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Niner Research Outage

Niner Research will be unavailable for a brief period shortly after 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 20 for security-related updates. Service will resume later that evening following the update. If you have questions, please contact ninerresearch@uncc.edu. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Last Call to Submit Course and Curriculum Proposals for 2022-2023 Catalogs

December 31 is the deadline for course and curriculum proposals. Please get your proposals submitted. After this date it becomes far less likely that newly submitted proposals will reach final approval in time for publication in the next catalog. Only timely course and program proposals will be included. For more information, visit [Course and Curriculum Deadlines](#) and/or contact facultygovernance@uncc.edu.

J. Murrey Atkins Library Updates and Closures**Interlibrary Loan Changes**

On January 4, 2022, the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Department will return to two policies that have been suspended since March 2019 due to the pandemic. In 2022, users must return interlibrary loan materials at Atkins Library's Information and Research Desk only (rather than at campus book drops). Charging late fees for overdue materials and recalled items also will resume.

Library Winter Break Schedule

- Hight Library: Books can still be checked out from Storrs, but patrons must select "Atkins Library" for pick up. Architecture Library book pick ups in Storrs Hall will resume again on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, when Hight reopens.
- Atkins Library will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 23, and will remain closed until Tuesday, January 4.
- Special Collections and University Archives will be closed December 24 through January 3 and will be open by appointment only December 20-23 and January 4-7. [Contact SCUA](#) for more information or to schedule an appointment.
- The Interlibrary Loan office will be closed for winter break beginning December 24 through January 3. They will begin accepting and processing requests again on January 4, 2022.

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.

Graduate Mentor Award and Scholars Award Recipients Named

[Dr. Jean-Claude Thill](#), Department of Geography and Earth Sciences, was awarded the 2022 First Citizens Bank Scholars Medal. Since 1988, this award has recognized a senior full-time faculty member for outstanding scholarship, research or other creative activity.

The 2022 Harshini V. de Silva Graduate Mentor Award goes to [Dr. Adam Reitzel](#), Department of Biological Sciences. Established in memory of the noted professor of biology, the de Silva award recognizes a full-time member of the graduate faculty who evinces outstanding graduate mentoring.

Ceremonies honoring the two award winners will be scheduled in the spring semester, presided over by the Chancellor, Provost, and other University officers. Read more about graduate faculty awards on the [Graduate School website](#).

Niner Career Challenge Winner Awarded

The University Career Center hosted the Niner Career Challenge during the fall semester, allowing students a chance to win free tuition and fees for the spring semester. The event offered a variety of services, programs, and activities to help students plan for career readiness and engage in services and events that help them prepare and connect for their future. Students had to participate in a minimum of five career services to earn entry into the challenge, and there were many students participating in over 20-30 activities between August 30 and November 30. The University Career Center is excited to announce that Jemina Soerman was the Grand Prize Winner of \$3,500 provided by employer sponsor Flexcare Medical Staffing; Flexcare Medical Staffing also provided \$50 gift card prizes to students for monthly challenge contests.

Faculty Council News

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

- Additional raise opportunities announced. [See details.](#)
- The Faculty approved the expansion of the Faculty Executive Committee. [See details.](#)
- [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](#).

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Deadline for submission is 11:00 a.m. every Friday.*