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Upcoming Deadlines

May Graduation:
May 3, 2016 - Master's thesis defense deadline
May 11, 2016 - Last day to submit masters' theses through ProQuest

May 9th - All DegreeWorks Short Forms are Due
Curriculum clarifications for DegreeWorks must be received in the Graduate School by Monday, May 9th in order to be included in the launch of DegreeWorks on May 16th. To date, there are still more than a dozen programs with outstanding short forms. This means students in these programs will not have correct audits when we launch DegreeWorks. Contact Janet Morse (jmorse9@uncc.edu) with any questions.

May 24th - Deadline to enroll and/or apply to graduate in 1st Summer 2016
1st Summer classes begin May 23. The last day to add/drop is May 24. Students who intend to graduate in the 1st Summer term must be enrolled and apply to graduate via the Online Graduation Application in Self-Service Banner by 11:59pm on May 24. Doctoral and Thesis graduation checklists are available on the Graduate School’s website http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/current-students/graduation.

Award Competitions

NOAA 2016 Digital Coast Fellowship
The NOAA Office for Coastal Management is recruiting for three Digital Coast Fellowship opportunities in 2016. It’s mission is to provide on-the-job education and training opportunities in coastal resource management and policy for postgraduate students and to provide project assistance to Digital Coast Partnership organizations. The be eligible, students must complete a master’s, doctoral, or professional degree in natural resource management or environment related studies at an accredited U.S. university between January 1, 2015 and July 31, 2016. Fellowship projects are for two years and provide a current salary of $34,000 a year, health insurance, worker’s compensation, relocation reimbursement, and travel reimbursement. The most important prerequisite is an interest in coastal issues. The deadline to apply is May 6, 2016. For more information about the Digital Coast Fellowship, please visit https://coast.noaa.gov/fellowship/digitalcoast.html.
Recruitment

Subscribe to an Automated Applicant Data Report
The Graduate School has an automated report that will provide you a snapshot of applicant data for your program(s), including test scores and education history. In addition to submitted applications, the report includes data for applications still “in progress”. The report is currently available to College Deans, Graduate Program Directors and others who submit admissions recommendations on behalf of programs. To subscribe to the automated report, please contact Ash Bowers in the Graduate School.

Holistic Review in Graduate Admissions
The Graduate School encourages a holistic review of applications for admission to graduate programs. If you are interested in learning more about holistic graduate admissions, take a few moments to review a just-released report by Hobsons, with support by the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS), on a research project on holistic graduate admissions. The project examined emerging best practices and surveyed more than 500 university admissions professionals to better understand the current state of graduate admissions at U.S. institutions. Download the full report here.

The Graduate School is happy to consider requests from Graduate Program Directors to waive the GRE, MAT, or GMAT. Please contact Johnna Watson (jwwatson@uncc.edu) or Kathy Giddings (kathygiddings@uncc.edu) for more information.

Applicant Questions - Message Board
Help us promote the Message Board - a tool for applicants to post general questions about the application process. When applicants pose a general question to you about their application, please ask them to log in to their prospective student portal at https://mygradschool.uncc.edu, click on the Message Board, and enter their question. Admissions staff respond daily to the posts.

Updated “Apply Now” Button for Your Websites
We encourage your websites to contain the updated Apply Now button linking them directly to the application portal https://mygradschool.uncc.edu. Please email Karla Stanchina, Director of Communications, the Graduate School for a copy at kstanchi@uncc.edu. Our dynamic new Admissions website is up and running. Take a peek at http://gradadmissions.uncc.edu

GRE Search for Student Recruitment
As you are planning your recruitment strategies for the next school year, consider placing a GRE Search for your department. The GRE Search Service helps you reach prospects who have demonstrated graduate level readiness through their GRE test performance. These individuals have taken a decisive step toward graduate or business school and have chosen to hear from programs like yours. The GRE Search Service database is updated about once a week which means new names are constantly available.

The GRE Search Service gives you the ability to create multiple levels of search criteria. You can define your first grouping and then, by clicking one button, you can add a row to your criteria. This enables you to easily narrow a selection within a broader criteria grouping and get exactly the names you want. For more information contact, Maryanne Maree-Sams (MaryanneMaree-Sams@uncc.edu).

Showcase Your Program on the Graduate Admissions Facebook Site
Send recruitment and program information to mariannewilliford@uncc.edu for inclusion in the Graduate Admissions Facebook page. The site can provide additional promotion for your scheduled recruitment travel, Open Houses, information sessions, as well as spotlight faculty and research updates.

