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Final Grade Collection

Grade Rosters for Spring 2019 are now open for grade entry. The deadline to submit grades is Tuesday, **May 14, 2019 at 12:00 pm**.

To ensure we are compliant with U.S. Department of Education regulations, all UT Arlington faculty are required to include additional data when recording an "F" for a student's grade in MyMav. For additional information, see Entering "F" Grades. You may either enter your grades directly into MyMav or use Blackboard. For more information on entering grades, see Entering Grades. If you are entering grades directly into MyMav, be sure to set the grade roster status to "Approved" when you are finished entering grades.

Please ensure your grades are submitted in a timely fashion. Faculty that consistently fail to submit grades on time may be ineligible for merit pay, Faculty Development Leaves and other programs. Lists of faculty who do not meet the grades deadline will be sent to the Offices of the President, Provost, and to the Dean and Associate Dean(s) of your College/School.

Join the Canvas Revolution

Now is the time to sign up for Canvas training! Blackboard will be decommissioned at the start of Fall 2019 and we'll move to have all faculty in Canvas. Summer is the perfect time to migrate your course, and learn how to engage your students with this flexible and new LMS platform. Faculty have several options for training:

1. Ask your College Champion to enroll you in the self-paced online "Growing with Canvas" course.

2. Attend face-to-face or online training sessions. More than 50 sessions were offered in April and at least 40 will be offered in May.

3. Ask your department or college to organize a Canvas training just for you and your colleagues (minimum 20 people). Contact canvasteam@uta.edu to schedule.

Textbook Orders

Faculty are reminded that under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, colleges and universities are obligated to provide students with disabilities equal and integrated access to higher education. U.S. federal accessibility requirements pertain to every resource used by students in organized classes. Textbooks, all assigned reading materials, Word files, PowerPoint files, PDF files, and all electronic files, must be accessible to students with disabilities. **Faculty that assign books should ensure that an accessible copy is available, preferably as an electronic copy.**

Canvas offers a number of accessibility tools for materials used in organized courses including font sizing, rich content editor and ARC (Canvas video tool) which allows for close captioning. Canvas' Accessibility Checker also scans each course and points out errors. For questions or assistance please contact cdesupport@uta.edu

Student Feedback Surveys: SmartEvals

SmartEvals, is now available to all faculty. Faculty can see student response rates in real time. Faculty will be able to **see their results** after final grades are certified by the Registrar. **Grades are due May 14 at 12 noon** and may be certified on May 16. For questions, please contact Dr. Andrew Pagel, Director of Student Evaluations and Surveys. Andrew.pagel@uta.edu or (817) 272-3418.

....Did You Know?

....Microsoft Teams is now available to all students, faculty and staff? Teams allows for video conferencing, chat, phone calls as well as the creation of groups for more effective project planning. Faculty are also using it to create greater collaboration amongst their students, and students can create their own work groups. Contact Candice Beckman (beckmanc@uta.edu) for more information.

Upcoming Events

View Upcoming events on Faculty Affairs website.

May 3rd Canvas Orientation Session Canceled

Please refer to the UTA Canvas Training page for additional sessions or contact us at canvasteam@uta.edu with any questions.

Final Grades Due

May 14 at 12:00 pm

Commencement

College of Nursing and Health Innovation hosts the first commencement ceremony on Thurs., May 9 at 7 pm. The schedule for the other colleges/schools is here. Faculty are reminded that full regalia is required for commencement.

Faculty Input Needed

OIT is interested in learning about faculty use of technology including Box, Teams, Sharepoint, etc. If interested in sharing ideas, please contact Lee Pierce at lee.pierce@uta.edu

Spring and Fall 2019 Final Exam Schedule Available

The Registrar has posted the Fall final exam schedule here.

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