard Carnegie high school units. College credit is awarded in semester hours.

Course Numbering

In general, courses are numbered such that the first digit reflects the level of the course, with the number one indicating an introductory level. A course with hyphens indicates a three-term course for which credit is not allowed until the three terms are completed. Courses with commas indicate the courses which are to be taken in sequence.

Course Requirements

It is the responsibility of the student to know the requirements for his or her particular program and, where specific academic courses are required, to include these courses in the program. Individual program requirements are outlined in the appropriate sections of this Bulletin.

Residency Requirements

To qualify for a college Arts Diploma, Bachelor of Fine Arts or Bachelor of Music from the North Carolina School of the Arts, the student must be registered as a full-time college student for a minimum of two years, one of which must be the student's graduating year.

An undergraduate college student must carry eight or more credit hours per term to be classified as a full-time student. A graduate student must carry six or more credit hours to be considered full-time.

Transfer Students

College transfer students will be placed according to ability and experience at the discretion of the appropriate dean and faculty following review of prior courses and interviews with faculty members. Where applicable, placement tests will be administered and appropriate advanced placement credit awarded. Normally, a transfer student spends at least two years at the School of the Arts to qualify for the Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Music or Arts Diploma. (See Residency Requirements.)

Credit for academic courses in which the student has earned at least a "C" at another accredited college, and which are equivalent to specific NCSA academic courses, will be transferred to the NCSA record when the student has achieved at least a 2.000 average in academic courses for one term at NCSA.

Part-time Degree Students

Under certain circumstances, a matriculated college student may enroll as a part-time degree or diploma student for a given term. This status generally is reserved for college seniors in their last term and is only granted by special permission of the appropriate dean. Part-time degree or diploma students may carry fewer than eight credits and are charged by the credit, according to the schedule of fees for special and part-time students.

Course Audit

A regularly registered student may, with the consent of the appropriate dean and the instructor, audit one or more courses or classes outside the major area in addition to his or her regular program. Attendance must be regular. No credit is given.

Course Planning and Program Advising

Each student is assigned an advisor when he or she enters the School. The advising system varies from one arts school to another. In some schools the dean or assistant dean acts as the student advisor; in others, members of the faculty are assigned as advisors.

Students meet with their advisors during designated weeks toward the end of each term to plan their programs for the following term. The courses each student selects must be approved by the advisor. Students who complete course planning in the prescribed manner will receive a preprinted course schedule at registration.

Add/Drop Policy

For one week after registration, a student may add or drop courses. Course changes during this week do not appear on the student's permanent record. Students who wish to add courses should seek permission from the instructors of the courses to be added and from their advisors, who sign the Change of Schedule forms available from the registrar. Courses for which students have not registered must be added in order for credit to be given.

No high school student will be permitted to drop or add academic courses after registration is completed except with the approval of the director of the High School Academic Program and the instructor of the course.

Course Withdrawal

A student may withdraw from courses for the first six weeks of each 10-week term with the signed approval of the advisor, who will meet with the student to discuss the reasons for the request to withdraw. In some cases, the student will withdraw from a course on the recommendation of the course instructor or the insistence of the arts dean or the associate vice chancellor for high school programs/associate vice chancellor for undergraduate academic and graduate programs. Students are advised to withdraw from courses when successful completion appears impossible. The mark "W" is assigned for courses from which students have withdrawn. Students withdraw from courses by using the Change of Schedule form, available from the registrar.

Course withdrawal without permission and processing of the appropriate form will result in an automatic grade of "F" for the course.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all their class meetings, rehearsals and performances, and to arrive on time, prepared to participate fully. Attendance regulations for each program and for individual courses within the program are communicated to students and kept on file in the appropriate school or dean's office. Students who violate the attendance regulations will be referred to the appropriate dean or director, who will counsel or discipline the students. Students

who miss class frequently must be prepared to receive a low or failing grade or be advised to withdraw from that course.

Final Examinations

Final examinations are given during a three-day period at the end of each term. An unexcused absence from a final examination will result in the student receiving a “zero” for that activity and loss of makeup privileges.

Early Departure from School at the End of a Term

While early departure before the end of the term is discouraged, NCSA recognizes that, from time to time, extenuating circumstances will necessitate approval for such early departure. Students seeking permission to leave school early should meet with their arts dean and with the associate vice chancellor for high school programs/associate vice chancellor for undergraduate academic and graduate programs to obtain permission.

Students who leave campus before the end of a term without having been granted the appropriate permission will be considered to have unexcused absences.

Withdrawal from School

Students who wish to withdraw from school during a term must file the appropriate form, which is available through the registrar’s office. Students who withdraw from school during a given term receive no credit for courses taken during that term. Students who leave school without officially withdrawing will receive grades of “F” for all courses for which they are registered and will forfeit eligibility for refund of tuition or fees.

