CAMPUS LIFE EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Beginning with the 2022 – 2023 school year and the implementation of the new IDEAs in Action ↗ curriculum, the Campus Life Experience (CLE) is required for new undergraduate students (first year and transfer). As of August 1, 2026 all students enrolled for the first time in Fall 2026 or after are required to complete eight (8) CLEs over the course of their undergraduate career, with at least one CLE completed in each of the four categories below. The remaining four CLEs may be completed in any category of the students' choosing.



Student Programs

Campus Advisories Notification System

Campus Life Experience ›

Students are required to complete at least one CLE in the following categories:

1. Civic Engagement, Public Service, and Academic Enhancement
2. Films, Music, & Visual and Performing Arts
3. Career Exploration & Leadership Development
4. Campus Life and Personal Well-Being

While students are encouraged to explore a variety of CLE options, attending the same event in different semesters or academic years is permissible.

Finding CLE Events

CLE events include, but are not limited to, on-campus organized activities, such as performances, talks, panels, workshops, and more. All CLE events are registered through the Heel Life – CLE Events ↗ page. Or, follow these steps: CLE events include, but are not limited to, on-campus organized activities, such as performances, talks, panels, workshops, and more. All CLE events are registered through the Heel Life – CLE Events ↗ page. Or, follow these steps:

1. Visit heellife.unc.edu ↗.
2. Select the **Events** tab to explore opportunities and filter by keywords, themes, categories, and perks.
3. Under **Categories**, select **Campus Life Experience** to limit events that are CLE eligible. Here, students can also filter to find CLE eligible events in any of the four required categories.

Note: Only events with the Campus Life Experience category and/or the four required categories tag are eligible to fulfill CLE requirements.

Gerald Unks Travel Fellowship ›

Frances L. Phillips Travel Scholarship ›

Checking Attendance at CLE Events

Students must confirm their attendance at CLE events by scanning the QR code displayed at the event. Proof of attendance can be found by visiting Heel Life, selecting your profile link in the upper-right corner, and choosing **Event History**. After scanning the QR code, CLE credit will automatically be uploaded to your Tar Heel Tracker – the CLE Submission form is **not** required to receive credit.

Note: RSVPing or Pre-registering for an event on Heel Life **does not** fulfill the submission requirements.

Keeping Track of CLE Progress for Graduation

CLE progress is tracked through the student's Tar Heel Tracker (THT) on ConnectCarolina. ↗ After scanning the QR code at the event, the THT will reflect any changes within **72 hours**. If a student has not received credit after the 72-hour threshold, please contact the CLE team at CLE@unc.edu.

Variations and Exceptions for CLE Requirements

There are some variations for students who were enrolled before the August 1 update to CLE requirements. These variations are reflected in the TarHeel Tracker for these unique scenarios:

- Students graduating in December 2026 or later are required to complete the reduced total number of CLEs, 8 total, but are not subject to the new category distribution requirement.

- Students graduating in May 2026 and August 2026 are required to complete the original CLE requirement. See archived catalog for additional information.

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Questions? Contact us at CLE@unc.edu ↗

Please note: The CLE support team operates Monday – Friday from 9 am-5 pm

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