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Unsatisfactory Progress Grading Opens Today for the Fall Full Term

Unsatisfactory Progress Grading opens Monday, October 5. Select one of the two indicators below, for your course, by October 23 at noon. Either option can be selected using [My UNC Charlotte](#). Please refer to the [midterm grading instructions](#) for more information.

1. Unsatisfactory Progress

Web grading capability will be available to assign Unsatisfactory Progress grades for any students who are not performing at acceptable levels in your course. From the grade drop-down box, select the correct grade for the appropriate student. If you are unable to access your class list to assign unsatisfactory grades, please contact [Elise Mickey](#) in the Office of the Registrar. Please note that this process is only to solicit unsatisfactory progress, not a grade for all students.

If you have a student who has stopped attending or never attended class, award that student an unsatisfactory grade (*F for undergraduate level and U for graduate level*). This informs the student that he/she is currently enrolled in the class and runs the risk of an unsatisfactory final grade, provided proper procedures are not followed.

Report only students with unsatisfactory progress by using the following notations:

- Undergraduate students: record only D or F grades
- Graduate students: record only C or U grades

Last date of attendance: The last attend date is not required for midterm grades. However, it can be entered at midterm if the student has stopped attending/participating in classes. The last attend date will move to the final grading page at the end of the term. It can be edited again at final grading, if the student returns to the course. This provides an additional flag for advisors to intervene earlier in the term.

2. Courses with All Satisfactory Grades

Select "All grades for course are satisfactory for this course. No grades to report."

A revised Fall 2020 Final Exam Template has been posted on our [website](#). The updated template provides the final exam day and time for all on-campus and synchronous online courses based on class meeting time. If your final exam meeting pattern has changed, please be sure to share the updated day and time with all enrolled students. Thank you for your patience and wish you all a productive and safe semester.

Revised Early Alert Deadline

CONNECT training sessions are being offered virtually for Fall 2020. Advisors and faculty can request training using the Google form on the [Academic Advising Technology Training webpage](#). These virtual training sessions can include Early Alert training. Early Alerts are due for all 1XXX/2XXX level courses by 12:00 p.m. on **Friday, October 9**. 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.

Curriculog Has a New Look

You may have noticed the user interface of Curriculog, our course and curriculum management system, has been updated. Proposal forms and training materials located on the [Faculty Governance website](#) will shortly be updated to match this new design. [Curriculog Administrator Matt Wyse](#) can assist you with your questions. You may also [learn more from DIGARC about this new user experience](#).

Kaltura Performance Update

Kaltura, an enterprise technology for creating video and screencast presentations for viewing online, has been experiencing performance issues this month. It is recovering from a major system upgrade that has unfortunately caused slowness and access issues since the start of the semester. All Kaltura customers, UNC Charlotte and beyond, have been impacted. We have been actively engaging with the vendor around this critical need. The [Kaltura system status](#) page is available from the main [OneIT Systems dashboard](#) and provides details and updates about Kaltura performance. Faculty and students who experience problems using Kaltura should [contact the IT Service Desk to open a support ticket](#).

Universal Design: Documents and Web Access

Is your content accessible to all your readers? Is your content designed in such a way that it's inclusive of different learning styles? Making your documents and websites accessible is easier than you think! Universal Design: Documents and Web Access is a one-day, hands-on certificate program that shows you how to build content that is universally accessible. Topics include how to correctly name hyperlinks, how to provide alternate text to pictures, and how to use the best color contrast on your websites. Accessibility tips for Word, PDF, Power Point, Canvas, and websites are also covered. The program explains how to create materials that ensure access to the broadest range of individual needs. To learn more, contact [Katie Montie](#) or [Khaleel Eksheir](#).

Graduate School Virtually Honors its Fellowship Recipients

Congratulations to the 2020 Graduate Student Philanthropic Award Recipients! We are so proud of you, your academic accomplishments, as well as your dedication and commitment in attaining your advanced degrees. We also want to say thank you to the generous donors who have the vision and foresight to give selflessly of their time and treasure in order to help our graduate students be successful. Your gifts also help support research that cannot be found anywhere else in the region and bring internationally recognized faculty to instruct our students on cutting edge issues. [Tribute Video](#)

Office of International Programs News and Events



Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars: Nominations Open

[Phi Beta Delta](#) (PBD) is an international honor society open to faculty, staff and students. PBD has as its purpose the recognition of experience in the areas of international education exchange and/or international scholarship. It also serves as a means for encouraging interdisciplinary interchange and serves as a catalyst for developing a network among faculty, students, and staff involved.

Please consider nominating faculty, staff or students to PBD by using the [PBD nomination form](#), which will open Tuesday, October 6.



