Link to Courses on the UGA Bulletin

Complexity Level: Beginner

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

Permission Level

Level 1 or Higher - See permission level document for details

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 does 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:


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**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:


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)