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Policy Change: Major/Minor GPA

The following revision to the [Baccalaureate Degree Requirements](#) policy was approved by the Faculty Council on March 14, 2019. Please refer to the revised language in red. This is applicable for all undergraduate students effective Fall 2019.

GRADE POINT AVERAGES

To graduate, a student must be in good academic standing and have earned a grade point average of at least 2.0 and a grade point average of at least 2.0 in the major and in any minor. Some programs require a higher grade point average. **The major/minor grade point average is calculated using only courses which satisfy the major/minor requirements. Courses must have been successfully completed and credit earned (subject to the University's [repeat policy](#)).** Specific requirements for degrees and programs are presented under the college and departmental sections of the Undergraduate Catalog.

Updates will be made to DegreeWorks and completed prior to the start of the Fall 2019 term. The Office of the Registrar will work with academic departments as necessary for Spring and Summer 2019 graduation clearance.

Global Perspective Series: Promoting Global Education Through Film

Promoting Global Education Through Film with Dr. Michèle Bissière

Now in its seventh year, the International Film Festival (IFF), organized by the Department of Languages and Culture Studies and language clubs, provides students with opportunities to expand their worldview by attending and discussing a wide variety of international films. Dr. Michèle Bissière, the founder and coordinator of the annual IFF, will talk about the history of the festival, mention some of its highlights (including opportunities for student engagement), and share plans for the future. Participants will be invited to provide feedback and new ideas to take the festival to the next level.

- Thursday, April 4, 2019, 3:00 - 5:00 PM, CHHS 207 ([RSVP by March 29](#))

14th Annual International Women's Day Celebration



The UNC Charlotte campus community has celebrated [International Women's Day](#) since 2006. This annual event includes historical information and recognition of the 2019 honorees and a presentation by keynote speaker H.E. Audrey Marks, the Jamaican Ambassador to the United States, on Women's Economic Empowerment: A Benefit For All. The event is co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs, the Office of Identity, Equity, and Engagement, and the World Affairs Council of Charlotte. The event is open to the campus community.

- Thursday, March 28, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, Student Union Multipurpose Room 340 ([Register](#))

Hidden No More: STEM Women of Color

Historically, women of color have faced considerable challenges pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Join us to hear from six women who, despite these challenges, have made significant contributions to their fields and are pushing society forward. Ann Vaughan Hammond and Peggy Vaughan, daughter and daughter-in-law of

Dorothy Vaughan, Langley Research Center's first African American manager; Dr. Jamila Simpson, Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the College of Sciences at N.C. State University; Dr. Stephani Page, Molecular Physiologist at Duke Molecular Physiology Institute; Dr. Banita Brown, Associate Dean for Academic and Student Success at UNC Charlotte; and Crystal Harden, Director of Programs and Strategic Initiatives at Morehead Planetarium and Science Center, will participate in a panel discussion on leadership and diversity in STEM education.

- Thursday, March 28, 4:30 PM, McKnight Auditorium

SPIDUR Faculty Fellow Call for Participation

The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) at UNC Charlotte is seeking a full-time faculty member to serve as the Faculty Fellow for the Summer Program to Increase Diversity in Undergraduate Research Program. The stipend for this position is \$8000. This position will begin in August 2019.

The Summer Program to Increase Diversity in Undergraduate Research (SPIDUR) program is administered out of the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR). The SPIDUR program is focused on recruiting high achieving students from underrepresented groups and/or first-generation students, or students with disabilities from around the country to participate in an 8-week summer research program. Students receive one-on-one, faculty-guided research training, and participate in weekly professional development sessions to better prepare them for graduate school and a future research career. The program culminates in a Summer Research Symposium.

The OUR is seeking candidates with experience mentoring undergraduate students and knowledge about research training programs for undergraduate students.

Faculty Fellow Roles/Responsibilities:

- Assist in recruiting students and faculty for the program. Please note: This may involve travel to recruit students.
- Be actively engaged during 8-week summer program
- Serve as point of contact for SPIDUR faculty mentors
- Serve as point of contact for student participants
- Serve as the liaison between the SPIDUR program and The Office for Undergraduate Research
- Work with the OUR to implement programming for summer research experiences
- Organize SPIDUR Selection Committee
- Review SPIDUR faculty mentors and student applications
- Participate in the OUR Faculty Fellow Advisory Committee planning meetings that are held during the academic year

To apply for this position please submit a letter of application, a current CV, and an endorsement from your chair to [Dr. Erin Banks](#) by Friday, April 12, 2019.

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](#)

Upcoming Events

This Week:

- Mar 26** [Personally Speaking with Bryn Chancellor](#)
- Mar 27** [CLAS Online Course Design / Quality Matters Workshop and Open Swim](#)
- Mar 28** [Hidden No More: STEM Women of Color](#)
- Mar 28** [14th Annual International Women's Day Celebration](#)
- Mar 29** [Application deadline for the American Council on Germany DZ BANK Fellowships on Transatlantic Business and Finance](#)
- Mar 30** [2019 Center City Literary Festival](#)
- Mar 30** [Advanced Botany](#)

Next Week:

- Apr 4** [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Apr 5-6** [Latin American Environments: Approaches from the Sciences and the Humanities](#)
- Apr 6** [Explore UNC Charlotte](#)
- Apr 6** [Wildflower Identification](#)

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

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