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Spring 2020 and Session B Final Grades

Final grades for spring 2020 and session B can be submitted through My UNC Charlotte beginning April 24. Grading will be available until May 11 at Noon. For each student, select the appropriate grade from the drop-down menu. The appropriate grades are:

Standard
Undergraduate - A, B, C, D, F* or I**
Graduate - A, B, C, U* or I**
*When submitting an F or U grade, the last participation date is required.
**When submitting a grade of I, please make sure to confirm the Incomplete Extension Date by clicking submit on the confirmation page.

Pass/No Credit
Undergraduate – P (Pass) or N (No Credit) or H (Honors)
Graduate – P (Pass) or U (Unsatisfactory)

Audit
AU (Audit) or NR (No Record)

Important Reminders:
- Please assign grades as originally planned. Students will not have the ability to elect a P/N (undergraduates) or P/U (graduates) option until after the original grade has been entered.
- Students who have officially withdrawn from a course and received a grade of W or WE do not need a grade assigned.
- If a student has never attended the course (and they do not have a grade of W or WE), then enter a grade of F, U, or N from the grade drop-down menu. Additionally, please provide the date for your first day of class in Last Attend Date, along with a zero (0) in the Attend Hours.
- If the student attended but stopped participating during the term, enter a grade of F, U, or N and enter the last participatory date for the student in Last Attend Date.
- If the student attended the entire term and earned an F, U, or N grade, please enter a grade of F, U, or N and the last day of class (not exam) in Last Attend Date.
- A grade of I is assigned at your discretion when a student, who is otherwise passing, has not completed all the work in a course due to circumstances beyond their control.
- A grade of IP is only assigned for prearranged courses extending over more than one semester and is NOT to be used as a substitute for an Incomplete.
- Final grades can also be submitted to Banner using Canvas. Canvas can be accessed through My UNC Charlotte.

- Grades not submitted by the deadline will be assigned an NG grade and will require a grade change. Students will be unable to make an election for P/N or P/U until the grade is changed.

If you have questions or problems submitting grades or grade changes, please review the web grading instructions or contact Elise Mickey, Assistant Registrar, at ext. 75485. You can also find additional grading policy information here.

Archived Messages to Faculty Provide Direction During Pandemic

Faculty, advisors and academic staff are encouraged to reference the archive of messages from the Provost as they continue to support and accommodate students who are completing the spring semester during challenging circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

April 24 Deadline for CONNECT Progress Survey: Remote Learning Assessment

All faculty teaching undergraduate courses should have received a link to a CONNECT Progress Survey. Please reference the message from the Provost. Reminders will be sent to those that still need to complete the progress report. Please complete this by noon on Friday, April 24. For questions related to the CONNECT Progress Survey, please email LeeFredrick Bowen, Director for Academic Advising Systems.

Summer Courses

To support the move to a fully online summer 2020, the Banner campus code on all summer courses (first half, second half and the full-term) has been updated to "Distance Education." This campus code allows tuition and fees to be assessed appropriately at the Distance Education rates.

Changes to the Banner instructional method will be completed by April 24. The instructional method options are either internet asynchronous (no regular meetings) or internet synchronous (regular required meetings).

Summer classes start on May 18 and the summer second half term begins June 29. More information on bill payment and financial aid is available on the Niner Central website. Faculty and staff may consult the Summer School website for summer pay dates and to request any course changes.

Provost Recognizes Excellence in Teaching, Community Engagement

The Provost's Awards recognize faculty and academic units for exemplary work in teaching and community engagement. This is vital to UNC Charlotte's mission to prepare students for chosen careers and to address community needs in the Charlotte region. Congratulations to the 2019-2020 award recipients.

- *Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching*: Department of Africana Studies
- *Bonnie E. Cone Professorship in Civic Engagement*: Joanne Carman, Political Science and Public Administration
- *Bonnie E. Cone Early-Career Professorship for Teaching*: Jeanette Bennett, Psychological Science

Higher Education Master's Program Offers July 1 Application Deadline

The higher education master's program (M.Ed. in Educational Leadership) at UNC Charlotte is providing an additional application deadline (July 1, 2020) and test scores (GRE/MAT) are not required for Fall 2020 admission, given cancelation and postponement of testing dates. Our 30 credit-hour master's program includes full-time and part-time students, and prepares graduates to work in a variety of higher education administration and student affairs positions in colleges and universities. Full-time UNC Charlotte employees can use the employee tuition waiver to help cover costs. Those interested in graduate assistantships should apply as soon as possible. More information is available on the program website.

ADVANCE FADO Faculty Health and Wellness Resources

Faculty are invited to visit the Faculty Health and Wellness Resources page to access a myriad of resources which have been created for you as you navigate the extraordinary circumstances in which we currently find ourselves.

