Fall 2019 Department Newsletter
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A Message from the Department Chair, Professor Suzanne Boyd

The end of the semester is a time of high-stress. Instructors may be looking forward to getting their hands over the exams, but the design grades then take a well-deserved break. They may be happily planning holiday events and/or travel. The students (undergraduate and graduate) are likely in a time of high-stress, at the culmination of a busy semester. Some of them will not be finishing grade assignments despite their effort.

This next couple of weeks, I hope to take this special moment at a time when we should be able to remember the other human beings they are dealing with a whole host of problems most of which is totally unknown. Many of our students have financial institutes or family complications making final exams and the holiday assignment extra stressful.

Our department has the almost unique opportunity to impact merely every UWM student. On the whole we have developed a pretty, positive reputation on campus, on our students, frequently get to their success stories reported in our emails, and our instructors and students share even more complements and award! This is a great situation for us, but we must not rush every day to maintain. So I think the thank you every one of you for your patience to provide as excellent education to all of our students, every day all of the fall semester, and request that on the occasion of high and low spirits, you continue to see your students as unique human beings, struggling yet full of potential, and strive to treat each of them, and yourself, with compassion.

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2020!

Best,
Suzanne Boyd

Final Exams

View the Fall 2019 Final Exam Schedule.

Grades must be submitted in RWB by December 20, 2019 at 6:30pm.

If you are grading in "incomplete grade", you must complete the Department’s incomplete grade form, and return it to kim's mailbox in EMS.

Course Evaluations

Course Evaluations have been placed in your mail drawers for the Fall 2019 semester.

Please return students to fill in the bubbles completely, rather than a checkmark.

Once completed, a student may stop the evaluation in a box labeled “evaluation” on a table in the Main Office. If your class is in a different building, please ask them to place it in the front office and slide under the office door.

Travel

As a reminder: If you are traveling or plan to travel in the Spring semester, please be sure to follow the UWM Travel Guidelines.

If you have any pre-travel or travel reimbursement questions, please stop by your office (EMS 403).

Spring 2019 Updates

• All returning instructors must reserve January 16, 2020 for the required course coordinations meetings for spring.

Important Dates

Dec 16 - Study day
Dec 17-19: Final Examination Period
Dec 21-23: Fall instructor leaves are in effect
Dec 30: Presence deadline for instructor grading
Jan 15: UWinteriM
Jan 21: Spring Semester begins

Department Holiday Party

The annual department holiday party will be place place Friday, December 13 from 5:00-8:00 pm in EMS building 4185.

This is a great party, in which everyone is invited to bring a potluck dish by your own area, please bring a $10 contribution for punch and refreshments.

We hope to see you there!

Computer & Printer Problems

Minor concerns: please contact your local front office.

Urgent or major concerns: please contact staff@uwm.edu.

Front Office Hours for UWinteriM.

Monday-Thurs: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

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