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 on their paychecks, but in the long run, students may be planning holiday events and travel. For students (both undergraduate and graduate), the end of term is likely a time of high-stress, at the culmination of a busy semester. Some will not be finishing their classes successfully despite their efforts.

This next couple of weeks, I plan to take things one moment at a time. Take the time to think about how you can help students who are struggling. It is easy to try to remember the other human beings in the room, but I am a human being in 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 looming holiday season extra stressful.

Our department has the almost unique opportunity to impact nearly everyone. People who have become our students often earn compliments and awards! This is a great opportunity to hear success stories rooted in our actions, and our instructors and students alike can contribute to excellence together. This is a great situation to be in, but one we must work every day to maintain. So please, spend the next few weeks taking the time to remember the human beings in the room, and thank yourself, with compassion. You continue to see your students each as unique human beings, semester...and request that, in this season of high and low spirits, you do the same.

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2020!

Suzanne Boyd
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Final Exams

View the Fall 2019 Final Exam Schedule

 grades must be submitted in RMS by December 26, 2019 at 6:30pm. If you are giving an "incomplete grade", you must complete the Department's incomplete grade form, and return to your students.

Course Evaluations

Course Evaluations have been placed in your mail drawers for the Fall 2019 semester. Please remind students to complete the evaluations.

Travel

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

Spring 2019 Updates

* All returning instructors must return January 15, 2020 for the required course coordinations meetings for spring.

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