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REMINDER: No Tests or Assignments Due for Undergraduates January 19-21

Instructors of undergraduate classes are reminded that there should be no assignments due or tests administered January 19-21. This is necessary to accommodate undergraduate students who are moving into residence halls during this time. Residence hall move-in was delayed due to the University moving all instruction online for the first two weeks of spring semester. Faculty also should excuse the absence of any undergraduate students who must miss class January 19-21. Housing and Residence Life will provide verification as necessary. [More information.](#)

Spring 2022 Payment Due Date

The second payment due date for the spring term is Wednesday, January 19. Students who have an account balance are encouraged to pay their account balance or enroll in a payment plan by the due date to avoid class cancellation.

Paper Chase Program Now Accepting Student Applications

Are you interested in working with a research team to publish a manuscript? If so, please visit [Paper Chase Project: Information and Application](#) to learn about a program offered in Spring 2022. Student applications are due January 24.

DegreeWorks - A New Makeover for 2022

A more modern look of [DegreeWorks](#) is coming to you on February 15. The new [DegreeWorks](#) will display degree progress within an interface that's mobile-friendly, less-crowded, and mapped with intuitive visual cues. If you have any questions or would like to begin using the new interface, email degreworks@unc.edu or visit the [DegreeWorks website](#).

Training Sessions

- [Tuesday, January 25, 10:00 AM](#)
- [Wednesday, January 26, 2:30 PM](#)
- [Monday, January 31, 10:00 AM](#)
- [Thursday, February 3, 2:30 PM](#)
- [Tuesday, February 8, 2:30 PM](#)
- [Friday, February 11, 10:00 AM](#)
- [Monday, February 14, 2:30 PM](#)
- [Wednesday, February 23, 10:00 AM](#)

OUR Summer 2022 Undergraduate Research Experience

The Office of Undergraduate Research is gearing up for the summer research program. Applications will close Monday, January 31. To apply for the summer program and to read about Faculty Projects for the 2022 Summer Research Program, visit [OUR Summer Research Program](#).

Attend Virtual Info Session for Higher Education Master's and Doctoral Programs

The UNC Charlotte master's and doctoral programs focusing on higher education will host virtual information sessions Thursday, January 27, 4:00 p.m., and Wednesday, February 16, 12:00 p.m. Eligible faculty and staff can use the tuition waiver benefit for courses. Part-time and full-time enrollment options are available; the final admissions application deadline for fall 2022 admission is March 1. [Register for an info session](#). Direct questions to [Dr. Ryan Miller](#).

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops and Resources

SUPPORT FOR TEACHING

[Remote Teaching Tips: A Quick Start Guide](#) for faculty this semester.

[Faculty Peer Mentors for the Online Pivot](#)

Faculty from most colleges have volunteered to serve as a peer mentor to assist with issues related to the pivot to remote teaching. Find someone from your college on the College-Based Faculty Mentors list. If you would like to serve as a peer mentor, email ctl@uncc.edu to have your name added to the list.

LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES WORKSHOPS

Teaching with Poll Everywhere

Encourage student engagement in online, blended, and face-to-face instruction through a variety of activity types that let you visualize student feedback in real time, like open-ended Q&As, multiple choice, and word clouds.

- Wednesday, January 19, 10:00 - 11:00 AM ([Register](#))

Instructional Video Part 1: My Media/Kaltura Basics

If you would like to enhance your Canvas courses with video but have never used My Media and Kaltura, this workshop is for you!

- Thursday, January 20, 1:00 - 2:00 PM ([Register](#))

CONVENIENT SELF-PACED TRAINING

- [Self-Paced Teaching with Zoom](#)
- [Self-Paced Starting with a Fresh Canvas](#)
- [Self-Paced Online Video Foundations](#)
- [Self-Paced Online Teaching Foundations](#)

Ventureprise Launch NSF I-Corps Spring 2022 Virtual Cohort: Applications Due February 5

Receive up to \$5,000 for your research or business idea. Join 300+ UNC Charlotte faculty and students that have already completed the Ventureprise Launch NSF I-Corps program. Apply to participate in the Spring 2022 Ventureprise Launch National Science Foundation I-Corps Virtual Cohort. The program provides UNC Charlotte faculty, staff and students with commercialization training and new NSF funding. The program is designed for participants to work at their own pace with interview and funding goals. This virtual cohort has been designed with a tiered approach, launching with an Intro Workshop on February 8. The goal of the program is to identify potential commercial uses for technology and research. The next stage is a six-month \$50,000 NSF I-Corps Teams grant. Applications are currently open and are reviewed as they are submitted, closing February 5. More information and the application form can be found on the [NSF I-Corps webpage](#). For additional questions, contact [Devin Collins](#) or [Laura Smailes](#). [Full application](#).

Personally Speaking Event Examines the Erasure of Blackness

"There are no Blacks here. They disappeared." Black erasure continues to shape and mold anti-blackness. Argentinians offer an interesting example of anti-blackness because, in contrast with other Latin American countries that embrace a more mixed heritage, they take pride in their European roots. UNC Charlotte Department of History faculty member Erika Denise Edwards contends that Black women—concubines, wives, mothers, and daughters—are instrumental in

understanding the construction of race in Argentina. She argues that these women strategically escaped the stigma of their blackness by recategorizing their racial identities as "white." Edwards delves into the intimate lives of Black women, tracing the origins of the popular mischaracterization of a "black disappearance" and demonstrating how these women shaped their own destinies. Read more about this and additional talks on the [Personally Speaking website](#).

- Tuesday, February 8, 7:00 PM [Join the Conversation](#)

Researchers: Publish Open Access for Free

Through a new agreement with Wiley Publishing, researchers at UNC Charlotte can now publish open access at no cost and choose from 1,400+ hybrid journals to be the home for their next research and review articles. Wiley reports that articles published open access consistently receive a larger readership, a higher number of citations, and a higher Altmetric score than articles which are not open access. Visit [Wiley Author Services](#) to find out more about how you can benefit from this agreement. If you have questions, feel free to contact [Liz Siler](#), Associate Dean for Collection Services.

Student Photos Now on Canvas as Part of Know Me Project

Student ID photos are now visible on Canvas profiles. This aids instructors and classmates to make better connections. In addition to student profile pages, student photos also are visible to instructors in their class roster under the People tab in Canvas. [Learn how to change a photo in Canvas](#).

CONNECT Training and Early Alerts

CONNECT training sessions are offered virtually for Spring 2022. Advisors and faculty can request training using the Google form on the [Academic Advising Technology Training webpage](#). These virtual training sessions can include Early Alert training. Early Alerts are due for all 1XXX/2XXX level courses by 12:00 p.m. Friday, February 4. Departments may also request to schedule their own training session to be held during a departmental meeting by contacting [Stephanie Westine](#), Advising Systems Administrator, or [LeeFredrick Bowen](#), Director for Academic Advising Systems.

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](#).

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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.