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News Digest

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Day of Convocation / New Student Convocation

Day of Convocation scheduled for August 20, 2018; classes to begin at 5:00 p.m.

Welcome to a new year! To celebrate and welcome our new students, provide clear academic expectations and an understanding about what it means to be a 49er, we will hold our annual Day of Convocation on the first day of the Fall 2018 term, Monday, August 20, 2018. Following the Day 1 events, classes will begin campus-wide for all students at 5:00 p.m. on August 20. Just as a Commencement ceremony marks the completion of a course of study, Convocation celebrates a student's entry into the community of higher education. The New Student Convocation is part of the Student Success Working Group's new student induction initiatives and will include remarks from alumni and current students who will present the traditions of the institution and introduce the Noble Niner Honor Code, a faculty keynote address, and the inaugural performance of our Pride of Niner Nation Marching Band. This event will acquaint students with UNC Charlotte's academic expectations, communicate the institutional mission and values, and build camaraderie for our increasingly diverse student body. The schedule for the day can be found on the [Student Convocation website](#). Faculty are encouraged to attend; [faculty may RSVP via the online form](#).

Course and Curriculum Deadlines for 2019-2020 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](#).

- December 21: Suggested deadline for proposals launch and approval by Originator via Curriculog
- January 31: Deadline for proposals to be launched and approved by Originator via Curriculog
- March 4: Fall 2019 Schedule of Classes posted online
- April 1: Deadline for proposals to be reviewed/approved by the UCCC and/or Graduate Council step
- June 1: 2019-2020 Undergraduate Catalog released online
- June 15: 2019-2020 Graduate Catalog released online

Information Technology Services

IT Connect Workshops this month focus on Gmail, Camtasia on-screen recordings and file collaboration options. [Register today!](#)

The Graduate School

Graduate Student Orientation Arrives Saturday; New Format for Orientation

Remind your new graduate students to attend their Orientation being held Saturday, August 18. The format for [New Graduate Student Orientation](#) is changing this year. The first half of orientation (1:00-3:00 p.m.) will be on main campus in McKnight Hall where students will hear about the keys to success in graduate school and beyond. Then students will take the light rail to Center City for a [reception](#) (4:00-6:00 p.m.) which will provide them the opportunity to connect with key offices that support graduate students, providing them information about opportunities to get involved in our diverse graduate community, all while enjoying refreshments, games, music, and networking with peers.

Graduate Student Ombudsman

Dr. Bruce Taylor serves as the ombudsman for graduate students. The [Ombuds for the Graduate School](#) is a faculty member who helps graduate students and members of the Graduate School community navigate and manage conflict in a constructive way. The Ombuds is an advocate for fairness who listens to graduate students' concerns and helps students achieve a greater understanding of the problem and possible solutions, and looks for information and resources applicable to the situation.

J. Murrey Atkins Library

Salas Wins Faculty Engagement Award

Dr. Consuelo Carr Salas is the 2018 recipient of the [J. Murrey Atkins Library Faculty Engagement Award](#). Salas is an assistant professor with the University Writing Program and the Department of English. She will be honored during a Library Social and Faculty Award Ceremony on September 6, 2018, in the Library's Halton Reading Room; the event begins at 4:00 PM. UNC Charlotte faculty and staff are invited to attend the ceremony and social, which will be an opportunity for faculty to meet with librarians who can support their research, instruction and scholarship in numerous ways.

"For All The People" Exhibit and Programs

This [travelling exhibition](#) tells the lesser-known story of how movements of ordinary people helped shape the changing American health care system. It was developed and produced by the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health. On display in Atkins first floor exhibit space through September. Two programs will be held in the Halton Reading Room (1st Floor), Atkins Library.

FIX IT - HEALTHCARE AT THE TIPPING POINT

Documentary and panel discussion
Wednesday, August 29, 4:30 – 6:30 PM

PRESENTATION AND TALK BY DR. JOHN CLARKSON

From Healthcare Justice - North Carolina
Thursday, August 30, 4:30 – 6:30 PM

Learning Curriculog, the Course & Curriculum Management System

Curriculog Training Sessions for Fall 2018 have been scheduled. There are four sessions: two sessions for learning how to create proposals, one session for learning how to review/approve proposals, and one session for additional Curriculog knowledge. Please note that all four sessions take place at the beginning of the semester. To learn more about Curriculog or register for the training sessions, visit the [Course and Curriculum page](#) of the Faculty Governance website.

- **Curriculog Training - Creating Proposals**
Tuesday, August 21, 2:30 - 3:45 PM
Thursday, August 30, 2:30 - 3:45 PM
- **Curriculog Training - Reviewing & Approving Proposals**
Thursday, August 23, 2:30 - 3:45 PM
- **Curriculog Training - Additional Curriculog Knowledge**
Tuesday, August 28, 2:30 - 3:45 PM

Transfer Interest from Saudi Arabian Students Studying in Canada

As you may be aware, the Saudi Arabian Government announced on August 7, 2018, that all of their students studying in Canada should leave the country. The Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission (SACM), the primary funding agency for most of the impacted students in Canada, is working to support students in identifying new universities around the world for their students to transfer. UNC Charlotte is working to prepare a statement to share with SACM related to the graduate, undergraduate, and English language training opportunities at our institution. In most cases, any student looking at transferring at the UG or Graduate level would likely not be admissible until the Spring 2019 semester. Graduate Admissions, Undergraduate Admissions, and the English Language Training Institute are creating a landing page on their respective websites to share information/guidance. If you have questions and/or if students from Saudi Arabia contact you/your academic department please refer them as noted:

Graduate Admissions	Kathy Giddings	704.687.7263
Undergraduate Admissions	Bolu Akinyemi	704.687.7295
English Language Training	Sheryl Meyer	704.687.1661

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 13-15 [International Student Orientation](#)
Aug 16 [University Convocation](#)

NEXT

WEEK: [Day of Convocation / New Student Convocation](#)
Aug 20 [Gold Rush at the Gardens \(for Students Only\)](#)
Aug 22 [CLAS All-Faculty Meeting](#)

Aug 24

<https://provost.uncc.edu/about-academic-affairs/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events>

UPCOMING:

The [OAA News Digest](#) is distributed each Monday to Academic Affairs faculty and staff.
Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.