Fall 2017

According to UNK’s records, you are registered for a fall online or blended course. If you have taken an online or blended course in the past, you may have received this letter. If so, please review it as information changes and new resources may be available. If you have decided to withdraw from one or more of your classes, you must drop these class(es). Failure to attend class meetings does NOT constitute withdrawal from the class. To do this, go to myblue.unk.edu and log in with your NUID and password. To keep informed of important deadlines and resources, please make sure your permanent mailing address is correct on MyBLUE.

You may find the following information helpful:

- **Online Courses** – If you are enrolled in an online course, these courses are instructor-led with a specific start date and end date. Online courses are NOT self-paced. Courses run throughout the fall, beginning August 21 and concluding December 14, unless noted otherwise in the course description or the schedule.

- **Blended Courses** – If you are enrolled in a blended course, please note that mandatory meeting times will be scheduled. For those dates/times, either contact your instructor or go to ecampus.unk.edu and click on the eCampus Schedule.

- **Billing & Payment Information** – You will receive a notification in your LoperMail student email account when your bill is available. (Paper billing statements are not mailed and personal/preferred email accounts are not used.) This email will direct you to log in to MyBLUE to access your bill. Under Student Accounts, click the link under ‘Most Recent Bill/Invoice’. All current and past billing statements are available under ‘Invoice History’. Every effort is made to inform you of the due date. Failure to receive a billing email notification will NOT be an acceptable excuse for missing the payment deadline. **All tuition and fees for the Fall 2017 semester are due Wednesday, September 20, 2017.** Payment options and additional information is available on the UNK Student Accounts website: http://www.unk.edu/offices/student_accounts/. Not paying by the bill due date will result in assessed late charges. If you have questions, please contact the UNK Finance Office at 308-865-8524 or email unkfinance@unk.edu.

All students are reminded to notify the Registrar’s Office of any address change or update their address information on MyBLUE.

**Please Note:** You are considered officially enrolled in an online or blended course, unless you complete the procedure to drop or withdraw. You are responsible to pay for all tuition and related fees. Failure to attend class meetings does NOT constitute withdrawal from the class and does not eliminate the obligation to pay all tuition and related fees.

- **New! eCampus Blog** - The eCampus blog was launched in Spring of 2017, offering readers an inside look at UNK resources and services for online students. The blog also highlights programs and student stories, as well as tips for getting through the application process and studying recommendations. Have a story you want to share? Contact us at ecampus@unk.edu.
• **Distance ID Card** – As a Distance Education student, you may request a non-picture UNK Distance ID Card through eCampus. A $10 fee will be assessed per card. This card may be used as a second form of identification. Distance students are not required to get a Distance ID card. If you are interested in getting the ID card, please contact Heather by email at rhinehartj@unk.edu to have a form mailed to you. Include your mailing address and Student NUID number when requesting a form.

• **SmarterMeasure** – This is a tool that helps you identify your level of readiness for online learning. It measures several areas, including learning style, technical competency, and typing speed and accuracy. When the process is complete, SmarterMeasure will show you the results and also provide you with a list of resources that may assist you with online learning. To take the SmarterMeasure assessment, log on to unk.smartermeasure.com and choose the username “eCampus_Student.” The password is “GoLopers!”.

• **Canvas & Blackboard** – In the spring of 2018, UNK will officially change from Blackboard to Canvas for our learning management system. Beginning summer 2017, faculty could choose to use Blackboard or Canvas for their courses. Because of this, you may be using either Blackboard or Canvas to take your online or blended course(s). Both can be accessed via your EASI username and password. Refer to EASI login instructions on the attached sheet. If you log in to Blackboard or Canvas and you do not see your course, it is possible that the instructor may have not made the course available to students yet. To check if you are registered, go to MyBLUE and see your enrolled courses. If you are registered for the course, check Blackboard or Canvas in a few days. If the course is not available on the specified start date, please contact your instructor. If you have questions about your course, contact your instructor by using Blackboard, Canvas or email.

• **Bookstore** – You can find out what books are required for your classes and purchase them at The Antelope Bookstore at unk.bncollege.com or 308-865-8555.

• **24/7 Help Desk** – The UNK Help Desk is available anytime 24/7 to assist you with technology issues. To contact the Help Desk, call 308-865-8363 or email unkhelpdesk@unk.edu. For a full list of services or to access their online chat go to http://www.unk.edu/offices/its/help_desk/index.php.

• **Video Training Tutorials** – Video tutorials on Blackboard, Canvas, VoiceThread, iPad, Office for Windows or Mac, and many more programs are available to you through the Hoonuit (formally Atomic Learning) website. You may find these to be helpful as you are taking your online or blended courses. To access these tutorials, go to atomiclearning.com
  1. Click the “Log in” button (in the upper right corner of page), type in the username “distance,” type in the password “learning.”
  2. Click the “sign in” button.
     By default you will be prompted in to the “Discover” tab. The Discover tab has the newest and most popular tutorials and topics.
  3. For specific training, click the “search” tab and use key words like: Canvas, Excel, Facebook, then click the “search” button.
  4. A list of trainings will be available, and you can click on the title to access the training page and watch specific videos.

     • If you prefer, use the “Advanced Filters” tab to narrow your search results. You can narrow your results by choosing a specific application, a topic, and/or category.

For a complete list of resources available to you or to follow us on social media, refer to the eCampus website at ecampus.unk.edu. Good luck this Fall.

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