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Summer 2021 Schedule Now Viewable

The Summer 2021 schedule is now [viewable](#). Registration begins on April 5. Over 11,000 students will move one step closer to graduation by enrolling in a UNC Charlotte summer course in Summer 2021. Students may [submit a course request](#) for courses not on the summer schedule.

Tips for Navigating Challenges in Online Instruction and Student Academic Integrity

During the pandemic, faculty have had to shift their teaching methods and corresponding classroom policies and practices while navigating new challenges around student academic integrity in an online teaching environment. In this training, the panelists will provide tips related to online instruction and effective policies and practices that balance the use of classroom control technology (such as video monitoring, lockdown browsers, and Canvas) with student challenges in access to technology, learning tools, and online communication. Panelists will provide a refresher on the [Code of Student Academic Integrity](#), including an overview of [prohibited academic conduct](#), and how it is applied during this unique time of online instruction. Particular focus will be on providing clear and practical tools to assist faculty in avoiding potential academic misconduct issues and in determining when it is appropriate to take advantage of the formal Academic Integrity process.

- Thursday, January 14, 12:00 - 1:00 PM, [RSVP](#)
(The Zoom link will be provided to registrants after they RSVP.)

Personally Speaking Features Falling Felines and Fundamental Physics

Why do falling cats always land on their feet? The question has long intrigued humans. Discover in this Personally Speaking talk how the solution stumped brilliant minds and how it helped solve other seemingly impossible puzzles. Dr. Gregory Gbur is a cat parent. He also is a physicist who specializes in the study of classical coherence theory in optical physics and a professor in the Department of Physics and Optical Science in UNC Charlotte's College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. While the conversation will be virtual, it will be interactive. [Register here](#) by 5 p.m. Friday, February 19. The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences will send registrants a link to join the talk; a recording of the talk will also be shared on YouTube later. Learn more about the series on the [College's website](#), and see the first two events of the season on the [College's YouTube channel](#).

OUR Summer 2021 Undergraduate Research Experience

The Office of Undergraduate Research is gearing up for the summer research program. Applications will open on Wednesday, January 13, and will close on Sunday, January 31, 2021. To apply for the summer program and to read about Faculty Projects for the 2021 Summer Research Program, visit the [OUR Summer Research Program](#) and click on [See Project Description](#).

Office of International Programs News and Resources

Spring 2021 International Student Enrollment Guidance

The Office of International Programs has summarized the spring 2021 enrollment requirements for both new and continuing F-1 international students in the [Spring 2021 enrollment requirements chart](#). The International Student and Scholar Office provided additional information to continuing students at a December 18 town hall to address concerns specific for this population, such as continuing on-campus employment and taking a leave of absence. See the [PowerPoint Slides](#) or the [Video Recording](#) of the December 18 town hall.

Cultural Ambassador Student Panels Available to Faculty/Staff

The Office of International Programs' International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO) is pleased to offer Cultural Ambassador panel presentations to staff members for meetings or trainings and to faculty whose course content could be enhanced by hearing the perspectives of current international students. The [Cultural Ambassador Program](#) conducts international student panel presentations with a member of the ISSO staff as facilitator. Interested faculty or staff should complete the online [Cultural Ambassador Program request form](#). All spring panels (with presentations offered from February 24 to April 14) will be conducted virtually. The online request deadline is Wednesday, January 27. Contact intlisso@uncc.edu with any questions.

W+GRA January Panel and March Summit

The Women + Girls Research Alliance (W+GRA) invites you to attend a January 12 Research and Practice panel that will focus on "Girls, Technology, and Social Determinants of Health". Sonja Gantt of the CMS Foundation will moderate the discussion and the panelists will include Dr. Cortney Harris of Junior Achievement of the Carolinas, Dr. Kami Anderson of Bilingual Black Babies, and Dr. Frank D. Barnes from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. [Registration and additional information](#).

