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 their desks, so we design grades then take a well-deserved break. This may be happily planning holiday events and/or travel, the time many students (undergraduate and graduate) are feeling or dealing with a wide host of problems most of which I’m totally unaware. Many of our students have financial insecurities or family complications making final exams and the learning holiday season extra stressful.

Our department has the almost unique opportunity to impact nearly every UW-Milwaukee student. On the whole we have developed a pretty positive reputation on campus, on campus educators. I frequently get positive stories shared by students, our instructors and students often comement and sowdow This is a great situation to be in, but one we must every day maintain. So I’d like to thank each and every one of you for your efforts to provide as excellent education to all of our students, every day all of the fall semester, and request that you continue to see your students each as unique human beings, struggling yet full of potential, and strive to treat each of them, and yourself, with compassion.

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This next couple of weeks, I plan to take things one moment at a time, and in every interaction try to remember the other human being we are dealing with a whole host of problems most of which I’m totally unaware. Many of our students have financial insecurities or family complications making final exams and the learning holiday season extra stressful.

As a reminder: If you are travelling or plan to travel in the Spring, please make sure your class is finished your class successfully, despite their efforts. Grades must be submitted in PAWS by December 30, 2019 at 4:30pm. If you are giving an “incomplete grade”, you must complete the department’s incomplete grade form, and return to Suzanne Boyd.

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2020!

Fall 2019 Updates

- All returning instructors must receive January 15, 2020 for the required course coordination meetings for spring.

Important Dates

Dec 16: Study day
Dec 19-20: Final Examination Period
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Dec 30: Priority deadline for winter grading
Jan 18: Winter break
Jan 21: Spring Semester begins

Travel

As a reminder: If you are traveling or plan to travel in the Spring semester, please be sure to follow the UW-Milwaukee Travel Guidelines. If you have any pre-travel or travel reimbursement questions, please stop by your office (E404).

Spring 2019 Updates

- The annual departmental holiday party will be held on December 15 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm in EMS building 445.

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