Students who have terminated their enrollment for any reason must apply for readmission before registering for another term.

Reenrollment

Former students who reenroll at NCSA, after an interruption of two years or more, will be held responsible for the program requirements in effect at the time of reentry. Students who reenroll within two years of their last enrollment may continue under their original requirements.

Delayed Graduation

A student who does not graduate on schedule may seek permission from the faculty of his/her school to complete his/her requirements at a later date. These requirements must be successfully completed within seven years after the student’s last enrollment at NCSA.

Leave of Absence

A leave of absence may be granted for a specific period of time for a valid educational purpose. Permission for such a leave must be sought by processing the appropriate form, available in the registrar’s office. Such permission may be granted by the appropriate arts dean, with the understanding that no credit can be given for studies or projects undertaken by the student while not officially enrolled in school. No tuition is paid for a term during which a leave of absence has been granted and no application for readmission is required if the student reenrolls for the term immediately following the leave period.

Grading System

Final grades for courses are sent to students and, when applicable, to their parents or guardians at the end of each term. Indication of student achievement is provided by the following grades and quality points:

A+	=	4.5	C+	=	2.5	F	=	0
A	=	4.0	C	=	2.0	I	=	Incomplete
A-	=	3.8	C-	=	1.8	W	=	Withdrew
B+	=	3.5	D+	=	1.5	P	=	Pass
B	=	3.0	D	=	1.0	S	=	Satisfactory
B-	=	2.8	D-	=	0.8	U	=	Unsatisfactory

Retention

Students should consult the Bulletin section for their respective arts programs and the High School and Undergraduate Academic Programs to learn the specific grade and quality point requirements for continuance in their programs and for graduation.

Incomplete Coursework

Occasionally, because of personal, medical or other emergencies that may arise, a student may be unable to take final examinations or juries or complete the final assignments for a course. In such cases, a grade of “Incomplete” may be requested for one term so that the student may complete the courses in which satisfactory progress was being made at the time of the request. The normal time limit to complete the work for a course in which a grade of “Incomplete” has been given is the end of the term immediately following the term in which the “Incomplete” was given. However, an individual faculty member, with the permission of the appropriate dean, may designate an earlier deadline for making up the incomplete work. Failure to complete the coursework by the end of following term will result in a grade of “F” for the course.

Student Responsibility for Coursework

In submitting assignments and projects for courses, students take responsibility for their work as a whole, and imply that, except as properly noted, the ideas, words, material and craftsmanship are their own. In written work, if students cite from a source of information or opinion other than themselves without giving credit, either within the body of their texts or in properly noted references and without using quotation marks where needed, or otherwise fail to acknowledge the borrowings, they have in fact presented the work, words or ideas of others as if they were their own. Failure to abide by those simple principles of responsible scholarship is dishonest, as is receiving or giving aid on tests, examinations or other assigned work presumed to be independent or original. A student whose work is found to be dishonestly accomplished and submitted as his or her own for credit will be removed from the course with a grade of “F.”

Student Records

All educational records for students are maintained in the registrar’s office and are available for student examination, as outlined by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Students are informed at regular intervals of their current grade point averages and credits

accumulated. Students having questions about their progress are encouraged to address these questions to the registrar.

The School keeps records of progress on veteran and non-veteran students alike. Progress records are furnished to students at the end of each scheduled school term.

Transcripts

Transcripts are released only at the written request of the student or parents of high school students who are under 18 years of age, except in cases as outlined by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Requests should be sent directly to the Office of the Registrar.

Official transcripts bear the signature of the registrar and the School seal and are normally sent directly to other institutions or agencies in sealed envelopes. Unofficial transcripts may be requested for students' personal use or may be downloaded from the website.

High school students, while enrolled at NCSA, will be allowed transcripts free of charge. The charge for all other transcripts is \$5 each.

Transcripts will not be released for students who have an outstanding financial obligation to the School or for students who have been declared in default of institutional, state or federal loans or who have failed to complete the federally required exit interview for National Direct Student/Perkins Loan borrowers.

Definition of In-State Residency

The North Carolina School of the Arts defines "In-State Residency," when referring to an academic program and/or tuition rate, as outlined and defined in North Carolina General Statute 116-143.1. The term is defined in detail in "A Manual to Assist the Public Higher Education Institutions of North Carolina in the Matter of Student Residence Classification for Tuition Purposes." This manual may be found in most North Carolina libraries and/or any admissions or financial aid offices at any of the 16 constituent campuses of the University of North Carolina.

All students, especially graduate and/or independent students, are encouraged to contact the Offices of Admissions, the Registrar or Student Financial Aid to inquire about fulfillment of state requirements for classification as in-state residents for tuition purposes. Staff members are happy to advise and assist any students who wish to be considered for in-state tuition status.