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Fall 2020 Enrollment Guidance for F-1 Students

In a [July 6, 2020 Broadcast Message](#), the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) communicated its long-awaited fall 2020 enrollment guidance for F-1 students. See below for summary points as of July 9, 2020. Please note that this is a rapidly evolving situation and advocacy efforts are underway.

- The International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO) interprets the broadcast message to say that since UNC Charlotte has decided to offer a combination of in-person, hybrid, and online classes for fall 2020, F-1 students will be allowed to take more than one online class and count it toward full time enrollment as long as they are also registered for a minimum of one class that is in-person or hybrid for the duration of the semester.
- If a school changes its operational stance mid-semester and as a result, F-1 students change to all online classes, the students must immediately exit the U.S. or transfer to a school that offers in-person classes.

ISSO Virtual Town Hall

- Wednesday, July 15, 2:00 PM, [WebEx \(click HERE to join\)](#)

The town hall is directed toward international students but is open to all faculty and staff who are interested in attending.

Resources: The ISSO has updated its [COVID-19 website](#) and developed a page for [faculty and advisors of international students](#), as well as a new [Fall 2020 Updates & FAQ page](#). Questions or concerns can be directed to any [ISSO Advisor or staff member](#).

Designing Effective Online Courses: An Online Workshop for UNC System Faculty and Staff

The UNC System Office had overwhelming demand (600+ faculty) who participated in the first offering of [Designing Effective Online Courses](#), an online workshop to support faculty and staff across the System in moving their courses to an online format. We are pleased to announce another session starting on July 20. Registration is now open. The workshop is free, but space is limited, and registration is required. [Learn more and register](#).

Who Should Attend: This workshop will provide faculty and staff with information, tools, and experiences that will help them to be more successful—and more comfortable—teaching online.

Because time is of the essence, the UNC System Division of Academic Affairs, and its Digital Learning Initiative, have designed this workshop to focus on the most essential topics any faculty member will need to move their courses online

quickly and effectively. The material will be aimed at instructors who have minimal proficiency leading online learning environments, but experienced instructors will also find new tips, hot topics, and useful activities.

When: The next session of this two week workshop begins on July 20. Participants can finish the work at their own pace, but they are encouraged to complete the program by July 31.

What You'll Experience:

1. An interactive, hands-on, workshop approach
2. A chance to create and build usable course assets throughout the workshop
3. The opportunity to experience online teaching best practices from the student perspective
4. A model of flexible course design that provides ample time for collaboration while also allowing participants to set their own pace

Learn More: The [syllabus](#) provides additional detail. [Visit the Digital Learning Initiative website to register.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact [Dr. Jim Ptaszynski](#), Vice President for Digital Learning.

Grad Certificates Topic of Upcoming Webinars

UNC Charlotte graduate admissions staff will host two online sessions to learn the basics about the admission process for applying to graduate certificates. A general overview of funding, fellowships, financial aid, and assistantships will be presented. Included in the session will be information on one of the newest graduate certificates, [Workplace Competencies](#). A graduate certificate provides specialized training in a particular academic and/or occupational area and can augment professional skills to help advance the career. See the range of graduate certificates on the Graduate School's [Programs web page](#).

- Wednesday, July 15, 1:00 - 2:00 PM, [WebEx](#)
- Tuesday, July 28, 12:00 - 1:00 PM, [WebEx](#)

2020 Dean's Distinguished Dissertation Award Winners

The recipients of the 2020 Dean's Distinguished Dissertation Award have been chosen: Mubin Tarannum in the category of Mathematics, Physical Sciences, and Engineering, and Torriann Dooley-Kennedy in the Social Sciences category. Only the very best research dissertations are chosen for this award, which is presented by the Graduate School to recognize outstanding research and scholarship by a doctoral student at UNC Charlotte. Tarannum and Dooley-Kennedy will receive a cash prize and a plaque, and they will represent UNC Charlotte in the CGS/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Competition. The CGS winner will receive an honorarium of \$2,000 and a certificate of citation, which will be presented at the annual meeting of the Council of Graduate Schools. Congratulations to our winners and many thanks to our judges!

J. Murrey Atkins Library News

Discover how faculty teaching online in the fall can connect with Atkins Library.

- [Adding a Librarian to Your Canvas Course](#)
- [Library Online Instruction: Active Learning Model](#)
- [Library Resources in Canvas](#)

In Memoriam: Edward S. Perzel

Edward S. Perzel, professor emeritus in the Department of History, passed away on June 16, 2020, in Bristol, Tenn. Perzel served as chair of the Department of History, president of the faculty, and associate dean of what was then called the College of Arts and Sciences. Additional information about Edward Perzel can be found on [CLAS Exchange Online](#).

Resources for Planning for Fall 2020 Reopening

Resources for planning for the Fall 2020 reopening are available on the [Office of the Provost website](#). This includes new information about faculty training and classroom technology upgrades, as well as FAQs related to course delivery. Decisions will be based on these guiding principles: to preserve the college experience, to protect the health of our students and faculty, to ensure a successful learning environment, and to minimize the reduction in overall student credit

hours. Faculty members and department chairs should coordinate course delivery and instruction plans with their associate dean.

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 during challenging circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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:

- July** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)
- July** [Diversity Events on campus](#)

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

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Send submissions to academicaffairs@uncc.edu.*