

NOC, University Center partner in Weekend College

Northern Oklahoma College is partnering with the University Center in Ponca City for the newly created Weekend College for Spring 2021.

The new program offers college credit classes on Friday evenings and Saturdays. Students can earn credits for an Associate of Science degree in Arts and Sciences – General Studies within a 2-year cycle.

In addition to onsite at the University Center, all Weekend College classes are also offered through sections of NOC's Online Live, allowing students who otherwise could not attend in person in Ponca City the flexibility to participate in the program.

Classes for Weekend College meet Friday evening and all-day Saturday over three weeks. Class times are Friday from 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. – noon and 1:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

"These classes are designed to give students another option for completing an associate degree around busy life schedules when jobs, family time, and other activities may conflict with traditional day and night courses," said Dr. Pam Stinson, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

University Center Chief Executive Officer Adam Leaming is excited for the new venture.

"The UC has historically sought to serve the

non-traditional student," Leaming said. "Now with NOC's weekend in person format, we can expand our portfolio of services to include a new group of students who seek that in person college experience that can have profound impacts on a person's future while at the same time allowing them to continue juggling their work and personal life."

Spring 2021 classes offered in the Weekend College format include Orientation, English Composition II, Math Applications, Introduction to Psychology, Late American History, Introduction to Oral Communication,

Introduction to Health, Education & Wellness, and Introduction to Process Technology.

The program assists non-traditional students who cannot attend classes during a traditional Monday-Friday timeframe and wish to obtain an associate degree.

It also helps traditional students who desire to accelerate their degree completion or need to fit a course in their schedule. Concurrent students are also eligible to take courses in the weekend format.

Individuals working full-time needing college credit for advancement and promotion may

take advantage as well as individuals seeking a career change, individuals planning to re-enter the job market or anyone who desires to increase their learning or expertise.

Students can take from one to four classes each semester in Weekend College and can take either online classes or summer classes to get 30 credits per year, allowing them to graduate with an Associate of Arts and Science degree within two years.

Tuition and fees are the same as day courses.

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Weekend

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Financial aid and scholarships are available. Online academic advising, tutoring, and other amenities are also available for Weekend College students.

Students may enroll in Weekend College at www.noc.edu, call Northern Oklahoma College at 580.628.6207 or the University Center at 580.718.5600 or email the UC at www.ucpon-city.com.

NOC, a public two-year community college, serves approximately 5,700 students annually on the home campus in Tonkawa, branch in Enid, NOC/OSU Gateway Program in Stillwater, online, and the University Center in Ponca City. Of these students about 60% receive

financial aid and/or scholarships. Over 80% of NOC students complete their degree with zero debt.

NOC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and offers associate degrees in three general areas: Arts, Science and Applied Science. The associate degree fulfills lower-division course work which is applicable towards a bachelor's degree.

The University Center in Ponca City was founded in 1999 with 40 students and two classrooms. Today, in its new location the UC serves approximately 250 students each semester with 16 different classrooms.

NOC October Birthdays



Kristi Orr	23rd	Stephanie Dow	27th
Tammy Davis	24th	Vickie Crouch	28th
Jennifer Lechtenberg	25th	Tammy Boyea	28th
Julie Baggett	26th	Courtney Miller	28th
Gene Mayo	27th	Eddie Dixon	29th
Wendy O'Neill	27th	Darryl Rogers	30th

NORTHERN ENCOUNTER

Two sessions to choose from each day: Morning 9-11 am - Afternoon 1-3 pm

Up-Close Look At

- Programs
- Services
- Faculty
- Students
- Campus
- Clubs
- Organizations

Take a College Tour!
Northern Encounter has been designated as a day at NOC Enid, NOC Tonkawa and NOC Stillwater so high school juniors, seniors and their parents can get an up-close look at the programs and services that Northern Oklahoma College has to offer.

