



News Digest

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Submit Your Course and Curriculum Proposals

This is a reminder to submit your course and curriculum proposals now. The earlier you submit, the more likely the proposal will reach final approval in time for publication in the next Catalog. We suggest submitting your proposals by December 21. Last year, proposals submitted by December were much more likely to be approved timely than proposals submitted closer to the January 31 deadline. For more information, visit [Course and Curriculum Deadlines and FAQs](#).

Course and Curriculum Deadlines for 2019-2020 Catalog:

- 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

REMINDER: Spring Bill Due Date / Optional 5-Installment Payment Plan

As a reminder, please review these upcoming changes for students' spring bills and help spread the word. More info can be found on the [Niner Central website](#).

- **The new spring bill due date for students is December 5.** (In past years, the bills for spring were due in the first week of January.)
- **New 5-installment payment plan:** We are now offering an optional payment plan that divides their amount due into five smaller payments (prior to this we only offered a 3-installment plan).
- A **\$55 setup fee** is required when they opt-in to the payment plan.
- **No down payment:** This new 5-payment plan does NOT require a 10% down payment like the old plan.
- **Action date: December 5:** By December 5, students need to either pay their balance in full, or sign up for the payment plan. At 11:59pm on December 5, their [classes will be cancelled](#) if they haven't paid their balance in full or signed up for a payment plan.

Atkins News and Activities

Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of *Little Women*

UNC Charlotte's Atkins Library and the English Department are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the publication of *Little Women* with the help of Louisa May Alcott expert Daniel Shealy. This [celebration](#) involves an exhibit of rare Louisa May Alcott publications from the library's Special Collections and University Archives.

- Thursday, November 29, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Halton Reading Room, J. Murrey Atkins Library

CLT250 at Atkins Library

Atkins Library will hold a campus-wide celebration of Charlotte's 250th Anniversary on December 3, the official date of the founding of the Queen City. From 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., participants can enter a drawing to win prizes by participating in fun activities:

- Interact with a person dressed as a Charlotte historical figure and answer a trivia question about them.
- Make a Charlotte-themed crown in the Makerspace and play trivia.
- "Mining Memories:" Make a video about your own experience in Charlotte or at UNC Charlotte in the EZ Video Studio-- it will be preserved the University Archives.
- Have a Bonnie Cone multimedia immersive experience in the VisLab.
- Take a selfie with the bust of Queen Charlotte in the Special Collections Reading Room.
- Enjoy our display about Charlotte history, and see an original letter written and signed by Queen Charlotte herself!

Author Talk: The Lumbee Indians: An American Struggle

Malinda Maynor Lowery, a Lumbee and author of "The Lumbee Indians: An American Struggle," will talk about the Lumbees' journey and struggles as a people in the first of UNC Charlotte's Center for the Study of the New South's series, "Place Matters: The Old North State in the New South."

- Tuesday, December 4, 4:00 PM, Halton Reading Room, Atkins Library ([Register](#))

Office of Undergraduate Research

Faculty Mentors Needed - 2019 Summer Research Experience

The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) is recruiting Faculty Mentors for the Charlotte Research Scholars Program and the Charlotte Community Scholars Program for the 2019 Summer Research Experience. The Summer Research Experience for both programs will be held May 28-July 26, 2019. Faculty Mentors will be paid a stipend of \$750 for their participation. The deadline for applications is December 18, 2019. If you are interested in being a Faculty Mentor, please contact Dr. Erin Banks, Assistant Dean, Office of Undergraduate Research at ebanks10@uncc.edu or by phone at 704-687-5540.

SAVE THE DATE: 2019 Undergraduate Research Conference

The 2019 Undergraduate Research Conference will be held on Friday, March 29, 2019, in the Student Activity Center (SAC) Salons. Registration for the conference opens on Friday, January 18, 2019, and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2019. Please remember to spread the word and save the date for the 2019 Undergraduate Research Conference. Please encourage your undergraduate students who are involved with research to apply for the URC. The UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) is a university-wide showcase of research projects completed by undergraduate students of all levels from all colleges and departments in the university.

Students Honored for Outstanding Theses

Matthew Gropp, MS, Earth Sciences, and Julia Signorelli, MA, English, recently received the Graduate School's Outstanding Master's Thesis Award. The Master's Thesis Award goes annually to a student nominated by faculty for the quality of their thesis work. This year's award applies to students who completed their master's degree requirements and thesis between Fall 2016 and Summer 2018. Recipients receive a plaque and cash prize. Julia Signorelli's thesis, *Of Pumpkin Spice Lattes, Hamplanets, and Fatspeak: The Venting Genre as Support and Subversion on Reddit's r/FatPeopleStories*, analyses content of this popular online venue to examine how these discussions can both support and challenge cultural norms. Matthew Gropp's *Assessing the Impact of the Nocturnal*

Transition on the Lifetime and Evolution of Supercell Thunderstorms in the Great Plains seeks to better predict how supercells, a weather system producing severe storms and possibly hail and tornadoes, will evolve by focusing on trends in environmental parameters.

2018 North Carolina Diversity and Inclusion Partners Conference

The [NC Diversity and Inclusion Partners \(NC-DIP\) 2018 Conference](#) is scheduled for December 7, 2018, at UNC Charlotte. NC-DIP includes nine universities in North Carolina. The conference is a great way to meet individuals in the field, gather new information as well as hear new research on diversity and inclusion. The plenary speaker at the conference is Dr. Johnetta Cole, an expert in diversity training. Several representatives from the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) will also present on their diversity training programs and opportunities for collaborations between diverse groups. Additional workshops on measuring cultural climate, creating a sense of belonging, and navigating cultural biases are also available.

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:

- Nov 26** [Percussion Ensemble](#)
- Nov 27** [Jazz Ensemble and Combos](#)
- Nov 28** [Closing Reception, BFA Exhibitions](#)
- Nov 28** [Philharmonia Concert](#)
- Nov 30** [Symphonic Band](#)

NEXT WEEK:

- Dec 3** [University Chorale](#)
- Dec 4** [The Lumbee Indians: An American Struggle](#)
- Dec 4** [Men's and Women's Choruses](#)
- Dec 6** [Global Learning for 21st Century Workforce Development](#)
- Dec 8** [Closing Reception, Art Of Teaching Exhibition](#)

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

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