


To: CPP Faculty  
From: Victoria Bhavsar  
Subject: Welcome back! News you can immediately use  
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Dear faculty,

I hope you are having a restorative and energizing summer, with a few precious days left! Those of you who will be new to campus, special welcome! I look forward to meeting you at some point.

Shortly, I'll begin sending emails that will showcase CAFE's offerings for fall and beyond. For now, here are immediately useful items as we approach August 22:

-  [Fall 2024 Syllabus packet](#) that includes sample syllabi and sample language for generative AI policies
- Students will be added to Canvas rosters on or about Aug. 17. See below for more [Canvas news](#).

Plus, this is a [super-interesting study](#) about the power of “optional mandatory” attendance policies to consider as you finalize your syllabus. Very briefly, emphasis mine:

“Students in the mandatory groups could miss up to three meetings without penalty. Missing no more than three meetings granted a 3% bonus to the final grade, while missing more than three resulted in a 3% penalty. Students in the optional-mandatory groups could choose whether attendance affected their grade. If they opted in, the policy was identical to the mandatory one; if they opted out, their attendance was not tracked and had no impact on their grade. **Ninety percent** of students chose to make their attendance mandatory.”

Take care,  
Victoria

P.S. Department chairs, please forward this email to your new faculty who might not have a cpp email yet.

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**CAFE's Schedule**: CAFE is open and ready to help. Call us M-F at 909-869-3099, regular business hours, or see our [Team List](#) to identify just the right person for what you need. For in-person help, we recommend making an appointment.

### Canvas News:

- Students will be added to Canvas on or about Saturday, 17 August. Meanwhile, email your students via your [BroncoDirect roster](#).
- Instructor enrollments in Canvas are automated based on information in BroncoDirect. Instructor changes must be made in BroncoDirect and will reflect in Canvas in 8-24 hours.
- Previously assigned instructors may show up in the “People” list in a course. If they are labeled "inactive" they cannot access the Canvas course.
- Canvas courses and Bronco411 now have [Namecoach](#). Use Canvas to add an audio recording, phonetic spelling of your name, and preferred pronouns to your Namecoach profile and from there, your BroncoIdentity.

### Teacher-Scholar:

- [ArcGIS Online](#) is available to all CPP faculty, staff and students courtesy of the [Center for Geographic Information Science Research](#). Create, interact, and collaborate within spatial global information systems data provided by Esri, the university, government, and public contributors. Contact [Manny Ainza](#) for questions if you don't find your answer at [ArcGIS Online](#).
- **The First Year Experience Learning Community continues!** If you work with first year students or are interested in what works and what does not work for our students, join the FYE LC! We provide a collegial community for FYE instructors, offer a more uniform experience to students across FYE sections, and learn from each other. For questions please contact [Nina Abramzon](#), FYE Faculty Chair and Professor, Physics & Astronomy.

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**Get Canvas help from CAFE:** Submit a [Canvas ticket using this link](#) OR call 909-869-3099, M-F 8am – 5pm.

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