FALL 2020

NOC Enid
Montgomery Hall,
Gantz Center
OCTOBER 21
DECEMBER 2
Terri Sunderland
580.548.2353

FREE

- T-Shirt
- Door Prizes
(Including Tuition Waivers)

Visit one or all locations

NOC Tonkawa
Renfro Center
OCTOBER 28
DECEMBER 9
Blair Turney
580.628.6668

NOC Stillwater
Commons Area, Classroom Bldg
NOVEMBER 4 & 18
Diana Watkins 580.628.6905

NOC GATEWAY PROGRAM
NOVEMBER 4 & 18
Diana Watkins 580.628.6905

FACE MASKS Required Please
NOC is Practicing Social Distancing

Pre-Register Online www.noc.edu

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NOC Faculty/Staff members Tammy Davis (left), Sandy Jensen (middle), and Jamie Haney (right) were named Oklahoma Association of Community College award winners. (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)

NOC faculty, staff earn awards

Three Northern Oklahoma College employees are receiving Oklahoma Association of Community College (OACC) awards for 2020. Receiving awards are Sandy Jensen for Outstanding Support Staff, Jamie Haney for Outstanding Professional Employee, and Tammy Davis for Outstanding Faculty Member. Jensen is an academic advisor/retention specialist at NOC Enid, Haney is the Director of Printing Services at NOC Tonkawa, and Davis is a Language Arts Instructor at NOC Stillwater. Jensen will be recognized at the Nov. 5 OACC Support Staff Virtual Conference while Haney and Davis will be recognized at the Jan. 29, 2021 OACC Virtual Annual Conference.

Davis has been with NOC 17 years working in the Gateway Program at NOC Stillwater. “I’ve been and continue to be surrounded by remarkable students,” Davis said. “They have inspired me to be better for those on all sides of this educational partnership. My role as an educator is to believe in, encourage, offer hope to, and lift up my students – with a touch of grace included.” Haney has worked at NOC on two separate occasions totaling 15 years; the final nine as Director of Printing Services. “I joined the Northern family as support staff

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Halloween Spooktacular Concert



**Free Event Featuring
NOC Concert Band and Jazz Band**

**Thursday
October 29, 2020
6 pm**



**Directed by
Dr. Edward Dixon**

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**NOC Tonkawa
Outside of Science Building**
*Concert may be cancelled due to Covid-19
or inclement weather.*



OCAC

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in the printshop,” Haney said. “I grew with NOC, accomplishing each position in the printshop, achieving a dream to become Director of Printing Services. My highly talented team and I provide print, copy, bulk mail, design, photography and bindery support to all three campuses and maintain the College’s Institutional and Athletic Brands. I enjoy working in a team environment where even though you are doing the same things every day, it is always different.”

Jensen works as an advisor and retention specialist at NOC Enid.

“I have been with NOC for over 20 years, and each year has provided new challenges and learning opportunities,” Jensen said. “During this time, I have worked with several departments, which are both unique and homogeneous. Each department has its own duties and

responsibilities, yet each department is committed to a common goal of providing excellence in instruction and customer service. Education is not a stagnate profession, and NOC continuously reviews its policies to provide the best experience for students. I am proud to work for NOC and look forward to the upcoming years.

There are 13 Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges Member Institutions including Carl Albert State College, Connors State College, Eastern Oklahoma State College, Murray State College, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Northern Oklahoma College, Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology, Redlands Community College, Rose State College, Seminole State College, Tulsa Community College, and Western Oklahoma State College.

NOC Northern Encounters continue

Northern Oklahoma College will be hosting high school students for Northern Encounter on all three campuses over the next two months.

The following is the Northern Encounter schedule:

NOC Enid – Dec. 2

NOC Tonkawa – Oct. 28 and Dec. 9

NOC Stillwater – Nov. 4 and Nov. 18

There will be two sessions, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

High school juniors and seniors interested in NOC will have an opportunity to hear from admissions, financial aid, testing and scholarship departments as well as the different degree programs, clubs, organizations and housing opportunities. Prospective students will also experience campus tours.

The students will receive a free t-shirt along

with brochures with information for all three Northern Oklahoma College campuses.

Contact Terri Sunderland at 580.548.2353, Blair Turney at 580.628.6444, and Diana Watkins at 580.628.6905 for additional information. Students may pre-register at www.noc.edu.

Halloween concert Thursday

The Halloween Spooktacular Concert is set for Thursday, Oct. 29 at 6 p.m.

The concert will be held on the Crowder Science Hall steps.

NOC is practicing Social Distancing and masks are required. The concert is directed by Dr. Edward Dixon.



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Priority State of Oklahoma Deadline: **December 1**

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1.

Gather Materials

Social Security Card, drivers License, W2 Forms,
You (your parents) 2019 Income Information

2.

