**ENGLISH/PROFESSIONAL WRITING AND INFORMATION DESIGN**

**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 during Orientation and will advise you 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 (admissions@ecu.edu). ECU **CANNOT** 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 an average of **15 semester hours** every fall and spring semester. To be a full-time student register for at least **12 semester hours**.

**Step 1:** Click [HERE](#) to open a step-by-step, screenshot tutorial on how to register for classes.

**Step 2:** 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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| **English**    | **ENGLISH 1100:** Foundations of College Writing  
It is recommended that you try to take this course in the fall. However, if it is not available it is also fine to take it in the spring.  
If you are unable to get into ENGL 1100, choose any 1 of these courses instead (and you can take 1 of these in addition to ENGL 1100 as well!):  
ENGLISH 1000 Appreciating Literature  
ENGLISH 1500 Topics in Words, Images, and Ideas  
ENGLISH 2815 Introduction to Creative Writing  
LINGUISTICS 2050 English for Global Communication  
LINGUISTICS 2700 Introduction to Language Studies  
LINGUISTICS 2710 English Grammar  
LINGUISTICS 2720 Invented Languages  
LINGUISTICS 2740 Language in the USA  
LINGUISTICS 2760 Afro-Caribbean Language and Culture | 3 |
| **Foreign Language** | B.A. in English requires foreign language  
B.S. in Professional Writing and Information Design does not require 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](#). Click on the “Spanish Placement Test” to create an account and start the test.  
An online placement test for French and German is **optional** and can be found [here](#) Click on the "French" 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](#) 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.  
- Upon passing 2004, students receive bypass credit for 1001, 1002, 2003. | 3 |

**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.

### Natural Science

It is recommended you take a Natural Science course (either with or without lab). See this [LINK](#) for options.

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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) | Click [HERE](#) for list of General Education course options 3-6 |
| Humanities | Any General Education Humanities course(s) | 3-6 |
| Fine Arts | Any General Education Fine Arts course(s) | 3-6 |
| 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 |

### Step 3:

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.

### Step 4:

Add yourself to a wait list (if available—not every course uses a waitlist) for any course you would like to take that is closed. To learn how to use wait lists, click [HERE](#).

### NEED HELP?

- Registration tutorials: Click [HERE](#)
- General Education Course Options: Click [HERE](#)
- Math Course Placement Information: Click [HERE](#)
- Registration Errors Explained: Click [HERE](#)

### Any questions?

Email us at [THCASadvising@ecu.edu](mailto:THCASadvising@ecu.edu). Please use your ECU student email. Depending on volume of emails we receive, our goal is to respond to your ECU student email within two business days. We appreciate your patience!