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Flu Vaccine Attestation Deadline November 15

The University is requiring a [flu vaccine attestation](#) from all employees and students. The attestation deadline is November 15. Failure to complete the form by the deadline will result in the suspension of NinerNET credentials. Everyone who completes the form will be entered into a drawing for a variety of prizes. Any questions can be directed to emergency@uncc.edu.

While the University is not requiring the flu vaccine for employees and students, the University does strongly encourage everyone to receive the vaccine if medically able to do so. Influenza (flu) is a serious respiratory disease that kills an average of 36,000 persons and hospitalizes more than 200,000 persons in the United States each year. Vaccination helps reduce the chances of contracting the virus and significantly lessens symptoms if you do. The influenza vaccine does not prevent COVID-19, but it does help lessen the demands on the healthcare system and the confusion between the two illnesses since they have similar symptoms. All UNC Charlotte students and employees are offered the flu vaccine at no out-of-pocket cost with most major insurance coverage.

International Education Week: November 15-19

The Office of International Programs, in collaboration with the Department of Languages and Culture Studies, the Department of Dance, the Iranian Student Organization, and other cross-campus partners, is excited to present the UNC Charlotte International Education Week (IEW) 2021 from November 15-19. We invite you to participate in a host of activities, virtual events, and workshops designed to promote cultural awareness as well as to highlight the many international opportunities available to our campus community. You are cordially invited to join us on Friday, November 19, 12 p.m., at Norm's in the Popp Martin Student Union to view a dance video, in collaboration with the Triveni Indian Student Association, as a prelude to the 45th annual International Festival scheduled to take place in the fall of 2022. Please visit the IEW [calendar](#) for more information and a complete listing of offerings.

2021 State of Housing in Charlotte Summit Happening Wednesday

The summit, in its third year, will open with a presentation on the 2021 "State of Housing in Charlotte Report" by Dr. Yongqiang Chu, director of the Childress Klein Center for Real Estate. An industry panel discussion featuring topics related to the report will follow. "The 2021 State of Housing in Charlotte Report," which will be released during the summit, includes a comprehensive inventory of the current housing stock, an analysis of housing affordability across all income levels, and a high-level comparison of the Charlotte regional housing market. The report, part of a multi-year CKCRE research project first announced in 2019, provides a comprehensive look at owner-occupied, rental and subsidized housing in the eight-county Charlotte region: Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln and Union counties in North Carolina, and Lancaster and York counties in South Carolina. [More info](#). [Register](#) today.

Transdisciplinary Talk on the Magic of Visual Perception

We are often reminded of our visual system's limitations and the surprising behaviors that result from visual miscues that exploit misjudgments in size, distance, depth, color, and brightness. Explore this concept with Florida Atlantic University's Oge Marques, Ph.D., Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Electrical Engineering, on November 17, 5:00 p.m. at a transdisciplinary talk, [Can You Trust What You See? The Magic of Visual Perception](#). Marques is hosted by the UNC Charlotte Chapter of Sigma XI.

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

Getting Started with Active Teaching and Learning

Active learning requires students to be engaged in their learning rather than being passive listeners. To enhance learning, students must speak, write, think deeply, and collaborate with others about the content and concepts presented in class. This workshop provides an introduction to active teaching and active learning strategies that can be used during class. This workshop counts towards the Essentials of Teaching and Learning Certificate.

- Wednesday, November 17, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM, via Zoom ([Register](#))

Reimagining Learning Materials

This interactive workshop examines the types of learning materials used in courses. It addresses the use of alternative learning materials vs traditional academic learning materials as well as how the utilization of non-traditional materials may extend before, during and after class meetings. Application of strategies will be discussed within the context of different learning levels and course types. Facilitated by: Pilar Zuber (Public Health Sciences) and Deborah Beete (Public Health Sciences).

- Monday, November 22, 12:00 - 1:00 PM, via Zoom ([Register](#))

Fulbright Scholar Program Information Session for Faculty

Explore the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program for opportunities to advance knowledge, redefine teaching, and bring international perspectives and experience back to UNC Charlotte and the community. Each year, the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program provides approximately 800 grants in more than 130 countries to support teaching and research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields. Join Assistant Provost for International Programs Joël Gallegos, UNC Charlotte's Fulbright Scholar liaison, for an overview of the program and discussion of Charlotte's long history of Fulbright participation on Friday, November 19, 2-3 p.m. Register at international@uncc.edu for the virtual drop-in session.

Call for Faculty Projects to Paper Chase Program

A Collaborative Writing Model for Disseminating Research Rapidly

Are you a faculty member looking to increase your research publication productivity? Do you have research data waiting to be published? Are you willing to mentor UNC Charlotte students on their research and writing skills? The Paper Chase program, sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Research, is intended to train students and faculty on an effective method to communicate research results. Visit the [OUR webpage](#) for more information. Deadline for applications is November 20, 2021.

Honors Course Proposals - New Deadline and Compensation Plan

The Honors College is restructuring its compensation practices for the 2022-23 academic year and will provide either a buyout to departments or a stipend for faculty, depending on whether the honors course would be in load (whereby a buyout will go to the college, to be distributed to the department) or overload (whereby a stipend will be paid directly to the faculty member). To apply to teach a course for Honors during 2022-23, please do so [here](#) by November 30. If you have any questions, please contact [Peter Thorsheim](#), Professor of History and Honors Faculty Fellow.

Canvas Releases New Quizzes

Canvas has released "New Quizzes," an extensive update to the Classic Quizzes functionality that faculty currently use. New Quizzes will be available beginning December 21 so faculty can become familiar and begin using the new tool before Canvas permanently switches to New Quizzes by the end of December 2022. For enhancement details and a checklist for faculty, see this [link](#). For FAQs see this [link](#).

eGA Upgrade Planned

The electronic graduate assistantship system, eGA, is getting an upgrade. The system is used to hire over 1,800 graduate students as RAs and TAs each semester. The user experience in the new eGA has been greatly improved and will remind users of the eGPS and Academic Petition systems. The target go-live date is February 7. The current eGA system will be taken out of service February 5 to migrate data to the new and improved eGA system. The Graduate School will schedule training sessions as the go-live date draws near.

Faculty Council News

Please visit the Faculty Governance website for the latest news from the Faculty Council including:

- [Meeting Schedules](#)
- [Agendas/Minutes](#)
- [Latest News](#)

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](#) or visit the [Academic Affairs Division News webpage](#).

Upcoming Events

This Week:

- Nov-Dec** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)
- Nov-Dec** [Diversity events](#)
- Nov 15** [Flu Vaccine Attestation Deadline](#)
- Nov 16** [The 57 Bus Virtual Discussion](#)
- Nov 17** [Charlotte Race and Social Equity 2021 Fall Forum](#)
- Nov 18** [2021 Schul Forum: Moving the Needle in Charlotte and Beyond](#)

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

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*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.*