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-stakes. Instructions may be looking forward to getting their hands on their finals, as they do design grades then take a well-deserved break. They may be happily planning holiday events and/or travels. For students (both undergraduates and graduates), the end of term is likely a time of high stress, at the culmination of a busy semester. Some of you will not be finishing your class successfully despite their efforts.

This last couple of weeks, I poke at this once a moment at a time, in the hopes that my interrogations will be designed to push the other human beings 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 learning holiday season extra stressful.

Our department has the almost unique opportunity to impact nearly every UW student. On the whole we have developed a pretty positive reputation on campus for our education. I frequently get feedback about how our success stories resonate diffe students and instructors alike on campus. Please share this with all of us. I can think of no better way to honor all of our students, every day of the Fall semester, and request that in this season of high and low spirits, 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.

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2020!

Best,
Suzanne Boyd

Professor Suzanne Boyd

Final Exams

View the Fall 2019 Final Exam Schedule

Grades must be submitted in RAMS by December 20, 2019 at 4:30pm.

If you are giving an “incomplete grade”, you must complete the Department’s incomplete grade form, and return to Kim’s mailbox in EMS building, E403.

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 “Boosterform” on a table in the Main Office. If your class exists in this Office please check with Kim’s mailbox in EMS building.

Please remind students to fill in the bubbles on their evaluations, rather than that they will be given to students in the Main Office. If your class exists in this Office please check with Kim’s mailbox in EMS building.

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 Mr. Boyd’s office (E404).

Spring 2019 Updates

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