

ChargerNet Overview

Welcome to ChargerNet, UAHuntsville's customizable, integrated web portal. With a single, secure login, students, faculty, researchers, and staff now have access to the university's network of web-based resources, including announcements, campus news, email, library services, calendars, and course tools. Information is organized under several tabs, which you can design to present the information you need to efficiently manage your academic life. Following is an overview of the tab content.

The Welcome Tab

Here you will find personal and campus announcements, campus news, ChargerMail access, a customizable calendar, and groups.

Calendars. By clicking on the Calendar icon at the top right-hand side of the screen, you can set up multiple personal and school-related calendars. In addition to the default personal calendar, you are automatically subscribed to calendars for each course for which you are registered, while you can create group calendars accessible to defined users. Subtabs in each calendar allow you to track and send invitations, view and add events, and set tasks. If you have an event you plan to send invitations for, you can search invitees' calendars to determine if they have conflicting events scheduled on their calendars; you can also request confirmation from invitees and specify a date and time to send out a reminder email. Reminder emails can also be scheduled for any other event or task you add to your calendars.

Groups. ChargerNet isn't all deadlines, forms and figures. Hosted by faculty members and student ambassadors, ChargerNet Groups are online communities for discussion and collaboration that will expand communication and engage participants across campus. Group members

can read Group announcements, join discussions on the Group message board, chat online or access Group-related photographs, links and files. Group members also have access to the Group calendar and can email other Group members. Group leaders can post Group announcements that will appear on the Group homepage AND the personal announcements channel on the ChargerNet Home tab. A ChargerNet Group is a great online meeting place for any organization, whether it's an official university society or simply an online gathering of students, faculty or staff with a shared interest.

Email. Meet the new, more robust Chargemail! Configure your email by entering your email password just once, and your Chargemail inbox will be accessible right from the front page. You'll see your most recent messages displayed, and you can send mass emails to groups you create from recipients in your address book. Other features include autoreply, autoforward, and the ability to block messages from preselected addresses. Finally, you can also set up filters to deliver incoming mail to predetermined folders—or to catch spam before it reaches your inbox.

The ChargerNet Tutorials Tab

As well as a guide to the available channels, this tab provides you with a mini-manual for familiarizing yourself with the system. In this section, you'll find information about features, channels, joining groups, and accessing course tools. Here you'll also find a link to the ChargerNet Support Site, where you can find detailed guides to and movie tutorials for Email, Groups, and Calendars.

The Library/IT Tab

From this tab, you can make use of Salmon Library library services such as the UAHuntsville library catalog, InterLibrary Loan, WorldCat, and online databases. A special Research Assistance section is also available, with a walk-through of the steps to searching for, classifying, and evaluating resources, as well as helpful how-tos for writing annotated bibliographies, citing electronic resources, and avoiding plagiarism.

The Student Tab

This tab gives you access to the registration information and tools in Banner. You can register for classes, view your grades, and email instructors. Your records are available as well, so you can review your transcript, make online tuition payments, and check on the status of your financial aid. Finally, you can enter the Angel interface from this tab, access turnitin.com, and download useful student forms.

The Teaching Tab

Faculty can login to Banner, Angel, and turnitin.com, as well as visit the FERPA Training webpage. Forms for educators are available here as well.

The Employee Tab

Employees can access Human Resources links and commonly used forms from the UAH Accounting Department and Business Services, as well as fill out their timesheets. Both Internet Native Banner and Banner Self-Service are linked from this tab as well. It's a one-stop source for vital employee information regarding benefits and staff development opportunities.

My Tab

The content of this tab is fully customizable by the user, with options for entertainment, news, and sports channels. Go to http://www.uah.edu/admin/chargernet_training/customize.html for step-by-step instructions for selecting and adding channels to the tab.

The entire portal is further customizable by clicking Manage Content at the top left-hand side of the screen. Here you can add more tabs and specify the channels to be displayed under each tab.

ChargerNet efficiently organizes all the resources and information you need to succeed at UAHuntsville. By making it your first online stop of the day, you can stay on top of commitments, assignments, and meetings. Log on today!