Link to Courses on the UGA Bulletin

Complexity Level: Beginner

This is a beginner topic. Little to no advanced knowledge is required.

Overview

The UGA Bulletin holds all courses. Sometimes, instead of using the Courses content type in Drupal, clients just want to provide a link to the Bulletin entry. But how do you get that link?

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Problem

When you search the Bulletin for either a specific course or all courses in a subject area, the url at the top doesn’t change to provide you with a link to your results. This makes it difficult to provide anything other than a general link to the Bulletin for course reference.

In the below example, I’ve searched for AFAM 2020, which is now showing as a result.

Notice that the url at the top is still the general url, http://www.bulletin.uga.edu/CoursesHome.aspx, and does not reflect my search results:

bulletin.uga.edu/CoursesHome.aspx
Solutions - Use one of these link patterns

There are patterns we can use to get links to both specific Bulletin courses and to courses from general subject areas.

**URL pattern for a specific course**

Here's the url for the course we searched for in the above example, AFAM 2020.

http://bulletin.uga.edu/Link.aspx?cid=AFAM2020

1) Take this base URL:

http://bulletin.uga.edu/Link.aspx?cid=

2) And add the course Prefix and Number to it without spaces. In our case, AFAM2020.

AFAM2020

So here's how it goes all together:

http://bulletin.uga.edu/Link.aspx?cid= AFAM2020

**URL pattern for all courses in a subject area**

Here's how we can see a Bulletin list of all African-American Studies courses:

http://www.bulletin.uga.edu/CoursesHome.aspx?prefix=AFAM

1) Take this base URL:

http://bulletin.uga.edu/CoursesHome.aspx?prefix=

2) And add the subject area Prefix to it. In our case, AFAM.

AFAM

So here's how it goes all together:

http://bulletin.uga.edu/CoursesHome.aspx?prefix= AFAM

You now have a link to all African-American Studies courses.
Insert the link into your page like normal

Here’s documentation on how to do that with our Drupal sites:

Drupal 8 - Adding links to content

Drupal 7 - Working with Basic Pages (links, images, pdfs)