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Faculty FAQs for Remote Start to Spring Semester

As stated in the [December 31 Niner Notice](#), it has become necessary for the University to adjust plans for the start of the spring semester due to COVID-19 cases continuing to climb at record levels, and the more transmissible omicron variant becoming increasingly more prevalent. Classes will begin as scheduled on Monday, Jan. 10, but all undergraduate and graduate classes will be delivered virtually until Monday, Jan. 24. These [FAQs](#) provide guidance during this period.

Resources for Moving Classes to Remote Instruction

Campus Instructional Continuity Resources for Faculty:

- Canvas: [Canvas support](#) is available 24/7
- Zoom: How-to resources can be found in the [Teaching with Zoom FAQs](#)
- OneIT Service Desk: <https://help.charlotte.edu/>

[CTL Instructional Continuity Resources:](#)

- CTL Teaching Guide: [Designing for Flexible Teaching](#)
- CTL workshops:
 - [Self-Paced Starting with a Fresh Canvas](#)
 - [Self-Paced Teaching with Zoom](#)
 - [Full workshop calendar](#)
- Peer Mentors: Faculty from most colleges have volunteered to serve as peer mentors to assist with issues related to the pivot to remote teaching. Find someone from your college on the [College-Based Faculty Mentors list](#).

More information is available at the [Center for Teaching and Learning](#).

Belk College, Atkins Library Partner to Tell College's Rich History

Memories of eleven Belk College of Business emeritus and retired faculty are now archived permanently through a new [series of multimedia living history videos](#), a pilot project created in partnership between the Belk College and the J. Murrey Atkins Library. The videos are available through Goldmine, the online repository for the Atkins Library's Special Collections and University Archives. Participants represent more than 386 years of combined service to UNC Charlotte and include five Bank of America Teaching Excellence honorees or finalists.

Student Photos To Be Added to Canvas As Part of Know Me Project

Beginning January 4, 2022, student ID photos will be visible on Canvas profiles. This will aid instructors and classmates to make better connections. In addition to student profile pages, student photos also will be visible to instructors in their class roster under the People tab in Canvas. [Learn more](#).

Gradescope Workshops

In Fall 2021, more than 100 UNC Charlotte instructors and TAs used Gradescope to deliver and grade their exams/assignments, save time grading, and provide consistent and targeted feedback to students. An online workshop will show how to get started with [Gradescope](#). In the workshop, you will learn how to:

- Set up and deliver paper-based (handwritten) or online assessments
- Save time grading individually or with TAs
- Use AI-assisted grading and answer grouping
- Maintain consistency with grading using Gradescope's dynamic rubrics
- Analyze question- and rubric-level statistics and use tags to measure student learning
- Use Gradescope via Canvas LTI

Instructors are welcome to invite their TAs and grading staff. A recording of the session will be available afterwards to those who register.

- Tuesday, January 4, 1:00 - 2:00 PM ([Register](#))
- Thursday, January 6, 10:00 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))

Search for Graduate School Faculty Fellow

The Graduate School is seeking candidates for a Faculty Fellow to serve as a part-time member of the Graduate School Senior Staff. The Faculty Fellow's role spans a variety of activities in the Office of the Dean and may be assigned specific projects in graduate education that match the education, experience and talent of the Faculty Fellow. For more information and to apply, please download the [Graduate School Faculty Fellow](#) position description.

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

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