Create FSA ID

www.fsaaid.ed.gov

3.

Complete FAFSA

www.studentaid.gov.
NOC School Code: 003162

Need Help or have questions?

Contact a NOC Financial Aid Office

Tonkawa 580.628.6595 | Enid 580.548.2261 | Stillwater 580.628.6917

Financial.aid@noc.edu

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NOC receives clean audits

The Northern Oklahoma College Board of Regents received an internal audit report from Wade Fisher of Hinkle & Company, PC and an external audit from Dan Bledsoe of Finley & Cook, PLLC.

Both audits were “clean audits” according to Fisher and Bledsoe.

“I appreciate so much the work that (Vice President for Financial Affairs) Anita Simpson and her staff put in to ensure that our finances are handled properly. In my 10 years at NOC, we have always had clean audits and that is a testimony to Anita and her staff’s hard work and diligence.”

The updated enrollment report and financial reports were shared.

Northern Oklahoma College President Dr. Chery Evans commented on the status of the institution. NOC has been working to secure additional external funding to help offset the overall decrease in our enrollment and budget deficit.

“I am pleased to report that since our September 8, 2020 Regents meeting, NOC has secured almost \$600,000 in external funding through federal CARES funds and private Northern Oklahoma College Foundation (NOCF) funds,” said President Evans.

“We are grateful to receive the additional federal CARES Act funding allocation totaling \$119,000 from the Governor’s office to help us offset the unexpected costs and revenue losses associated with the pandemic. We appreciate the efforts of Representative Kyle Hilbert and Secretary of Budget Mike Maizzei to help secure these funds for higher education.”

The regents also approved NOC’s financial report for September.

In addition, the regents approved a Spring 2021 Academic Calendar revision. The first day of the Spring 2021 semester is moved to Tuesday, Jan. 19 and NOC will not have a spring break. The semester ends May 6, 2021. These changes

are an effort to help prevent a spring spike in the virus and to keep NOC’s academic calendar aligned with OSU’s as agreed with our NOC/OSU Gateway Partnership.

In the administrator updates, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Pam Stinson explained a new Weekend College program that will provide flexibility for students in Spring 2021. Students can take classes on Friday evening and all-day Saturday for three weekends. The classes are in person at the University Center in Ponca City or NOC Online Live. NOC is partnering with the University Center in this new program.

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NOC holds advisory board meetings

Northern Oklahoma College welcomed business professionals from nine academic areas Tuesday, Oct. 20 to a virtual meeting with NOC instructors in those nine academic fields.

The advisory boards meet annually with NOC instructors to discuss the changing workplace and how instructors can better prepare students for the future.

The partnership between the business community and NOC has been going on for many years. Some divisions have had these partnerships for as many as 30 years. This was the second year the advisory committees all met simultaneously.

"NOC academic programs are better because of these public private partnerships," said NOC President Dr. Cheryl Evans. "Each year our faculty and administrators listen to the professionals who invest their time to serve on these boards. Our curriculum and instruction is continually improved with their valuable input and ideas."

Advisory boards are held in the following areas: Agricultural & Biological Sciences, Alumni, Behavioral Sciences, Business, Criminal Justice, Digital Media Institute, Mass Commu-

nications, Nursing, Pre-Engineering/Process Technology, and Health, Physical Education & Recreation.

"Our advisory board partners have been able to provide invaluable workplace perspective on the demands of each profession," said Dr. Pam Stinson, Vice President for Student Affairs. "Students are educated on the content they need to know to do the job, but we also want them to be aware of job demand, a typical workday, and the additional challenges of each position. These partnerships offer that perspective as well as opportunities for internships and job shadowing."

"It was amazing to see so many community members and workforce partners giving of their time to share their expertise with the faculty of NOC," said Kathleen Swain, Coordinator of Student Academic Success Services and advisory board event organizer. "The input of the advisory board members can enhance the education our students receive and help ensure that they possess essential skills and knowledge when they enter the workforce."

Before the breakout sessions, NOC President Dr. Cheryl Evans welcomed the advisory board

Distinguished Alumni deadline Nov. 2

Northern Oklahoma College is seeking nominations for the 2021 NOC Distinguished Alumni Award.

Nominations are due Nov. 2, according to Kim Ochoa, alumni relations coordinator.