Registration is now open for W+GRA's 2021 Summit, Recovery and Discovery: Women and Girls in a Dual Pandemic. The Summit will take place online on March 10 and run from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. The event overview and registration link are available on the [Summit webpage](#). A detailed schedule with panelist information and Zoom session times will be available soon.

J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events

Semester Start Hours and Information

Atkins Library building will be closed until January 19, 2021. The library will be closed Monday, January 18, in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Beginning January 19, our hours will be: Monday - Thursday 8:00 am until 9:00 pm, Friday 8:00 am until 7:00 pm, Saturday 11:00 am until 5:00 pm, Sunday 1:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Chat and other virtual services are available while the library building is closed. [Complete information](#).

Licensing and Funding for Open Access

Atkins Library is hosting a webinar on January 15 at 12:00 pm with the Center for Teaching and Learning about using and creating openly licensed resources in publishing and teaching, including finding and sharing Creative Commons-licensed materials. The webinar will cover topics such as interpreting and negotiating author agreements to make publications as open as possible and using grants to fund the costs associated with open access publishing. [Register](#).

Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Analyses

The Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Analyses program targets experienced educators, counselors, and other professionals who seek to deepen their statistical skills for improving educational outcomes. For detailed information on admissions, visit the [Graduate Admissions](#) or [Educational Leadership](#) webpages. Contact: [Xi Xia Newton](#)

Who should apply?

- Current graduate students earning their master's or doctorate can use elective hours to complete the certificate.
- Current faculty and staff with an interest to refresh or add to their current quantitative analysis skills.
- Potential Ph.D. students who have earned a master's degree in an education-related field can first earn the doctoral level certificate and apply all 12 credits to the ERME PhD program.

Ventureprise Launch NSF I-Corps Spring 2021 Virtual Cohort Now Accepting Applications

Join 300+ UNC Charlotte Faculty and Students that have already completed the Ventureprise Launch program. Receive up to \$5000 for your research or business idea. Apply to participate in the Spring 2021 Ventureprise Launch National Science Foundation I-Corps Virtual Cohort. The program provides UNC Charlotte faculty, staff and students with commercialization training and new NSF funding. Program is designed for you to work at your own pace with interview and funding goals. We have designed this virtual cohort with a tiered approach, launching on February 10. The goal of the program is to identify potential commercial uses for technology and research. The next stage is a six month \$50,000 NSF I-Corps Teams grant. Applications are currently open and are reviewed as they are submitted. More information and the application form can be found on the [NSF I-Corps webpage](#). Additional questions, contact [Devin Collins](#) or [Laura Smailes](#).

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops and Resources

[Design Your Online Course Workshop - January 13](#)

[Canvas Spring 2021 Template Makes It Easy to Organize Your Online Course](#)

[Get Inspiration for Your Online Courses from Exemplar Courses and TOP Teachers](#)

[Essential Resources for Preparing Your Spring Courses](#)

In Memoriam: Dr. John Lincourt

Emeritus Professor of Philosophy John Lincourt passed away on December 14 at age 79. Professor Lincourt taught at UNC Charlotte for 33 years until his retirement in 2006. Among the many highlights of his distinguished career, he was selected as the second Bonnie E. Cone Distinguished Professor for Teaching in 1994. He was also the founding Director of the Center for Professional and Applied Ethics in 1996, and served in that role until 2002. During his tenure as Director, he was instrumental in establishing one of its signature events, the Barnhardt Seminar on Business Ethics. Professor Lincourt was also involved in numerous local and state initiatives involving ethics in health care settings including hospitals, professional organizations, and public venues. [Memorial notice and remembrance book](#).

Faculty Toolkit for Teaching During the Pandemic

Resources for faculty and staff teaching and advising during the 2020-21 academic year are available on the [Office of the Provost website](#). This includes the new grading exception policy, FAQs, suggested syllabus policies, how to handle student absences during COVID, a list of faculty mentors for remote instruction advice, resources from the Center of Teaching and Learning 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:

Jan-Feb [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)

Jan-Feb [Diversity events](#)

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

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