Graduate Applications Snapshot as of 5-2-2016
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## DegreeWorks and Graduation

### Accessing DegreeWorks
Beginning **May 16th**, DegreeWorks will be live for all graduate students and faculty. Links to DegreeWorks will be available on the [my.uncc.edu](http://my.uncc.edu) faculty and student tabs. If you have trouble with access, please contact the Help Desk. Other questions may be directed to [degreeworks@uncc.edu](mailto:degreeworks@uncc.edu). General information including training schedules can be found on our website [graduateschool.uncc.edu/degreeworks](http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/degreeworks).

### Graduation
Effective 1st Summer 2016, DegreeWorks is the definitive source for graduation clearance. The Graduate School highly recommends that graduate program directors, program faculty, and/or administrative staff attend DegreeWorks training. Programs are encouraged to review student audits over the summer in preparation for Fall 2016.

### Checklists
Full graduation checklists for both master's and doctoral students are now available on the Graduate School's website: [http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/current-students/graduation](http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/current-students/graduation).

### Forms
A number of our forms have changed. Please be sure you have the newest version of our forms from the Graduate School’s website: [http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/current-students/forms](http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/current-students/forms).

### Dissertation Defense Announcements
Watch for the new link to the Graduate School’s Dissertation Defense Announcements! Academic Affairs will send out the link on Monday mornings. Announcements are housed on the Graduate School website. Remember that dissertation defenses must be announced publicly 10 days prior to the defense. We encourage you to post your student’s announcement to the campus.

### Training

#### DegreeWorks Training
Space is still available in a number of training sessions currently scheduled through May. If you have not yet attended a session, consider registering for one of the sessions listed below. Keep in mind that beginning with Summer I, graduate students will be cleared for graduation using DegreeWorks. If you have questions, or would like to register for a class, please send an email to degreeworks@uncc.edu.
All training sessions will be held in **Denny 101**, however it may be possible to do a training in your college on request. On-line guidance is also available on the DegreeWorks web page.

**eGRAD Training**

Learn how to use eGRAD for recruitment and admissions. Email Kathy Giddings (kathygiddings@uncc.edu) to reserve your seat at an eGRAD training session.

Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. EST

**Graduate Program Director Roundtables**

Open forum sessions to discuss topics of interest with fellow Graduate Program Directors. Sessions are hosted by members of the Graduate School staff and held in the Graduate School conference Room, Cato 218. The May roundtable topic is **Admissions Wrap Up**. Friday, May 6, 2016, 12:00 PM.

**FYI**

**Spring Suspensions and Terminations**

Each term some students are suspended or terminated due to poor grades or lack of progress. Programs should send exam reports to the Graduate School as soon as they are complete so that we may contact students in a timely manner. While students may submit appeals of both a suspension and a termination, it is unlikely that they will be reinstated before the fall semester.

**Funding**

**2016 - 2017 Graduate School Funding for New Students**

The Graduate School is committed to financially supporting as many exemplary students as possible with tuition, stipends, and various fellowships. For a list of some of the funding opportunities managed by the Graduate School and other entities on campus, see the [website](http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/funding-information-faculty) or download our [Fall 2016 Funding Flier](http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/funding-information-faculty) which provides detailed information on funding opportunities for your new students. Note the new [Funding Nomination Form](http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/funding-information-faculty) for your use as well.

**GASP Eligibility Deadlines**

Each student must be admitted, nominated for GASP, approved by the Graduate School to receive GASP support, registered for at least 9 credit hours, and have a qualifying assistantship or fellowship appointment no later than 5 p.m. on the census date (the tenth day of classes) for the semester. All GASP Scholars are expected to register for 9 or more credit hours until they have defended their dissertations. Review GASP Rules and Practices [HERE](http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/funding-information-faculty) as well as online at [http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/funding-information-faculty](http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/funding-information-faculty).

**Build Your Graduate Enrollment Management Plan in eGEM**

[www.egem.uncc.edu](http://www.egem.uncc.edu)

University Goal 1 in UNC Charlotte’s **2016 – 2021 Institutional Plan** to “Deliver a high-quality, accessible, affordable, and integrated academic experience that produces responsible citizens and a competitive workforce,” includes an objective (1.2) to “Implement the ….. graduate enrollment management plans, which integrate the degree attainment goals of the UNC system with respect to the capacity of UNC Charlotte to accommodate and house additional…… graduate students, such implementation to take place through Fall 2020.”
Graduate Program Directors may build and implement an enrollment plan (in eGEM) for each program of study at the graduate level. The Graduate Enrollment Plan should be informed by the strategic plan of the academic college, and directly reflect efforts to integrate graduate education at the University and proactively shape enrollment to meet established enrollment and graduation projections. Advantages of projecting enrollment and graduation goals and managing a Graduate Enrollment Plan in eGEM:

- Online space to develop and manage goals, objectives and tasks required to achieve enrollment and graduation projections. The Graduate Enrollment Plan should be a working, action-oriented document that is routinely updated and modified.
- Opportunity to identify resources required to achieve enrollment and graduation goals; this effort should be made through your Department Chair/School Director or Dean.
- Access to information: The Graduate Enrollment Plan is stored in the cloud so anyone with an interest and/or need to know the information can see it.
- Focus on retention to graduation efforts (persistence) as much as recruitment of new students. Ability to document marketing and recruitment activities to determine effective efforts, as well as mentoring and advising activities.

