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Unsatisfactory Progress Grading for Spring Term Opens Feb. 19

Unsatisfactory Progress Grading for the full Spring Term opens Friday, February 19. Submit unsatisfactory grades for your course(s) by March 12 at noon. If there are no unsatisfactory grades to report, please select “All grades for course are satisfactory” using [My UNC Charlotte](#). Please refer to the [midterm grading instructions](#) for more information.

Community Talk to Discuss “The Faces of Poverty in North Carolina”

Join Gene R. Nichol, the Boyd Tinsley Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, in conversation on his book, *The Faces of Poverty in North Carolina: Stories From Our Invisible Citizens* during the Feb. 25 webinar. “As a Matter of Fact: Conversations with UNC Press Authors.” This series facilitates virtual conversations with a UNC Press author, a UNC Charlotte faculty member and a community leader about issues impacting our communities. Byron P. White, Associate Provost for Urban Research and Community Engagement at UNC Charlotte, and Brian Collier, will join this conversation. [Register now](#).

Virtual Memorial Service for Dr. Shawn Long

The UNC Charlotte community is invited to join Kennesaw State University on Tuesday, February 16 at 4:00 p.m. for a [virtual memorial service](#) for former College of Liberal Arts & Sciences faculty member and administrator Shawn Long, who passed away on January 14. For those who cannot attend, CLAS will share a link to a recording once it is available. Before joining KSU in July 2019 as dean of what is now the Norman J. Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences, [Long served UNC Charlotte and CLAS](#) for almost two decades.

Call for Nominations for 2021-2022 Faculty Governance Positions

Faculty Members, nominate yourself or another qualified faculty member for any of the open positions. [Details: Position openings, committee descriptions, nomination deadline, contact email, and more.](#)

General Education Redesign 2021-2022

The General Education Redesign Task Force has started its work. You can find information and updates on the [General Education Redesign webpage](#). While the Task Force will provide formal venues for feedback during the next few semesters, it also invites ongoing feedback via the website. Thanks to all who participated in Town Halls and who offered thoughts and nominations on the Parameters Group website. The Task Force continues to welcome input and ideas.

BRIDGES Information Session

The BRIDGES Academic Leadership Program offers UNC Charlotte women faculty and staff the opportunity to develop and strengthen their leadership skills, knowledge, and networking in order to be successful change agents in their communities. Attend the session on February 22 to learn about this unique leadership program and to hear from past BRIDGES participants. This reception will also give you an opportunity to meet and network with other university women. Additional information about the BRIDGES program can be found at bridges.uncc.edu.

- Monday, February 22, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, via Zoom (see details and link on [BRIDGES site](#))

“Talking Policy in the Queen City” Symposium

Former Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator [Brock Long](#) will headline UNC Charlotte's third annual “[Talking Policy in the Queen City](#)” symposium Wednesday, February 24, 12:00-1:15 p.m. EST via livestream. The event, hosted by the UNC Charlotte [Public Policy Ph.D. Program](#) and the [Gerald G. Fox Master of Public Administration Program](#), in partnership with the [UNC Charlotte Urban Institute](#), calls attention to national, state and local policy insights and perspectives and how they affect citizens and organizations in Charlotte and beyond. This year's discussion with Long focuses on how organizations can improve their cultural preparedness and emergency management systems. [Registration](#) is required.

Master's Students Seeking Part-Time Positions for 2021-22

The master's program focusing on higher education (M.Ed. in Educational Leadership) is currently admitting students for Fall 2021. Interest in the program has increased and many admitted students wish to attend full-time and work part-time on campus in roles that will give them hands-on experience in higher education administration and student advising/support/success work, broadly defined (i.e., positions formerly classified as graduate assistantships and now classified as student temporary employees). If your office anticipates searching/hiring for such positions to start in Fall 2021, in addition to posting on Hire-a-Niner, you are invited to send your position announcement to program director Dr. Ryan Miller at ryanmiller@uncc.edu so the posting can be shared directly with admitted students.

Office of International Programs News and Events

Black and Abroad: Q & A Sessions with Black UNC Charlotte Study Abroad Alumni

In recognition of Black History Month, the Office of International Programs asks that faculty share with their students this opportunity to join Black study abroad alumni on Tuesday, February 16, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. or Friday, February 19, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Register for one or both [virtual panel discussions](#) to hear about the unique experiences Black UNC Charlotte students have had while overseas and develop a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities students of color may face while living and studying in another country.

Call for Nominations: Upcoming International Women's Day Celebration

The Office of International Programs (OIP) is pleased to invite the campus community to join in its annual celebration of International Women's Day (IWD). IWD is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks an inclusive call to action for accelerating gender parity. OIP recognizes that our campus community is filled with local and diverse women who embody the richness of internationalism and we are proud to recognize these individuals for their contributions to UNC Charlotte, the Charlotte community, and the world. OIP's IWD virtual celebration will be held on Thursday, March 11, 3:30-4:30 pm. Our celebration includes recognition of campus women who demonstrate an interest in gender equity through their studies, work, activism, etc. while also working in or advocating for international collaboration and understanding. We invite you to nominate deserving candidates. For more information and nomination instructions, please visit the [IWD website](#). The deadline for nominations is March 1.

Marian Beane Crossing Borders Writing Competition Opens

Each spring the Office of International Programs (OIP) and its English Language Training Institute (ELTI) sponsor the Marian Beane Crossing Borders Writing Competition, an internationally themed annual writing contest for UNC Charlotte students. The competition is named in honor of a long-serving OIP staff member and staunch advocate for the UNC Charlotte international community. Please encourage students to submit entries by the submission deadline of March 15. The theme of the competition is "Different culture. Different me. How has your international experience affected your perspective of the world?" The competition is open to both graduate, undergraduate and ELTI students and carries monetary awards for top submissions. For more information see the [Marian Beane Crossing Borders website](#).

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops and Resources

CTL Workshops

- Kaltura Quickstart, February 16, 10:00 - 11:00 AM, [Register](#)

- Teaching with Poll Everywhere, February 17, 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM, [Register](#)
- Using Gradescope for STEM Assessments, February 18, 2:30 - 3:30 PM, [Register](#)

Peek into an Exemplary Course

Faculty are invited to peek into exemplary online courses in a variety of disciplines. Get ideas for how to organize your course and engage students! [Take a peek!](#)

CONNECT Training and Early Alerts

CONNECT training sessions will be offered virtually for Spring 2021. Advisors and faculty can request a 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 p.m. on Friday, February 19. 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.

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 grade election procedure for Spring 2021, related 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:

- Feb-May** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)
- Feb-May** [Diversity events](#)
- Feb 16** [Virtual Memorial Service for Shawn Long](#)
- Feb 16** [Black and Abroad Virtual Panel Discussion](#)
- Feb 19** [Black and Abroad Virtual Panel Discussion](#)

Next Week:

- Feb 22** [BRIDGES Info Session](#)
- Feb 23** [Personally Speaking with Gregory Gbur and Falling Felines and Fundamental Physics](#)
- Feb 24** ["Talking Policy in the Queen City" Symposium](#)
- Feb 25** [Community Talk: "The Faces of Poverty"](#)

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. To have items included in the digest, complete the [NEWS DIGEST REQUEST FORM](#). Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.