

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Kenan Flagler Business School

No need to say that Exchange Student program is a great thing by itself. It's a unique opportunity to study abroad, meet new people from all over the world, experience new cultures and make new friends.

Chapel Hill:

The town of Chapel Hill is situated in North Carolina, not far from its capital city-Raleigh. The area is very green in summer, changes colors to yellow-red-brown in autumn and some winters it's even white with snow (in case you are lucky). The weather is a bit colder than in Jerusalem in winters and really humid and hot in summer so it feels like home☺.

School:

Kenan Flagler is constantly ranked in top 20 Business schools in USA. It's a relatively small school with approximately 600 students so it's possible to know most of them.

Courses:

Semesters start very early (fall in August 17, spring in January 5) and are divided into two modes with requirement to study at least 3 courses in each, so in the whole semester it is 6 courses minimum(!) that significantly help to get advanced in the MBA curricular.

The courses are pretty loaded during the semester but not so difficult at the end. The break between the modes is approximately a week during which most of the exams and projects are submitted. Not every course has a final exam, those that do have, propose a take-home exam. *So, all my exams were written somewhere in the trips in Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Yosemite and Miami☺.*

Exchange students are allowed to take only selective courses from a second year curriculum, in the following majors:

- Finance

- Accounting
- Innovation and Sustainable Enterprise
- Management
- Marketing
- Entrepreneurship
- Operations

Some of courses that are offered in Management or Sustainable Enterprise are unlikely to be recognized by Recanati but they are really interesting. Kenan Flagler School sees its mission beyond just teaching. It expects its students to acquire necessary tools for successful career, for this many course and workshops in leader developments are offered. It's worthwhile to take a least one of them.

Registration for courses is via web and is very similar to our bidding system, if there is a problem to get some course; it's highly recommendable to speak to the lecturer personally and get his permission.

Lecturers are always glad to help with any question or sometimes just get to know their students; they see their job beyond just teaching. *Why not to use this opportunity?*

Unlike in other schools, career services are open for exchange students also and it includes various workshops, KFBS's job search database, help in writing CV, mocking interview, etc.

Apartments:

There are many good options for renting apartment in the area but it's really difficult to find something from Israel, besides land owners want a contract for a year.

After knowing all the options I would recommend looking for off - campus apt as many UNC students go to Exchange programs abroad and are interested in subletting theirs.

The cost of apartment is between \$500 and \$1000, all depends where.

There are also on-campus dormitories that are really not bad (*They just called dorms but actually it does not much differ from regular apartments*). There are two dorms for KFBS students – Odum Village and Baity Hill. Both are 10 minutes walk from the school in the very green area but a little bit far from the main street of Chapel Hill – the Franklin Street.

Transportation:

There is a free public transportation inside Chapel Hill, a free taxi services at nights and car pooling. *Not that it's really free; the UNC students pay for it as a part of tuition but in our case it's not relevant.*

To go outside the town (mall, super markets, picnics, etc) it's better to have a car. There is also CarToGo services allowing to rent for several hours, take and leave it somewhere in the campus. The cost is \$7 per hour and \$65 a day.

Buying or renting a car is not necessary but highly recommendable - it's USA. All malls and supermarkets are outside the town.

Immunization and Health Insurance

According to State law, every student in North Carolina is required to provide certain immunization records. After a month from the start of the semester, students who don't meet these requirements are expelled. The State rules about public health are very strict and it's recommendable to check all the requirements before you arrive there.

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