For Your Students

NEW this fall!

Career Lab: Developing Core Competencies - GRAD 6020/8020 (2)
Students taking this course will gain practice and knowledge around non-cognitive skills such as grit, leadership, lateral thinking, innovation, professional branding, effective communication, and organizational evaluations as it relates to their professional career. Developing and practicing these core career competencies will contribute to the student's overall career brand, confidence level around their career path, and their connection to their targeted industries of choice.
Days/Times/Location: Wednesday, 4:00-6:00 pm, Center for Graduate Life - Cone 268
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Madsen, Director of the University Career Center

Descriptions for GRAD Courses Below can be found at: gradlife.uncc.edu/what-we-offer/

Graduate Level Writing for International Students - GRAD 6010/8010 (3)
Days/Times/Location: Tuesday/Thursday: 1:00-2:30pm
Center for Graduate Life - Cone 268

Teaching at the University Level - GRAD 6001/8001 (3)
Wednesday: 9:30am-12:15pm, Center for Graduate Life - Cone 268
Dr. Judith Krauss, Faculty for Graduate Teaching

Teaching at American Universities: Perspectives for International Students - GRAD 6011/8011 (3)
Thursday: 9:30am-12:15pm, Center for Graduate Life, Cone 268
Dr. Judith Krauss, Faculty for Graduate Teaching

Responsible Conduct of Research - GRAD 6002/8002 (2) - Two Sections!
Friday: 3:30-5:15pm, College of Health & Human Services Bldg
Dr. Julie Goodliffe, Interim Director, Center for Graduate Life

Friday: 12:30-2:15pm, Grigg Hall, 132
Dr. Jo Ann Lee, Faculty for Graduate Research

Academic Integrity - Required of all New Doctoral Students - GRAD 8990 (non-credit)
Online Tutorial in Moodle2

New GLFs
The Center for Graduate Life is proud to announce the 2016-2017 Graduate Life Fellows. Please see their corresponding programs and colleges below!
The Graduate Life Fellows (GLFs) are a group of continuing master's and doctoral-level students who offer guidance and promote engagement through first-hand experience, peer mentorship and graduate student events. Each Fellow receives a monetary award in exchange for their contributions toward enhancing the graduate community at UNC Charlotte.

Upcoming Events

Fall Graduate Student Orientation - August 20th. Please send your departmental orientations to Coren O'Hara ceohara@uncc.edu. We will include these in our information to new students.

Summer Dissertation Boot Camp - Registration Now Open
May 17-20, 10:00am-4:00pm, Main Campus (Exact location is TBA)
Dissertation boot camps provide multi-day opportunities for doctoral students to devote focused time and attention to one goal: making progress on their dissertations. The boot camps offer a quiet space to work, structured writing time, and writing-related resources and support; because all participants are actively engaged in writing their dissertations, the boot camps also serve to decrease the sense of isolation that many doctoral students feel during the dissertation process. Graduate Faculty for Writing, Dr. Lisa Russell-Pinson, will be available on two days of the camp to provide dissertation support. Register here as spaces are limited!

On-going Programs and Support in the CGL:

Improve Your Methodology and Data Analysis, Drop-In Research Consults!
Mondays: 1:00-3:30pm and Wednesdays: 4:00-6:00pm
Are you a graduate student in need of assistance with your research project, thesis or dissertation? Drop in for your free consultation with Project Mosaic. Project Mosaic empowers social scientists to analyze, visualize and infer data with focused assistance on research methodology and analytics. More information

Writing Assistance for Graduate Students
Mondays-Wednesdays: 2:00-5:00pm and Thursdays: 1:00-5:00pm
Book an Appointment

Monday Mindfulness & Yoga
Mondays, 11:00am-12:00pm - Drop in!

Dissertation Writing Support
Please email Dr. Russell-Pinson (lpinson@uncc.edu) to arrange an appointment. Doctoral students only, please.

Doctoral Writing Fellow is Available to Help all Doctoral Students
Each semester, the Graduate School funds a Doctoral Writing Fellow to work one-on-one with other doctoral students. The Doctoral Writing Fellow for Spring 2016 is J. Haadi Jafarian, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Software and Information Services. Haadi is a stellar academic writer who has published widely in his field of study. He is available to provide peer tutoring to other doctoral students interested in improving their academic writing for coursework, presentation, and publication. Please email Haadi (gradlifefellows@uncc.edu) to set up an appointment.

The GPD Newsletter is also available for download on the Graduate School's website.