Selected honorees will be inducted into the NOC Hall of Fame at the Alumni and Friends Reunion to be held in the Renfro Center, March 27, 2021. In addition, since the 2020 Alumni and Friends Reunion was cancelled due to COVID-19, we will also be inducting the 2020 inductees, Risha Grant, Jon Kissinger and Mar-

ta Sullivan with the 2021 inductees.

The Distinguished Alumni Award has been established to recognize the achievements of former students whose personal lives, professional achievements and community service exemplify the objectives of NOC. This award is the highest honor that Northern bestows upon an outstanding alumnus/a.

Contact Ochoa at 580.628.6473, kim.ochoa@noc.edu or visit the NOC website at www.noc.edu/alumni.

NOC / NASNTI present

STICKBALL - CHOCTAW STYLE

Lecture and Demonstration by Jake Roberts

Join us on Facebook Live to watch as NOC's Native American History class (Tonkawa) assists Jake Roberts in demonstrating the Choctaw style of Stickball. Roberts will also explain the historical tribal significance Stickball has for the Choctaw Nation.

A Facebook
Live Event
Friday,
November 13, 2020
10:30-11:30 am

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Participants in game will wear face masks and take precautions.

NOC Calendar

Oct. 24 - Oct. 30

Oct. 24

ACT National Test Day

Oct. 27

Free Lunch, BCM, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Tonkawa
 Runner Girls, Wesley House, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m., Tonkawa
 Movie Night, Renfro Center, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Oct. 28

Red & Silver Review Published Online
 Northern Encounter, Renfro Center, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Tonkawa
 Free Student Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
 Free Lunch, BCM, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid
 Bible Study, BCM, 2 p.m., Tonkawa

Oct. 29

Spooktacular Concert, Crowder Science Hall Steps, 6 p.m., Tonkawa

For additional information, visit the following links: [NOC Calendar](#)

Alumni office requests Veteran stories

Northern Oklahoma College Foundation and Alumni office is seeking stories from current students and alumni who have served or are currently serving our country-- if families want share what their loved one's service meant to them please send that along.

NOC will be sharing these stories on social media beginning on Nov. 2 - Nov. 11 (Veteran's Day). Please share stories about boot camp, a duty station(s), a memorable award or interaction, a TDY trip or deployment or any

other information. To submit for another person, please share how being related to a service member has impacted you and what patriotism has come to mean.

Regardless of when, where or how long you served; no matter if you served Active Duty, Guard or Reserve; and no matter what branch, your service counts and we want to honor you for the sacrifice you've made for our country.

To participate, send photos and story to kim.ocha@noc.edu by Wednesday, Oct. 25.



Food Services

Cafeteria Menu for October 26th – 30th, 2020

Dinner Special: Potato Bar

The cafeteria will be serving Baked Potatoes for dinner Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday!

**Monday
October 26th**

Lunch:

Taco Salad Casserole
 Parmesan Spinach Gnocchi

Dinner:

Chicken Marinara
 Tater Tot Casserole

**Tuesday
October 27th**

Mexican Meatloaf
 Chicken Teriyaki

Beef Enchiladas
 Cheese Ravioli

**Wednesday
October 28th**

Chili Relleno Casserole
 Sweet & Sour Chicken

Breakfast Night

**Thursday
October 29th**

Cajun Chicken Pasta
 Hamburger Steak

Lasagna
 Chili Dogs

**Friday
October 30th**

Baked Fish
 Steak Fingers

Chef's Choice

Ham and Beans @ Lunch

Menu subject to change

All meals served with the following: Vegetable, Starch, Bread (Dinner Roll, Breadstick, etc.), Salad Bar,* Sandwich Bar,* Pizza Bar, Assorted

Desserts, Assorted Fountain Drinks, Kool-Aid and Tea (* = Vegetarian Option Available)

Dining Hours, Monday - Friday:

Lunch:	11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	\$8.50 (+ tax)
Dinner:	5:15 PM – 6:30 PM	\$8.50 (+ tax)
Friday Dinner:	4:45 PM – 5:45 PM	\$8.50 (+ tax)
Saturday:	Breakfast 9:00-9:30am / Lunch 12-12:30pm / Dinner 5:00-5:30pm	
Sunday:	Breakfast 9:00-9:30am / Lunch 12-12:30pm / No Dinner	

****10 Meal Card Available to faculty/staff/community members for \$75.00 + Tax****