**INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

**FIRST SEMESTER COURSE OPTIONS**

**IMPORTANT:** You are expected to follow instructions and register for classes following our guidance on PIER and below. An Academic Advisor will review your schedule after you register and will reach out to you via your ECU email if changes are needed. Schedule changes can be made now through the first week of the fall semester. Courses fill up quickly, so begin registering for classes as soon as possible. If you wait until New Student Orientation, your course options will be limited.

If you are bringing in transfer credits (e.g. EARLY COLLEGE or DUAL ENROLLMENT credits) you must submit a FINAL OFFICIAL transcript from your community college/university in addition to your official high school transcripts to the ECU Undergraduate Admissions Office. ECU can NOT accept college credits from your high school transcripts. Please email a copy of your COLLEGE (not high school) transcripts to THCASadvising@ecu.edu if you need further guidance.

**CHOOSE YOUR FALL COURSES:** To stay on track to graduate in four years, plan to register for a 15-16 semester hour schedule every fall and spring semester. To be full-time for tuition purposes, register for at least 12 semester hours.

**Step 1:** We have created helpful videos to not only give you an overview of the major, but to give you registration advice! Please watch them before you register. [https://thcasadvising.ecu.edu/orientation/](https://thcasadvising.ecu.edu/orientation/)

**Step 2:** Log into your Pirate Port account and complete the PIER quiz. This quiz will open on May 14, 2021 at 12:00pm to all students who have paid their enrollment deposit. After completion you will receive your PIN and can register for courses! Click [HERE](https://thcasadvising.ecu.edu/orientation/) to open a step-by-step guide on how to register for classes in Banner Self Service.

**Step 3:** Register for PRIORITY course(s) in your major. If courses are full, please move on to next step and continue registering for courses. You can continue to check for open seats in your priority course(s) up until the first week of the fall semester.

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| International Studies | **INTL 1000: Introduction to International Studies**  
It is strongly recommended that you take this course in the fall semester of either your first or second year. This course is only offered in the fall semester of each year. |
| Foreign Language      | It is recommended that you start your foreign language study in the first or second year. You must take four levels of the same foreign language. Foreign language options are French, German, Greek, Japanese, Latin, Russian, and Spanish.  
An online placement test for Spanish is mandatory—even for those who wish to enroll in level 1001. The test can be found [here](https://thcasadvising.ecu.edu/orientation/).  
An online placement test for French and German is optional and can be found [here](https://thcasadvising.ecu.edu/orientation/) Click on the “French Placement Test” or “German Placement Test”. Students with previous experience should take the test in order to start at a higher level. Level 1001 is for students who have never had the language.  
Students who wish to take Japanese, Latin, Greek, and Russian who have no previous experience with the language can start with level 1001 (no test required). There is no online test for these languages. If you have previous experience in any of these languages, you can work with faculty on placement. Please visit this [link](https://thcasadvising.ecu.edu/orientation/) to contact appropriate faculty.  
Students who take the placement test receive bypass credit without a grade, only upon successful completion of the course into which they place, as follows:  
- Upon passing 1002, students receive bypass credit for 1001.  
- Upon passing 2003, students receive bypass credit for 1001, 1002.  
**Note:** Do not attempt to register for a language class immediately after taking the Placement Test. If you take a Placement Test, you will have to wait for an email confirming your test score being recorded with ECU before you can register for a foreign language course. It takes approximately 3 business days to enter placement test scores into the university database. |
Step 4: In addition to the courses listed in step above, complete your schedule by registering for additional courses from the options below. Remember to register for at least 12 semester hours of courses for tuition and financial aid purposes.

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| Health & Kinesiology (Choose 1) | Health 1000: Health in Modern Society  
Or  
Recreational Therapy 2200 Principles and Practices in Stress Management  
Or  
Kinesiology 1000 Lifetime Physical Activity and Fitness Lab  
*these close very quickly so don’t worry—you may not be able to get into any of these in the first semester. | 2 or 3 or 1 |
| Mathematics        | MATH 1050: Explorations in Mathematics (No math placement test needed)  
Or  
PHIL 1500: Introduction to Logic (No math placement test needed)  
If you plan to pursue a pre-professional field (pre-med, pre-dental, etc.), you must take MATH 1065 instead. Please review the math course placement info in the links below. | 3 |
| Social Science     | Any General Education Social Science course(s)  
(Strongly recommended for International Studies majors: ANTH 2010, GEOG 2100, GEOG 2110, POLS 2010, or POLS 2020) | 3-6 Click HERE for list of General Education course options |
| Humanities         | Any General Education Humanities course(s)  
(Strongly recommended for International Studies majors: HIST 1030, HIST 1031, or RELI 1690) | 3-6 |
| Fine Arts          | Any General Education Fine Arts course(s)                                      | 3-6 |
| Natural Science    | Any General Education Natural Science course                                   | 4              |
| MINOR              | A minor is required for this major. You can find a list of minors HERE. Start with a 1000 or 2000 level course in that area. A double major may also be a good possibility! | 18-24 |

**NEED HELP?**

- **Looking for your registration PIN?** You will receive your registration pin upon completion of the PIER quiz.
- **General Education Course Options:** Click HERE
- **Math Course Placement Information:** Click HERE
- **Registration Errors Explained:** Click HERE
- **Don’t see what you need? Contact Us:** Email us at THCASadvising@ecu.edu Depending on volume of emails we receive, our goal is to respond to your ECU student email within two business days