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Virtual Town Hall on International Student Enrollment Requirements

The Office of International Programs is hosting a virtual town hall on Wednesday, May 19, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Fall 2021 enrollment requirements for continuing F-1 international students. Advance [sign up](#) is required. The town hall will address concerns specific for this population, such as continuing on-campus employment, taking a leave of absence, and international travel challenges. Faculty and staff who engage with international students are welcome to attend or view the presentation slides, which [will be posted](#) after the event.

Office of OneIT Updates

Respondus Monitor is still available FY21-22

JUST FYI: Respondus Monitor will remain available for students at no cost in the 2021-22 academic year. Several units have received faculty questions on the matter. See [Respondus Monitor FAQs](#).

FACULTY: Need Maple software?

Do you plan to use the mathematical software Maple in upcoming courses? If your course will require Maple, please contact Brandon.DeLeeuw@unc.edu ASAP.

May 22 IT Outage Planned

Banner, NinerNET password & Duo management are among the University IT services that will be affected during a planned outage from 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 22. [See more](#).

Banner Student Request Process Change

On Monday, May 24, the process for requesting Banner Student access will change for UNC Charlotte employees: (1) Supervisors will be responsible for submitting these requests on behalf of their employees; (2) The webform on the [Enrollment Technologies](#) site will be replaced with a Google Form which will capture the same information. No disruptions are expected in the processing of these requests, but we wanted to alert everyone to these changes. For questions or more information, please contact enrolltech@unc.edu.

Training: A Primer on Political Activities

Join the Office of Legal Affairs for a refresher on how UNC Charlotte faculty and staff, and the institution, may engage in political activities. First, this session will review how, as a public institution, UNC Charlotte is restricted from engaging in certain political activities -- but not others. Second, they will discuss how employees must balance their university employment obligations with the rights they retain to freely express their views on any subject, including those of a political nature -- and what that practically means for our employees. Presented by Brad Trahan, Assistant General Counsel.

- Wednesday, May 26, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, via Zoom* ([RSVP](#))
**Registrants will receive the Zoom link via email prior to the presentation.*

Supplemental Tutoring Available This Summer

The UCAE is offering free tutoring to newly admitted and returning undergraduate students interested in getting a refresher on a past course or a head start for their Fall 2021 classes. Tutoring for students enrolled in summer classes is also available. Refer students to ucae.uncc.edu/tutoring for details.

Career Competency Institute Recognized as a Best Faculty Program

The University Career Center (UCC) won Best Faculty Program for its Career Competency Institute project at the 2021 EY Global Career Services Summit. UCC piloted the [Career Competency Institute](#) in May 2020 with five departments from the [College of Liberal Arts & Sciences](#) to partner on the integration of [career competencies](#) into their academic courses in order to support students in their overall skill development. The goal is to increase the visibility of career competencies already found in current course activities and existing curricula. [Learn more](#) about this program.

Provost's Awards Recognize Outstanding Faculty and Academic Units

The Provost's Office recently held a virtual award ceremony for 2020 Provost's Awards recipients. The [awards](#) recognize faculty and academic units for exemplary work in the areas of teaching and community engagement.

Niner Research to Undergo Major Upgrade

Niner Research, UNC Charlotte's new integrated electronic research administration (eRA) system for managing research and research compliance activities, will undergo a major upgrade on June 9. During this time, none of the modules will be available. If you have proposals to route and submit with deadlines between June 9-11, please consider getting them ready for submission to the sponsor no later than June 8 so we can be sure your proposal will be submitted. Additional information about the upgrade is available at <https://research.uncc.edu/niner-research>.

Reshaping Global Learning

As a result of the global pandemic, international travel for students has been suspended since spring 2020. Despite physical barriers, the University continues to offer opportunities for students to be globally engaged – but in a virtual model. In the latest episode of Charlotte Business Buzz, the Belk College's podcast series, Victor Chen, Associate professor of International Management in the Belk College, and Adriana Medina, associate professor in the Cato College of Education, discuss courses they've piloted through the Office of International Programs' Globally Networked Learning or GNL. [Link to podcast](#).

Ahad, Turner Receive Top Graduate Fellowships

Dewan Mohammed Abdul Ahad, Ph.D. Electrical Engineering, and Dylan Turner, Ph.D. Geography, each have been awarded the Wayland H. Cato Jr. First-Year Doctoral Fellowship which provides \$18,500 plus tuition and insurance beginning in the fall. Recipients of the Cato Award, one of 13 Graduate School donor funded fellowships, also receive tuition and health insurance benefits offered through the Graduate Assistant Support Plan in the second through fifth years, and a graduate assistantship offered through their program. Read more at the [Graduate School](#).

J. Murrey Atkins Library News and Events

Videos: Fact-Checking COVID-19 Misinformation

Atkins' Digital Media Literacy Group and Dr. Erin Godley-Reynolds have created a set of videos on fact-checking Covid-19 vaccination information.

- [Fact Checking COVID-19 Misinformation \(Part 1 of 2\)](#)
- [Fact Checking COVID-19 Misinformation \(Part 2 of 2\)](#)

Library Hours Through May

Please note: UNC Charlotte ID is required for entry after 5:00 pm M-F and on weekends. See [all library hours](#).

Intersession 1

- Monday, May 17 to Friday, May 21: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Monday, May 24 to Thursday, May 27: 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Memorial Day Weekend
- Friday, May 28 and Monday, May 31: 8:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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:

May-July [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)

May-July [Diversity events](#)

Next Week:

May 26 [UNC Charlotte Economic Forecast](#)

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.*