



News Digest

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Mid-Semester Grade Report

The Office of the Registrar requests that mid-semester grade reports be submitted by **12:00 PM on October 6**. Please refer to the midterm grading instructions [here](#).

Unsatisfactory Progress - Web grading capability is available for faculty to assign Unsatisfactory Progress grades for all students. If, for any reason, you are unable to access your class list to assign unsatisfactory grades, please contact Elise Mickey in the Registrar's Office at ext. 7-5485. Please note that this process is only to solicit unsatisfactory progress, not a grade for all students.

Courses with All Satisfactory Grades - Faculty are also asked to report if all grades are satisfactory in the course in addition to submitting unsatisfactory grades.

Charlotte Unrest: One Year Later

Numerous [events](#) are scheduled to reflect on last year's shooting of Keith Lamont Scott. UNC Charlotte Faculty will gather from 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 21 (CHHS 161) to discuss setting the stage for challenging conversations, providing best practices for strategies and providing tools to support these conversations in the classroom.

[Read more >>](#)

DegreeWorks Available to Undergrad Students

While DegreeWorks has been available to graduate students for a year, it has now been rolled out to undergraduate students who were admitted in Fall 2014 or later. DegreeWorks is the degree audit tool that allows students and their advisors to view progress toward a degree, based on students' declared curriculum in Banner. The Office of the Registrar has used the Undergraduate Catalog and worked with faculty and staff to set up requirements so students

can use the tool 24/7 to view their progress. We encourage students to use this tool in conjunction with advising to monitor academic progress. Access to DegreeWorks is available in My UNC Charlotte. DegreeWorks [FAQs online](#).

Under Construction . . . Niner Central

Wondering about the renovations in Cone Center, where the candy counter used to be? Not only are we tearing down physical walls, we're also tearing down barriers for student services. In that space, we will open a brand new office, called Niner Central. This office was created as part of the Chancellor's "One University" plan, in an effort to streamline student services. For student questions and service about student records, student billing, or financial aid, students will no longer have to bounce between three different offices - they will go to one location for their answers. The cross-trained Niner Central team will respond to questions via email, phone and walk-in. The office is scheduled to open in late November.

Faculty Council Meeting

The first Faculty Council meeting of academic year 2017-2018 will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2017, 12:30 - 1:45 p.m. in Cameron 101. The [agenda and meeting materials](#) are available on the Faculty Governance website as well as the [meeting schedule](#) for the year. This is an open meeting.

Library Events

Visualization Lab Open House

Introducing [Atkins' Visualization Lab](#)! Join us for an open house event. Play with virtual reality through the HTC Vive. Get ideas for collaboration, research uses, or just play with the technology. All faculty, staff, and students are welcome! Refreshments provided.

- Wednesday, September 20, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Atkins 244

Hamaker Retirement Reception

Charles "Chuck" Hamaker is retiring from J. Murrey Atkins Library after nearly 20 years at UNC Charlotte. Join us to recognize Chuck's stellar career and celebrate his transition to emeritus status at a reception in his honor.

- Friday, September 29, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, Halton Reading Room ([Register](#))

Speakers / Presentations



Personally Speaking: Are We What We Eat?

Southerners love to talk about food; food supplies a common fuel to launch discussion and helps cross lines of race, class, gender and region. In her book *CONSUMING IDENTITY: The Role of Food in Redefining the South*, Ashli Quisenberry Stokes explores messages food sends about who we are, how we see ourselves, and how we see others in a Southern culture that loves to eat, share, and talk. Hear about her book and "the story behind the story" at [Personally Speaking](#).

- Tuesday, September 26, 6:30 PM, UNC Charlotte Center City ([Register](#))

Acclaimed film about famed urbanist and author Jane Jacobs

Join the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute for a showing of the documentary *Citizen Jane: Battle for the City*. A panel discussion will follow the film. The event is free, but registration is required. Sponsored in partnership with the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

- Thursday, September 28, 6:30 PM, UNC Charlotte Center City ([Register](#))

[Read more >>](#)



Self-plagiarism: Being Sustainable in Your Academic Writing

Duke University's [Dr. Cary Moskowitz](#) is a researcher on self-plagiarism and higher education writing pedagogy. He visits UNC Charlotte October 3rd and will talk about his expertise to faculty, postdocs and doctoral students. UNC Charlotte faculty are invited to this lunchtime talk to learn more. Doctoral students and postdocs are also encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served and brown bags lunches are welcome.

- Tuesday, October 3, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, CGL (Cone 268)

[Read more >>](#)

Upcoming Training Opportunities

DegreeWorks Is Available!

DegreeWorks will become more visible to students this week as the communications roll-out begins. There are still two open sessions for faculty and staff that will provide an overview of DegreeWorks and answer questions about the new degree evaluation system.

- Tuesday, September 19, 1:00 PM, Woodward 244 ([Register](#))
- Thursday, September 21, 9:00 AM, Colvard 2006 ([Register](#))

Teaching with Poll Everywhere

This workshop will introduce faculty/staff to Poll Everywhere, and how to use the student response software in classrooms and other learning spaces.

- Tuesday, September 19, 9:30 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))

Are Students Really Watching My Videos?

Learn how to find viewing statistics for your videos in Canvas and learn some best practices for making videos that your students will watch. Sam Eneman, Instructional Technology Specialist in the Center for Teaching & Learning, will lead the session.

- Wednesday, September 20, 12:30 - 1:00 PM ([Register](#))

Intermediate Access Class

The Office of Continuing Education is offering a two half-day Intermediate Access class. To enroll please call our office at 704-687-8900. The cost is \$175 per person. Payment can be made via p-card.