Making Remote Meetings Work: Leveraging the Surprising Science of Meetings

Steven Rogelberg shares tips for online meetings
Steven Rogelberg is offering a helpful, on-demand webinar to share tips for faculty and staff to conduct and engage more effectively in online meetings. Rogelberg is a professor of organizational science, management and psychology and

director of UNC Charlotte's Department of Organizational Science. He is the author of the best-selling book "The Surprising Science of Meetings: How You Can Lead Your Team to Peak Performance." View his tips.

Recording: Making Remote Meetings Work
This week's previously scheduled session of Making Remote Meetings Work (Tuesday, April 21, 4:00-4:30 p.m.) has been cancelled. Faculty and staff of UNC Charlotte interested in participating in the training can view a recording of the April 15, 2020, session that was offered to all of Academic Affairs.

Video Recording: Making Remote Meetings Work (requires NinerNET login)

Four Ways to Secure Web Conferences and E-meetings

Hosts of web conferences and e-meetings are reminded to take security precautions when setting up meetings. Web conferencing solutions allow faculty, staff, and students to facilitate engaging meetings from anywhere. However, they can entice prying eyes and invite audio and video takeovers. UNC Charlotte is equipped to support WebEx and Google Meets for synchronous online meetings, but hosts of any e-meeting solution should check common security settings and adjust them appropriately to help safeguard sessions. See more in "Four ways hosts can secure web conferences."

Ventureprise Launch NSF I-Corps Summer 2020 Virtual Cohort

Have an idea or research finding that the National Science Foundation may be interested in funding? Have an idea in response to COVID-19 and the current situation? Want to receive up to $5000 for your research or business idea? Apply to participate in the Summer 2020 Ventureprise Launch National Science Foundation I-Corps virtual cohort. The program provides UNC Charlotte faculty, staff and students with commercialization training and up to an initial $5000 in NSF funding. The goal of the program is to identify potential commercial uses and prepare for more substantial commercialization funding opportunities. The next stage is a six month $50,000 NSF I-Corps Teams grant. The cohort will begin May 13 (rolling applications, last day to submit is May 8). A complete schedule and application form can be found on the NSF I-Corps webpage. Contact: Principle Investigator Devin Collins (7-8058).

Office of International Programs: COVID-19 Impact and Message of Thanks

Please review the update message and statement of appreciation from Joël Gallegos, Assistant Provost for International Programs, on the importance of COVID-19.

UCAE Virtual Reading Day Review Sessions

The University Center for Academic Excellence (UCAE) will host virtual Reading Day Review Sessions for exam week. All sessions will be hosted synchronously through WebEx on April 29th and recordings will be posted online as they become available. Check the UCAE's website for course availability and scheduling updates.

Vetter is 2020 Recipient of Graduate Leadership Award

Lara Vetter, professor of English, was selected to receive this year's Thomas L. Reynolds Leadership Award for her contributions to student success and enrollment management. The award comes with $1,000, an engraved plaque and the recipient's name engraved on a perpetual trophy on display in the Graduate School. "Our Graduate Program Directors comprise faculty who not only excel in teaching and advising, but take responsibility for making graduate education grow and prosper in their program," said UNC Charlotte Associate Provost and Graduate School Dean Tom Reynolds. "This award gives us a way to highlight and acknowledge our very best leaders and their accomplishments." Read more in Graduate School news.

J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events

Film Screen with a Dean: *Paywall: The Business of Scholarship*
As part of the series, "Film Screen with a Dean," Anne Cooper Moore, dean of the J. Murrey Atkins Library, invites you to a virtual panel discussion about academic and open access publishing in response to the documentary *Paywall: The Business of Scholarship*.

- Tuesday, April 28, 3:00 - 4:00 PM (*Register*)

The film focuses on the need for open access to research and science, and questions the rationale behind the $25.2 billion a year that flows into for-profit academic publishers, examines the 35-40% profit margin associated with the top academic publisher, Elsevier, and looks at how that profit margin is often greater than some of the most profitable tech companies.

Everyone is encouraged to view Paywall for free before the virtual discussion. A panel of experts will present issues and themes of this movie and answer your questions about the academic and open access publishing landscape. Panelists include:
- ❖ Will Cross - Director, Copyright & Digital Scholarship Center, NCSU
- ❖ Rick Tankersly - Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development - UNC Charlotte
- ❖ Kate Dickson - Copyright and Licensing Librarian, UNC Charlotte
- ❖ Nerea Llamas - Associate University Librarian for Collections Strategy and Services, UNC Chapel Hill

Contribute Your COVID-19 Stories
How have the pandemic and work-from-home orders affected your life? Atkins Library Special Collections & University Archives has launched a campus-wide project to encourage UNC Charlotte students, staff, and faculty to document their personal experiences during the coronavirus outbreak for the University Archives. Contribute your stories.

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

Latest AA News

For up-to-the-minute news from Academic Affairs (faculty awards, research, recognition, initiatives), follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/UNCC_Academics) or visit the Academic Affairs Division News webpage.

Upcoming Events

This Week:
Apr-May UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events
Apr-May Diversity Events on campus
Apr 21 International Career Panel (Virtual)

Next Week:
May 1 Application Deadline: Global Gateways Housing Option

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