



Neighborhood Guide – University Area

The University of North Carolina Charlotte (UNCC) in Northeast Charlotte is more than just a place for college students. The area has grown in the last few years and become a great community to live, work and play in the University Area.

Shopping

IKEA People from all over Charlotte and the surrounding area come to [IKEA](#) to get great inexpensive furniture and household accessories. IKEA is known around the world for its unique, do-it-yourself furniture. It's a great place to get cheap furniture to furnish your whole place. Close by will find a Marshall's, Old Navy and World Market to keep the shopping going!

Trader Joe's There are several grocery stores in the University Area, but not any like [Trader Joe's](#). This unique grocery store offers products from all over the world plus everyday stuff like organic produce and dairy products. Their brand offers products without artificial ingredients, preservatives or GMOs.

Shoppes at University Place In this shopping complex you'll find clothing stores, specialty shops and home furnishings. National clothing stores like TJ Maxx, Lane Bryant and Ross plus Rackroom shoes and Dick's Sporting Goods also reside there. This shopping complex surrounds a beautiful manmade lake with a walking trail. You can find great things for your new home at Pier 1 Imports or find a new hobby at the Guitar Center.

Dining and Entertainment

Flying Saucer. 9605 N Tryon St, Ste A Charlotte NC 28262. This is the best place for the beer lover. [The Flying Saucer](#) has tons of beers on tap. You can get IPAs to Stouts to Raspberry flavored beer. Something for everyone! And they have great bar food from burgers and sandwiches to great chili and salads. There's something going on almost every night at The Flying Saucer and they cater to a younger crowd.

Firewater 8708 JW Clay Blvd Charlotte NC 28262. [Firewater](#) has a wonderful menu and wine selection. The patio overlooks a lake which creates a memorable atmosphere for a great date night. Their honey glazed salmon is amazing or try one of their great sandwiches for lunch. You can also reserve a

room for a group up to 60 for an anniversary party, business meeting or any event.

PNC Music Pavilion This is the place for outdoor concerts in Charlotte. The [PNC Music Pavilion](#), formerly the Verizon Amphitheater, hosts hundreds of concerts every year in Charlotte. All types of groups get booked from Country bands to R&B. The amphitheater is a great venue for music outside creating an open and free atmosphere.

The University Area has a lot to offer. It has a young vibe, but is still a great place to raise a family. There are parks nearby and you can visit the Botanical Gardens at UNCC for free. Real estate in the area continues to grow and many businesses, like IBM and Microsoft, have offices in the University Area. It is easy to get all your errands done without leaving the neighborhood, plus there is a variety of choices for night time fun as well.

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