- Tuesday, November 7, and Thursday, November 9, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM each day, CHHS 370

High School Youth Chorale

This semester, the Department of Music is offering a new, free choral experience for high school students -- the UNC Charlotte Youth Chorale. The Chorale will meet on Mondays, 5:00-6:15 p.m., at UNC Charlotte Center City. Area high school students are invited to participate in this experience. The chorale will be conducted/taught by Fred Spano with assistance from music education majors. The first rehearsal will be September 18, 2017. For more information, please visit the Department of Music's [High School Youth Chorale webpage](#).

Staff Council Fall Festival

The UNC Charlotte Staff Council invites you to attend the [Annual Staff Fall Festival](#). This free event includes food, games, contests, vendor displays, and more.

- Tuesday, October 10, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM, SAC

Office of International Programs



#YouAreWelcomeHere International Coffee Hour: Part of the City of Charlotte Welcoming Week Events

For the past several years, UNC Charlotte has participated in the national "["Welcoming America"](#) program designed to celebrate the richness gained from our diverse community. Native and transplant US Charlotteans, as well as refugees and immigrants, are all welcome in our wonderful city and University! The Welcoming Week programs are designed to raise awareness of the many cultures within our community and celebrate our inclusivity. All UNC Charlotte community members are welcome to join for conversation and games at the [#YouAreWelcomeHere International Coffee Hour](#).

- Thursday, September 21, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

No rsvp required. Come-and-go as you please.

Questions: international@uncc.edu.

International Festival: Performance and Parade of Nations Application Deadline Extended

The registration for performances and Parade of Nations for the International Festival has been extended until **Friday, September 22, 5:00 p.m.** Eligible Participants include persons or groups who will represent their country or culture. Commercial and political groups are not eligible. UNC Charlotte is committed to having as many countries as possible represented during the International Festival; therefore, if multiple groups request to represent the same country, they will be connected with each other and encouraged to find ways to collaborate.



Phi Beta Delta Global Perspective Series: Service Learning and Community Partnerships in Short-term Study Abroad Programs: Lessons Learned

The popularity of short-term, faculty-led programs at UNC Charlotte continues to grow, presently representing 46% of the study abroad options selected by students for their overseas academic experience. Join us to learn about the lessons learned by the 2016 International Education Faculty Awardee, Dr. Scott Fitzgerald, who will highlight the design, initial implementation, and ongoing conduct of two faculty-led study abroad programs in England and El Salvador.

- Tuesday, September 26, 12:00 - 1:30 PM, CHHS 128 ([Register](#))

MPA Info Sessions

Are you interested in a leadership career in the government or nonprofit sectors? The Master of Public Administration (MPA) program at UNC Charlotte offers a nationally accredited professional degree program that has placed over 600 alumni in jobs in a wide range of agencies in Charlotte, Raleigh, Washington, D.C. and beyond. We welcome graduates from all undergraduate degrees and offer evening classes at the main campus and Center City for both full-time students and working professionals. We also offer an "early entry" program for undergraduate students so they can begin taking MPA classes while completing their bachelor's degree. Please drop by to meet faculty and current students to learn more about how an MPA can be a springboard to an exciting management career! View our [website](#) for more details.

- Tuesday, September 19, 12:00 - 2:00 PM, Fretwell, Fourth Floor
- Wednesday, September 20, 4:00 - 7:00 PM, Fretwell, Fourth Floor

- Wednesday, September 27, 5:00 - 7:00 PM, Center City Building Lobby

NC Honors Association Conference

The Honors College will host the North Carolina Honors Association Conference (NCHA) on Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30, 2017. The theme for the conference is "[Crossing Borders and Building Bridges](#)". Featured activities will include undergraduate research presentations and posters, City as Text™ in uptown Charlotte, a welcome dinner, a transfer summit, honors research awards with cash prizes, and more! See the conference [website](#) to learn more.

Upcoming Events

THIS WEEK:

- Sep 18 [Faculty & Friends Concert: Mira Frisch, Anna Cromwell, and Lisa Nelson](#)
- Sep 20 [Constitution Day: Drones and the 4th Amendment](#)
- Sep 20 [Annual Bertha Maxwell Roddey Distinguished Africana Lecture](#)
- Sep 21 [Global Learning in a Time of Increased Xenophobia and Extreme Nationalism](#)
- Sep 21 [International Coffee Hour: A city of Charlotte Welcoming Week Event](#)
- Sep 21 [The Story of the Charlotte Girl: Economic Mobility](#)
- Sep 21 [International Speaker Series: Dr. Bernard Weinstein, Global Energy Expert](#)

THIS MONTH:

- [Phi Beta Delta Global Perspective Series](#)
- Sep 26 [Personally Speaking Looks At How We Are What We Eat](#)
- Sep 26 [Artist/activist Kate Evans on Threads: From the Refugee Crisis](#)
- Sep 27 [Fall Study Abroad Fair](#)
- Sep 27 [Baltimore](#) (Theater)
- Sep 27-Oct 1 [Margaret Hu: Algorithmic Jim Crow](#)
- Sep 28 [GESP Application Deadline](#)
- Sep 29 [On Location](#) (Architecture)
- Sep 29 [North Carolina Honors Association \(NCHA\) Conference](#)
- Sep 29-30 [Fall Workshops & Classes in the Botanical Gardens](#)
- Sep-Oct <https://provost.uncc.edu/news/2017-09-18/upcoming-events>

UPCOMING:

*The OAA News Digest is distributed each Monday to Academic Affairs Faculty and Staff.
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