



# PIRATES ABOARD!

NEWSLETTER #5

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The summer feels like it has accelerated - we're in July! This week we provide a fast lane overview of sessions offered at NFO, explore Canvas, pitstop at ECU arts & athletics, and hear from our friend Justin Littlefield again!

- NFO 2024 Team

## New Guides for July 3:



### **Travel Guide - Overview of NFO Sessions**

This week we are spotlighting some sessions that will be held during NFO. We look forward to seeing you in August when you will hear:

*From our Students:* One session will feature current ECU undergraduate and graduate students who will share about their favorite learning experiences.



*From our Campus Community:* The Information fair will give you the chance to interact with representatives of more than 25 organizations at ECU that partner with faculty to support teaching, service, research, and improving the quality of life in our region. For example, some of the tables will include representatives from the Benefits office, Global Affairs, the Center for Leadership & Civic

Engagement, The Arts at ECU, the Office for Faculty Excellence, Veterans Services, and many more.

*From our Student Support Teams:* This session will provide an overview of supports for ECU undergraduate and graduate students.

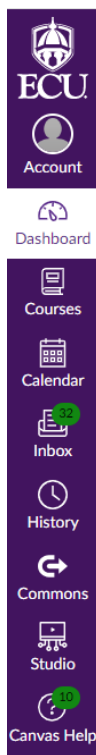


*From our Senior Administrators:* Hear from Senior Administrators, the Chair of the Faculty, and others. You'll have the opportunity to talk with them during the Chancellor's Welcome Reception.

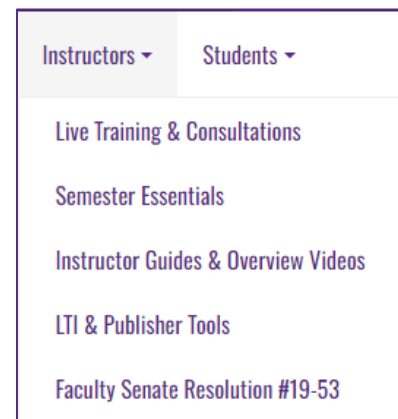
*From Colleagues:* Panels of faculty will share with you about their experiences and advice for getting started at ECU.



## New Faculty Check Points - Canvas



Canvas is the primary learning platform at ECU. You can set up and manage your Canvas account at <https://canvas.ecu.edu/>. Here you will find your account information, dashboard, courses, and so much more.



Canvas and ECU provide several resources to increase usability. You will have access to live and recorded training sessions, one-on-one consultations, and a 24/7 live chat. It also includes resources for students.

Some faculty in the Brody School of Medicine may use the [Elentra](#) learning platform. Like with Canvas, Elentra and ECU provide in-depth tutorials.



## **Community Attractions - ECU Arts & Athletics**

The Arts at ECU hosts hundreds (yes, hundreds!) of events each year. From music and dancing to glass blowing and iron pours, there is no shortage of events. Visit the [Arts at ECU](#) webpage to view a calendar of events and purchase tickets.



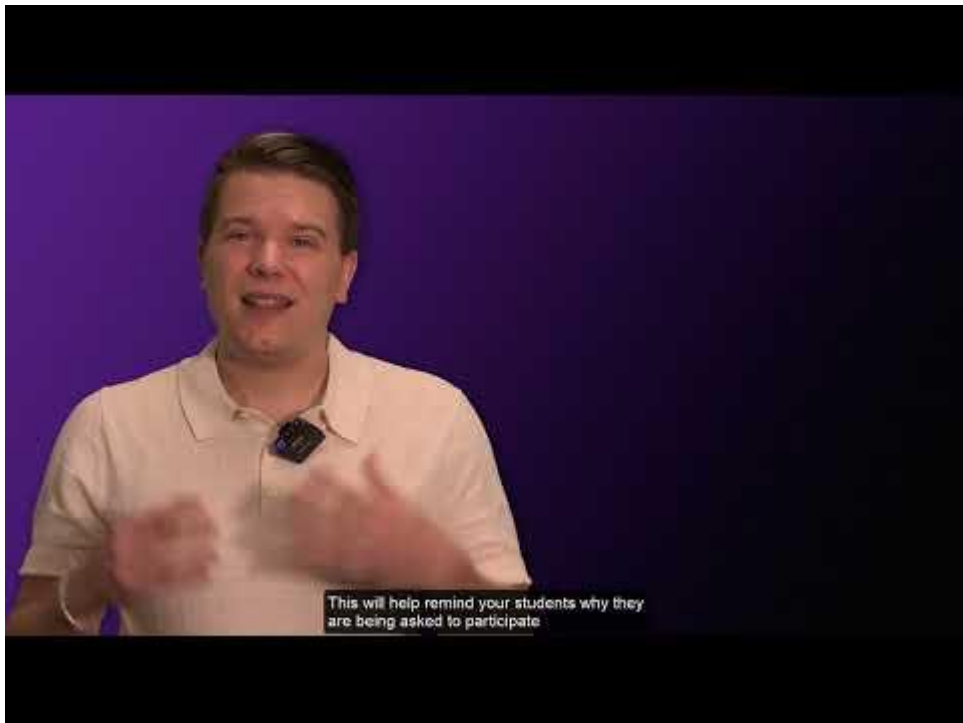
With fourteen men's and women's teams, ECU athletics also has a lot to offer. To learn more about the teams, players, and purchasing tickets, check out the [ECU Athletics](#) website.



## **What Drives Pirate Nation - UDL Multiple Means of Engagement & Representation**

Justin Littlefield is back this week to talk with us about two components of UDL - Multiple means of engagement and multiple means of representation.

In this first video, Justin discusses the importance of keeping the course goal oriented. Let your students know the goals of each course module, explain what assignments are meant to accomplish, and remember that the objective is to create expert learners.



In this next video, Justin teaches us more about the importance of using microlectures to supplement course material.



Directions to websites used in this newsletter:

1. Canvas - <https://canvas.ecu.edu>
2. Elentra - <https://ecu.elentra.cloud>
3. ECU Arts - <https://info.ecu.edu/arts>
4. ECU Athletics - <https://info.ecu.edu/sports/>
5. UDL Engagement - <https://youtu.be/YBbq3lv7CXY>
6. UDL Microlectures - <https://youtu.be/1NNlwOqbdus>

As a reminder, you can visit the [NFO 2024 Road to ECU website](#) to view the *New Guides* released each week as well as access previously released content.



**REDUCED SPEED AHEAD:** If you haven't already, please complete the [NFO 2024 Survey](#).

Please reach out if you have any questions by replying to this email or emailing [ofe@ecu.edu](mailto:ofe@ecu.edu). Stay tuned for next week's new guides.

-The New Faculty Orientation (NFO) 2024 Team!