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Unsatisfactory Progress Grading for the Spring First Half Term

Unsatisfactory Progress Grading for the Spring First Half Term opens Wednesday, January 27. Select one of the two indicators for your course by February 17 at noon. Either option can be selected using [My UNC Charlotte](#). Please refer to the [midterm grading instructions](#) for more information. Please note that midterm grading will not be available on Saturday, February 13 between 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. due to a system upgrade.

Student Feedback Session Open for Registration

Student Affairs is hosting a Student Feedback Session, a one-hour virtual session for students to share personal experiences with a University facilitator. Please help share this information with any students or student groups in your areas to help spread the word. This will be a focus group format with small groups and someone to record themes not attributable to a particular person. Students who choose to participate will receive questions in advance to prompt their thinking. For questions, please contact [Emily Wheeler](#).

- Wednesday, January 27, 1:00 PM ([Register](#))

Great Decisions Lecture Series

The Office of International Programs will once again sponsor the Great Decisions lecture series, America's largest discussion program on world affairs, spanning five timely international topics ranging from "The World Health Organization's Role in a Global Pandemic" to "Brexit and the European Union." The lectures feature several of UNC Charlotte's faculty experts as well as other regional authorities. The five virtual lectures will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings beginning on February 3. For registration and lecture details and topics, please access the [Great Decisions](#) website.

Faculty Participants Sought for Research on Equity in Online Learning

Faculty members are invited to participate in a study exploring issues of inclusion, diversity, equity, and access within online teaching and learning. All UNC Charlotte faculty who have taught at least one 100% online course are eligible to participate. Participation includes a brief background questionnaire and, if you are selected, a one-on-one interview (approximately 60 minutes) with a member of the research team. Those who complete the interview will receive a \$25 Amazon.com gift card. [View information about the study and sign up to participate.](#)

February 15 Undergraduate Scholarship Application Deadline Approaching

Monday, February 15, is the deadline for most undergraduate scholarship applications for academic year 2021-22 awards. Since this deadline is fast approaching, we're reminding all new and continuing undergraduate students to login to the NinerScholars Portal to be matched with and apply for scholarships.

Faculty, staff and students are reminded that all scholarships at UNC Charlotte require applications. In addition to submitting an admissions application, students must apply through NinerScholars to be considered for scholarships. Also, deadlines cannot be extended, so students are strongly encouraged to leave sufficient time to complete all application materials and for any references to prepare and submit required letters of recommendation.

The [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) of the University Scholarship Office web page is a valuable resource. The campus community is also welcome to contact the University Scholarship Office for any assistance by calling 704-687-5871 or emailing Scholarships@uncc.edu.

OUR Summer 2021 Undergraduate Research Experience

The Office of Undergraduate Research is gearing up for the summer research program. Applications will close on Sunday, January 31, 2021. To apply for the summer program and to read about Faculty Projects for the 2021 Summer Research Program, visit the [OUR Summer Research Program](#) and click on *See Project Description*.

Faculty Toolkit for Teaching During the Pandemic

Resources for faculty and staff teaching and advising during the 2020-21 academic year are available on the [Office of the Provost website](#). This includes the new grade election procedure for Spring 2021, related FAQs, suggested syllabus policies, how to handle student absences during COVID, a list of faculty mentors for remote instruction advice, resources from the Center of Teaching and Learning and other helpful resources.

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 (www.twitter.com/UNCC_Academics) or visit the [Academic Affairs Division News webpage](#).

Upcoming Events

This Week:

- Jan-May** [UNC Charlotte Botanical Gardens events](#)
- Jan-May** [Diversity events](#)

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

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.