Virtual Study Abroad Fair

The Office of Education Abroad (OEA), a unit of the Office of International Programs, is excited to announce its first Virtual Study Abroad Fair, which will be held from Tuesday, October 13 to Thursday, October 15 via Prezi. Students will be able to learn about their program options, participate in live Zoom sessions with faculty directors and program providers, and sign up for prize drawings. [More information and the registration form](#) are available on the OEA website.

The OEA has also provided materials so academic departments and faculty can promote the fair directly to their students via a copy/paste [Canvas announcement](#), [a digital slide](#), and a [social media graphic](#). All students are encouraged to attend, and faculty and staff are welcome to virtually drop by as well to find out what the OEA has to offer!



International Graduate School Workshop: Thursday, October 15, 2020

The Young Professionals of the World Affairs Council of Charlotte and the Office of International Programs cordially invite you to join us on October 15 at 3:00 pm for a panel and discussion on graduate school. Our experts from around the world will discuss how to select an internationally-focused program, prepare a competitive application, and secure a degree abroad, as well as provide general tips for success. Please [RSVP](#) to receive the Zoom link.



International Education Week

Each November the Office of International Programs joins institutions across the United States and around the world in hosting events recognizing international students, education abroad, and internationalization. Faculty/staff and students are encouraged to submit relevant events that will occur during International Education Week for inclusion in our online calendar and in printed publications. Faculty/staff may also apply for small programming grants offered by The Office of International Programs in support of programming submissions to enrich UNC Charlotte's IEW celebration. The deadline for event submissions and funding requests is Monday, October 19 at 5:00 pm. Please contact globaleducation@unc.edu if you have any questions.

Learn More About Graduate Programs in Higher Education

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to learn more about UNC Charlotte graduate programs focused on higher education administration. For Fall 2021 admission, the first priority application deadline is January 15, 2021. UNC Charlotte faculty and staff can use the Tuition Waiver benefit. Please note that for fall 2021 admission, our programs do not require a standardized test score (submission of a GRE or MAT score is optional). Please register for our upcoming Educational Leadership Virtual Open House on Thursday, October 15, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom: <https://forms.gle/JYub95hoLydwZooN8>. The [Doctorate \(Ed.D.\) in Educational Leadership Higher Education Concentration](#) is designed for those with professional higher education experience. The [Master's \(M.Ed.\) in Higher Education](#) is geared toward those in the earlier stages of their careers, including recent graduates looking to enter the field. Please contact [Dr. Ryan Miller](#) with any questions.

UNC Charlotte to Participate in Global Entrepreneurship Week

Ventureprise is looking for faculty participants to participate in "Taking Entrepreneurship Across Campus." In celebration of Global Entrepreneurship Week (November 16-22), Ventureprise will be constructing a one week multi-collegiate guest speaker series across UNC Charlotte's campus. Student and community leaders will share their knowledge and experience with students in their classrooms about topics centered around social issues, innovation, leadership and more. This series will not only be a tool for UNC Charlotte students but will also promote the university internationally. If you are interested in participating in Global Entrepreneurship Week by inviting a guest speaker into your classroom for 20-30 minutes during the week of November 16 then we invite you to [reserve your spot](#) by October 13. For additional information or any questions, contact [Assistant Director Laura Smailes](#).

Ventureprise Launch NSF I-Corps Fall 2020 Virtual Cohort - Now Accepting Applications

Have an idea or research finding that the National Science Foundation may be interested in Funding? Want to receive up to \$5000 for your research or business idea? Apply to participate in the Fall 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. Applications are currently open. A complete schedule and application form can be found on the [NSF I-Corps webpage](#). Contact: [Devin Collins](#) or [Laura Smailes](#).

2020-2021 O. Max Gardner Award

Your assistance is requested for identifying potential faculty nominees for the 2020-2021 O. Max Gardner Award. This award is given annually by the UNC Board of Governors to “that member of the faculty of the University of North Carolina who, during the current scholastic year, has made the greatest contribution to the welfare of the human race.” Please note that nominees can be of any rank, “including instructors, engaged in teaching in any unit, institution or branch of service” in the University system. Past winners of the award include UNC Charlotte’s own Dr. Pinku Mukherjee and Dr. Diane M. Browder. [Linked here](#) is the UNC System announcement of last year’s winner, Dr. Samantha Meltzer-Brody of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Please forward the names of nominees to the [Nominations, Honors, and Awards Committee Assistant](#) at before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. Include in your nomination the individual’s name, rank, and department/unit. Also, please provide a description of this individual’s specific contribution(s) or achievement(s), and their impact on others.

2020 Phi Kappa Phi “The Love of Reading Book and Supply Drive”

The UNC Charlotte chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi has partnered again with Kappa Delta Pi to share our “Love of Reading” with a fall book drive through the month of October. Our goal is to support 52 classrooms in both Niner University Elementary and Reedy Creek Elementary with books and supplemental school supplies. The donated books will be added to classroom libraries for students and teachers to read for years to come. The supplemental school supplies will allow these classrooms to offer materials to every student in support of their learning. We hope that you will consider helping to support these schools with us. Please use the links below to access their wish lists:

[Reedy Creek Elementary](#)
[Niner University Elementary](#)

After you select items from the wish list, you will be able to send them directly to the school during the checkout phase. In the Shipping Section, select the school in your “Other Addresses,” then continue to your payment screens. Please review the [Phi Kappa Phi website](#) for further information.

