



Office of Academic Affairs

News Digest

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Degree Name Change

The Office of Academic Affairs would like to announce the following name change, effective Fall Term 2017:

PREVIOUS NAME: Ph.D. Geography and Urban Regional Analysis
NEW NAME: Ph.D. Geography

This change was endorsed by the Faculty Council on April 20, 2017, and approved by UNC General Administration on May 2, 2017. Please note this in your records and make the applicable changes where necessary.

Charlotte Observer Digital Archives

Charlotte Observer Digital Archives now available through Atkins

Take a trip into the past and rediscover the city where you live, work and learn! Atkins Library now has access and ownership of the Charlotte Observer Digital Archives from 1892-present. The digital archives are hosted on [Newsbank's Access World News](#) platform, and can be searched across the entire span of the paper using keyword or targeted searching with the advanced search options. The pages of the newspaper have been scanned and can be downloaded as a PDF so users can see the pages as they were originally published.

[Read more >>](#)

New Employee Welcome Video Launched from ITS



Are you a new employee to UNC Charlotte? Or maybe you've been here a while and want to review what technology is available? See this brief new [video!](#)

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops

Teaching with Poll Everywhere

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

- Wednesday, May 10, 10:30 AM -- 12:00 PM ([Register](#))

- Monday, May 15, 10:30 AM -- 12:00 PM ([Register](#))

Finalizing Your Canvas Gradebook

In this workshop, you will explore the necessary steps to set up your Assignments and Gradebook so that the Canvas grades are the correct final grades for your export to Banner.

- Wednesday, May 10, 11:00 AM -- 12:30 PM ([Register](#))

Making the Move to Canvas

This two-hour, hands-on intensive workshop provides you with the perfect jumpstart to transition to Canvas.

- Monday, May 15, 2:00 -- 4:00 PM ([Register](#))

Legal Affairs Training

"But I Posted It on My Personal Page!": Limits to Free Speech for Faculty and Staff in the Social Media Age

In this era of robust social and political discussions, faculty and staff often share their perspectives online. This session will review the basic principles of free speech rights for faculty and staff, including what questions to ask oneself (such as "Am I wearing my university employee hat when I post this?"). We'll also discuss what university policies are implicated by online postings as well as recent cases at other universities that put free speech principles to the test.

- Wednesday, May 24, 9:00 -- 10:15 am, CHHS 147; RSVP to MelanieWhite@uncc.edu

Office of International Programs

Study Abroad Program Proposal Deadlines

The Office of Education Abroad is pleased to announce that program proposals for spring break and summer 2018 are now available online. Please visit our website, [Proposing a Short Term Education Abroad Program](#), for an overview of the new process and to begin your proposal. Contact [Whitney Strickler](#) with questions.

Spring Break Program Proposal Deadlines

New programs: 6/1/17

Existing programs: 6/15/17

Summer Program Proposal Deadlines

New programs: 7/1/17

Existing programs: 7/15/17



New Global Certificate Program - Fall 2017

The Office of International Programs (OIP) is pleased to announce the soft launch of the new Global Certificate Program (GCP) in conjunction with the Department of Global Studies in Fall 2017. The mission of the GCP is to offer academic and co-curricular opportunities to strengthen students' global awareness and understanding. The GCP is designed to allow students from any major to participate, offering a curriculum element that meets the needs of students from all academic disciplines, including those who have limited flexibility in their academic programs to engage in more traditional international activities. For more information, contact the [Office of Global Education and Engagement](#).

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

- May 8-June 3** [Study Abroad Photo Exhibit](#)
- May 9** [International Student Graduation Reception](#)
- July 13** [International Coffee Hour](#)
- Oct 14** [42nd Annual International Festival](#)

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