



Office of Academic Affairs

## News Digest

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### Spring 2018 Final Exam Information

Please help reduce scheduling conflicts during the exam period by informing your students of your scheduled exam day and time at the beginning of the semester. If possible, include exam information in your syllabi. The University's policy regarding final exams states that a departure from the published schedule may be made only with the consent of every student in the class and communicated to the Office of the Registrar.

Exam Schedule: The Spring Final Exam Schedule Template can be viewed on our [website](#). A detailed final exam schedule, noting exam location, will be made available mid-term.

Instructional Time Standards: To meet the minimum standards of instructional time in our academic calendar, classes must meet during the scheduled final exam session. The final exam period is counted toward the minimum minutes of instructional time required to earn academic credit for the course. If a final examination is not given during the published final exam period, then it must be administered prior to the last week of class. The final examination period can then be used for oral presentations, for discussion, lecture, or other appropriate academic functions.

Reading Day: Reading Day is to guarantee that students have one day between scheduled classes and the first final examination day. Per the Academic Calendar policy, faculty must not require student participation in any course-related activities on Reading Day.

Policies: Please refer to the [Academic Calendar policy](#) and [University Policy 202, Final Examinations](#) for more info.

### Course and Curriculum Deadlines for 2018-2019 Catalogs

As a reminder, below are the established deadlines for course and curriculum proposals. It's never too early to start thinking about the future. Start planning course and curriculum changes for 2018-2019 in [Curriculog](#) today.

- January 31: Deadline for proposals to be launched AND approved by the Originator via [Curriculog](#)
- April 1: Deadline for all course and curriculum proposals to be reviewed/approved by the Undergraduate Course & Curriculum Committee (UCCC) and/or Graduate Council
- June 1: 2018-2019 Undergraduate Catalog released online
- June 15: 2018-2019 Graduate Catalog released online

## 2018 Undergraduate Research Conference

Save the date for the [2018 Undergraduate Research Conference](#): Friday, April 20, 2018, Student Activity Center.

- Registration opens: Monday, February 12, 2018
- Registration closes: Friday, March 16, 2018, 5:00 PM

Please encourage your undergraduate students who are involved with research to apply for the URC. The UNC Charlotte Undergraduate Research Conference (URC) is a university-wide showcase of research projects completed by undergraduate students of all levels from all colleges and departments in the university. The URC is sponsored by Academic Affairs, the Atkins Library, Charlotte Research Institute, the Honors College, and the Levine Scholars program.

## CONNECT Training and Early Alerts

Numerous CONNECT training sessions are scheduled for Spring 2018. These training sessions will include Early Alert Training. Early Alerts are due for designated courses by noon on Friday, February 2. Information on spring training for advisors and faculty for CONNECT, including the link for registration, can be found on the [Academic Advising Technology Training webpage](#). Departments may also request to schedule their own training session to be held during a departmental meeting by contacting [LeeFredrick Bowen](#), Director for Academic Advising Systems.

## Center for Teaching and Learning

### UNC Charlotte Quality Matters Resources

This session will provide a walkthrough of our Quality Matters Resource Site and Quality Matters Course Template, both available to you within Canvas. Enoch Park and Lynn Wahl, Center for Teaching and Learning, will lead the session.

- Tuesday, January 9, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ([Register](#))

### WebEx: Leading a Class

In this workshop, you'll learn how to lead interactive classes, use tools like desktop sharing, whiteboard, polls and breakout rooms, and record class sessions. Nate Trick, Center for Teaching and Learning, will lead you on this adventure.

- Tuesday, January 9, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ([Register](#))

## Data Science Initiative

### DSI Seminar: DSI Update on SOPHI Data Lake Platform

Speaker: Shannon Schlueter, Data Scientist, DSI

- Friday, January 12, 10:00 - 11:00 AM, Woodward 338

### Data Science for Social Good Charlotte Summer Fellowship Program

If you want to get involved with DSSG Charlotte as a Project Partner, Fellow, Project Manager, or Technical Mentor, please apply at <http://dssg.uchicago.edu/faq-page/> by January 31, 2018. For more information, or just to stay up-to-date on this program, visit <https://dsi.uncc.edu/dssg-uncharlotte> or send an email to [dssg-charlotte@uncc.edu](mailto:dssg-charlotte@uncc.edu).

