Religious Studies Newsletter
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Special Announcements

Social Media Summer Check-Ins

- If you are interested in receiving a social media spotlight, please send the following information to our Social Media Intern (Saad Jalisi, sjalisi@uncc.edu):
  - Name (first and last).
  - Department position (faculty, graduate, or undergraduate).
  - A few sentences on what you are doing this summer.
  - Two or three pictures of yourself.
  - Your pronouns.

Declaring the Major

How to Declare the Major in Religious Studies

- To declare the undergraduate major in Religious Studies, just fill out this form.
- The major in Religious Studies requires 30 credit hours.
• The minor in Religious Studies only requires 15 credit hours. With a few more classes, you could acquire a Bachelor’s degree in Religious Studies.

**M.A. in Religious Studies**

**How to Apply for the M.A. in Religious Studies**

• The M.A. in Religious Studies program approaches the academic study of religion and religions from a variety of critical and interdisciplinary perspectives, with an emphasis placed on the global and multicultural aspects of religion.
• The M.A. application is completely electronic via the [Charlotte Graduate School website](https://www.uncc.edu).
• Exceptional undergraduate students at Charlotte may apply for the Early Entry Program and begin work toward the graduate degree before completion of the Bachelor’s degree.
  ○ Check out our promotional [video](https://www.youtube.com) to understand the Early Entry Program!
• For more information regarding admission requirements or other aspects of the program please contact: Dr. Kent Brintnall - kent.brintnall@uncc.edu.

**Programming**

**Collaborating with Google Shared Drive**

• Google Shared Drive is a powerful tool used for sharing with your team and can provide you with access to your team’s files and folders from any location using any device.
• This course will provide you with the opportunity to explore all of what Google Team Drives have to offer as an option for your team collaborations.
• This event takes place from **9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on July 19, 2022.**
• Register [here](https://www.uncc.edu).

**Career Meet Up: Resume Strategies that Get You Noticed**

• Join this Meet Up to learn effective resume writing strategies that will help you get noticed by recruiters.
• Career Meet Ups are 30-45 minute small group sessions focused on specific topics and led by career coaches or industry professionals.
• You'll have the opportunity to gain information, ask questions, and get some practice.
• This event takes place at **11:00 a.m. on July 26, 2022.**
• Register [here](https://www.uncc.edu).
Building a Winning Culture at Work

- This webinar offered by the School of Professional Studies as part of its Professionals @ Work Learning Series will explore five key areas to help unlock organizational potential.
- This event takes place from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on July 27, 2022.
- Register [here](#).

News

Elementary Teacher Prep Program Named National ‘Exemplar’

- Charlotte’s undergraduate elementary teacher preparation program has been named among the best in the nation.
- The University is one of only 79 programs in the country to earn an “A+” ranking for its coursework requirements in elementary mathematics in the National Council on Teacher Quality 2022 Teacher Prep Review.
- Read more [here](#).

University-Led Team Invents New Anticoagulant Platform, Offering Hope for Advances for Heart Surgery Dialysis, and Other Procedures

- A new biomolecular anticoagulant platform invented by a team led by UNC Charlotte researcher Kirill Afonin holds promise as a revolutionary advancement over the blood thinners currently used during surgeries and other procedures.
- Read more [here](#).

Helpful Resources
**UREC Personal Training**

- Accredited personal trainers are ready to lead you on the path to fitness!
- With an exercise plan tailored specifically to your needs, you are sure to meet your exercise goals.
- Types of training include:
  - Virtual Training
  - In-Person Training
  - Workouts to Go
- Learn more about UREC-offered personal training [here](#).

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**Center for Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)**

- The **Center for Counseling at Psychological Services (CAPS)** is a department within the Division of Student Affairs at UNC Charlotte. CAPS is a component of Health and Wellbeing, an administrative unit whose primary goal is to provide comprehensive wellness-related programs and services to UNC Charlotte students.
- CAPS is conducting initial consultation appointments through Zoom, phone, and in-person.
- To schedule an initial appointment with a counselor, call 704-687-0311 during our business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

News about department events will be emailed to you as well as posted on the [department website](#) and on our [Facebook page](#), [Twitter feed](#), and [Instagram](#). We will host the Loy H. Witherspoon Annual Lecture as well as the Tate Lecture in Judaic Studies this year, both virtually.