Center for Teaching and Learning - Planning Your Online Exams

Best Practices

- [Grading and Testing Teaching Guide](#)
- [Academic Integrity & Virtual Learning](#): pre-recorded webinar
- [Teaching Online Resources / Online Assessments](#): a curated list of resources for online teaching and learning

CTL Workshops

- Canvas Quizzing (Creating Exams in Canvas)
Thursday, October 8, 2:30 - 3:30 PM ([Register](#))
Tuesday, October 13, 10:00 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))
- Canvas Assignments and Gradebook
Wednesday, October 14, 1:30 - 2:30 PM ([Register](#))
- Converting Paper Tests to Canvas Quizzing
Thursday, October 15, 1:30 - 2:30 PM ([Register](#))

Proctoring for Online Exams (Content provided by Respondus Monitor)

- [Online Exam Proctoring Service Overview](#) (Respondus Proctoring)
- [Webinars](#): Sign up for a workshop led by Respondus Monitor
- [Resources for Instructors](#): Quick Start Guide, Syllabus Language, Technical Requirements, Informational Video to Share with Students, and more

Virtual Panel on Sustainable Development

On October 27 from 4:00-5:30 p.m., please join a free virtual panel titled "Sustainable Development" to discuss designing resilient cities in the face of pandemics and climate change. The panel is sponsored in part by the Department of Geography and Earth Sciences. Panel participants include: Taiwo Jaiyeoba, Planning Director, City of Charlotte; Brad Bartholomew, CEO, Odell; Liz McCormick, Assistant Professor, UNC Charlotte College of Arts + Architecture; Brook Muller, Dean, UNC Charlotte College of Arts + Architecture; and Shannon Binns, Founder/Executive Director, Sustain Charlotte. Clean Air Carolina board member and Odell architect Allison Shockley will moderate the panel. [More information and free event registration.](#)

CAPS Workshop: Supporting Students in Managing Election-Related Stress

CAPS will be hosting a workshop for faculty and staff focused on supporting students in managing election-related stress. Given the intensity surrounding the November 2020 election season, we anticipate it will have an impact on the stress and mental health of our student community. This 60-minute virtual workshop hosted by CAPS shares practical ways faculty and staff can support student mental health both pre-election as well as post-election. Learn ways to address the impact of politics without being "political", as well as respond to student mental health concerns as they arise. For questions or to get more information about the workshop, reach out to EricaLennon@uncc.edu.

- Thursday, October 22, 2:30 - 3:30 PM ([Register](#))

Please note that this workshop is also available to graduate students who are employed as a TA and/or GA who supervises other students. Interested graduate students should complete [this form](#) to register.

A Conversation with Tamika Mallory

IEE and NSFS are excited to announce that we have a virtual speaker "attending" campus to speak with the UNC Charlotte community. We are bringing Tamika Mallory for "A Conversation with Tamika Mallory". She is a nationally recognized organizer and the co-founder of Until Freedom where she has led efforts to fight for justice for Atatiana Jefferson, George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, along with other victims of police violence and oppression. Additionally she was the co-president of the Women's March. This event is free to attend.

- Wednesday, October 7, 5:30 PM, Zoom ([Register](#) by Tuesday, October 6 at noon)

Resources for Instructors Teaching During Fall 2020

Resources for instructors teaching during Fall 2020 are available on the [Office of the Provost website](#). This includes suggested syllabus policies, how to handle student absences during COVID, a list of faculty mentors for remote instruction advice, Q&A from the General Faculty meeting and other helpful resources.

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:

- Oct-Dec** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)
- Oct-Dec** [Diversity events](#)
- Oct 5-7** [Distribution of Welcome Back Kits to Students](#) (volunteer opportunity)
- Oct 5** [Designing Effective Online Courses](#) (online workshop)
- Oct 6** [Election 2020: How to Verify What You Read, See, and Hear Online](#) (virtual)
- Oct 8** [Common Reading Author Visit: Dashka Slater \(The 57 Bus\)](#)
- Oct 8-9** [Fall Career & Internship Fair](#) (virtual)
- Oct 9** [Lecture: Architect Chris Cornelius](#)

Next Week:

Oct 13 [W+GRA Panel: Breast Cancer Research and Women's Health](#) (virtual)

Oct 16 [Data Science in the Fight for Civil Liberties](#) (webinar)

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

The [DAA News Digest](#) is distributed each Monday to Academic Affairs faculty and staff.

Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.

Send submissions to academicaffairs@uncc.edu.