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Day of Convocation: August 19

We are excited to continue the tradition of Day of Convocation for new students! Please join us for the 2019 Day of Convocation: Monday, August 19.

Day of Convocation is an effort to celebrate and welcome our new students and provide clear academic expectations and an understanding about what it means to be a 49er. The event presents the traditions of the institution, the Noble Niner Honor Code, a faculty keynote address, and a performance by the Pride of Niner Nation Marching Band.

All faculty are asked to RSVP and participate in New Student Convocation ceremony from 11am-12pm in regalia. For additional information, please visit the Student Convocation webpage.

Evening classes will begin Monday, August 19 at 5:00 p.m. and daytime classes begin on Tuesday, August 20.

Updated Policy 410, Student Appeals of Final Grades

The Chancellor recently approved revisions to UP-410, Policy & Procedure for Student Appeals of Final Course Grades, and the revised policy is posted online: [https://legal.uncc.edu/policies/up-410](https://legal.uncc.edu/policies/up-410)

Details regarding the specific revisions can be found on the Legal Affairs website.

Peet’s Coffee (Atkins Library) Survey

Peet’s Coffee at Atkins Library wants to hear from you! We are conducting a brief survey of UNC Charlotte employees to learn how we can better serve you. Completing the survey is expected to take less than five minutes of your time. Your feedback is very important to us. Please direct any questions about this survey to diningservices@uncc.edu.

Course and Curriculum Deadlines for 2020-2021 Catalogs

This is a reminder to start submitting course and curriculum proposals. The earlier you start, the more likely the proposal will reach final approval in time for publication in the next Catalog. For more information, visit Course and Curriculum Deadlines and FAQs.

- October 31: Strongly recommended deadline for ‘Course Revision’ proposals to be launched and approved by Originator via Curriculog
- December 31: Deadline for all course and curriculum proposals to be launched and approved by Originator via Curriculog
- March 2: Fall 2020 Schedule of Classes posted online
- March 23: Deadline for ‘Course Revision’ proposals to reach Banner step and receive Fall 2020 effective term
- March 30: Fall 2020 Registration begins
● April 1: Deadline for all course and curriculum proposals to be reviewed/approved by the UCCC and/or Graduate Council steps
● June 1: 2020-2021 Undergraduate Catalog released online
● June 15: 2020-2021 Graduate Catalog released online

A Note Regarding Other Timing Considerations: As you plan for curriculum changes, please be aware of other agencies outside of UNC Charlotte that will likely add time before the curriculum change can be implemented. New site locations, site closures, and new degree, certificate, joint degree, and dual degree programs may require approval from the UNC System Office, SACS, and/or the U.S. Department of Education. These notifications/approvals can take several additional months and vary by the type of curricular modification. Originators will be contacted during the curriculum review process via Curriculog if additional notifications/approvals are necessary.

UNC Charlotte Faculty Apply to Lead a Seminar with CMS Teachers

Calling all UNC Charlotte Faculty! Are you interested in sharing your expertise with Charlotte-Mecklenburg School teachers? Are you interested in helping teachers gain confidence and knowledge? Then you should submit a seminar idea to the Charlotte Teachers Institute. Submit an idea. Deadline is Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Contact CTI Director Scott Gartlan with questions.

Center for Teaching and Learning Training Opportunities

The Center for Teaching and Learning invites faculty to register for workshops to get ready for the new academic year. Numerous Canvas workshops are offered as well as a Teaching After Tragedy workshop. View the full calendar and register.

- Monday, August 12
  10:00-11:00am, Check Your Canvas Course (K221)
  1:00-1:45pm, Integrating the Library into Your Course (K221)
  2:00-3:30pm, Creating Videos in Canvas Using Kaltura (K221)

- Tuesday, August 13
  3:00-4:00pm, Check Your Canvas Course (K221)

- Wednesday, August 14
  1:30-2:30pm, Check Your Canvas Course (K221)
  2:30-3:45pm, Teaching After Tragedy (K221)

- Thursday, August 15
  3:30-4:30pm, Canvas Open Swim (K221)

- Friday, August 16
  10:00-11:00am, Canvas Open Swim (K221)
  1:00-2:00pm, Check Your Canvas Course (K221)

Adjunct Faculty are invited to apply for the Fall 2019 Adjunct Faculty Learning Community. Deadline to apply: September 10. Detailed information and application.

All faculty are invited to apply the 2019-2020 Active Learning Academy. Visit the ALA website to learn more. Apply online. Applications close on August 30, 2019.

Urban Institute Faculty Fellows Program Seeks Ways to Better Our Region

A new program designed to identify solutions for some of the pressing needs and issues facing the greater Charlotte region is getting underway this fall at the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute. For the first time, the Institute has named a cohort of Faculty Fellows to conduct research projects and work alongside local stakeholders to understand and share findings that can guide community decision-making. The program includes competitive research funding ranging from $7,500-$15,000 per project and quarterly meetings to engage with the community.

OIP Hosts Fulbright Pre-Departure East Asia and the Pacific Orientation
During the week of July 14, the Office of International Programs had the pleasure of hosting nearly 175 Fulbright grantees on campus for the Fulbright Pre-Departure Orientation: East Asia and the Pacific. The group consisted of Fulbright scholars, student researchers, and English teaching assistants, all of whom were preparing to depart for one of twelve countries across the region. Additionally, grantees were joined by embassy staff from across East Asia and the Pacific as well as representatives from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, a division of the U.S. Department of State. The grantees participated in a range of sessions and workshops including topics such as identity abroad, health and safety, research methods, and social media strategies. UNC Charlotte faculty and staff with expertise in the region led many of these sessions. The week of programming was coordinated and implemented by the Office of Intercultural and Educational Experiences, the English Language Training Institute, and the Office of Global Education and Engagement.

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**Graduate Student Orientation: August 17**

Graduate student orientation is planned for August 17, with separate sessions planned for doctoral and master's/certs/postbac students. Orientation for doctoral students will be 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Lucas Room, and master's, certificate, and post-baccalaureate students will run from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in McKnight Hall. The sessions were separated to better meet each group's unique needs. Both groups will travel to Uptown Charlotte at 3:00 p.m. via Light Rail for a reception at UNC Charlotte's Center City campus. For more information on graduate student orientation, please visit the [Center for Graduate Life's website](#).

**CONNECT Training and Early Alerts**

Numerous CONNECT training sessions are scheduled for Fall 2019. These training sessions will include Early Alert Training. Early Alerts are due for all 1XXX/2XXX courses by noon on Friday, September 13. Information on fall training for advisors and faculty for CONNECT, including the link for registration, can be found on the [Academic Advising Technology Training webpage](#). Departments may also request to schedule their own training session to be held during a departmental meeting by contacting Stephanie Westine, Advising Systems Administrator, or LeeFredrick Bowen, Director for Academic Advising Systems.

**Dissertation Defenses**

The dissertation defense is one of the ways a new scholar demonstrates readiness to join the academy and is an opportunity to share their research widely. [View All Dissertation Defense Announcements](#).

**Upcoming Events**

**This Week:**
- Aug 11-13  New International Student Orientation

**Upcoming:**  provost.uncc.edu/division-news/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events

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