## J. Murrey Atkins Library

### Atkins' New Catalog and Search System is Now Live

Atkins has launched a new library management and search system. The tabbed search box on the Library homepage now directs users to the new service where they can easily adjust searches to find different types of resources and

items available at the Library (default search) or by clicking the "Libraries Worldwide" tab to search items not in Atkins Library. You will login using your NinerNET credentials. More information and tutorial videos are available on the [Library website](#).

## Library Infrastructure Project is Underway

Repairs and improvements to Atkins Library is underway and affect floors five through ten. The work is being done to replace lights, ceilings, piping, valves, controls and HVAC VAV boxes on these floors. The improvements are expected to be completed by mid-semester. Atkins will provide updates as the work progresses.

Public access to floors five through eight is restricted. Patrons should request items through the library's catalog and will be notified when those items are available to be picked up from the hold shelf. Access Services staff will retrieve items for patrons at least twice a day. Please allow 24 hours for requested items to be retrieved.

The Special Collections and University Archives Dalton Reading Room and the quiet study area on the tenth floor are largely inaccessible during the renovations. Please contact Lolita Rowe at 7-1107 or [spec-coll@uncc.edu](mailto:spec-coll@uncc.edu) for access to rare books, manuscripts, and other special collections materials by appointment. Instruction services with special collections will also be accommodated.

To compensate for the inaccessible quiet study areas on the tower floors, the third floor and the west side of the second floor (closest to the SAC) are designated for quiet study during this project. The current study areas on the ground floor (compact shelving room) and first floor (graduate/quiet study room) are also available.

## Office of International Programs



### Save the Dates - UNC Charlotte's Great Decisions Lecture Series

OIP once again looks forward to the annual [Great Decisions Lecture Series](#). Based on topics chosen by the Foreign Policy Association, the free weekly presentations provide an opportunity for attendees to explore pressing issues facing our world. More information on the series, including online registration, locations, and parking details, will soon be available at the [UNC Charlotte Great Decisions website](#). OIP collaborates with several organizations during the series, including the World Affairs Council of Charlotte and the Magellan Society, Charlotte Country Day School, and International House of Charlotte. Details about the lineup is available at the [UNC Charlotte Great Decisions website](#). Attendees may come to one or all of the lectures. A snow date is scheduled for February 22, 2018, if needed.

- Wednesday, January 24: [Media and Foreign Policy with Dr. Dean Kruckeberg](#)
- Wednesday, January 31: [China and America: The New Geopolitical Equation with Dr. Cheryl Brown](#)
- Wednesday, February 7: [The Warning of Pax Americana? With Dr. Dale Smith](#)
- Wednesday, February 14: [South Africa's Fragile Democracy with Dr. Mark Kelso](#)
- Tuesday, February 20: [Global Health: Progress and Challenges with Dr. Elizabeth Racine](#)
- Wednesday, February 28: [U.S. Global Engagement and the Military with Dr. Justin Conrad](#)



### Spring 2018 International Speaker Series Lineup

- [Middle East Meltdown: Causes and Consequences with Ryan Crocker](#)  
Thursday, January 18, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, Halton Reading Room (Atkins Library)
- [U.S.- Canada Relations and NAFTA with Honorable Andrew Leslie](#)  
Thursday, January 25, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, Location TBA

- [US National Security Challenges and Opportunities: a Conversation with John Brennan](#)  
Thursday, March 1, 3:30 - 5:00 PM, Popp Martin Student Union, Movie Theater

## 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

### NEXT WEEK:

- Jan 17** [Opening Reception: Susan Brenner, The State of Things](#)
- Jan 18** [International Speaker Series: Middle East Meltdown: Causes and Consequences](#)
- Jan 19** [¡VIVA! Opening Reception](#)

**UPCOMING:** <https://provost.uncc.edu/about-academic-affairs/weekly-news-digest/upcoming-events>

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