How do I register for classes?

Never fear! This packet includes directions for registering for your first semester at ECU!

1. Make sure you follow the instructions exactly.
2. Do not wait until your Orientation to register.
3. At your Orientation, an Academic Advisor will review your schedule.
   a. If a schedule change is needed, you can do so through the first week of the fall semester.
4. **Courses fill up quickly, so register for your classes as soon as possible.**
5. If you were an Early College or Dual Enrollment student, make sure you submit a final, official transcript from your community college/university in addition to your high school transcript.

Registration Key Terms

- **Academic Advisor:** The staff member who will guide you through your degree. Academic Advisors assist with course registration and degree planning, among other duties.
- **Add/Drop Period:** A grace period at the beginning of each semester when you can add or drop a course without penalty.
- **Course Load:** The number of courses you are taking a semester.
- **Credit Hour:** You may also see this referred to as “semester hour credit.” Each course is assigned a number of credit hours that measures the instruction and learning for that course.
- **Full-Time:** To be enrolled as a full-time student, you should register for at least **12 credit hours** a semester.
- **General Education:** Requirements outside of your major that are chosen to give you a broad, “well rounded” education.
- **Orientation:** Required session/event where you will learn about campus resources, how you are expected to behave on campus (also known as a code of conduct), and will meet with an Academic Advisor.
- **Pre-Requisite:** Course or placement you must complete before taking a course.
- **Semester:** Measurement that divides the academic year into 15-16 week terms. The main semesters are Fall (August through December) and Spring (January through May); however, there are also shorter semester (8 week) options for some courses, as well as the Summer semester (May through August).
- **Semester Hour Credit:** A semester hour credit is how college courses are measured. It is defined by the Federal Student Aid Handbook as “one hour of classroom or direct instruction, plus a minimum of two hours outside class work per week, for fifteen weeks” (the length of a semester).

Did you know?

- If you want to complete your degree within 4 years, without enrolling in summer courses, you should register for **at least 15 credit hours** for the fall (and spring) semester.
Step One:

COMPLETE CET FRESHMEN ADVISING AND REGISTRATION MODULES:

The CET Freshmen Advising and Registration Module, located in Canvas, guides you through the registration process and includes step-by-step registration videos for this major. At the end of the CET Freshmen Advising and Registration Module, you’ll have a first-draft schedule and make an appointment with your Academic Advisor for schedule review.

Click here for access to the CET Freshmen Advising & Registration Modules.

Step Two:

Click HERE to open a step-by-step, screenshot tutorial on how to register for classes.

Step Three: Choose your Fall Courses

Begin with the MANDATORY courses for your intended major. If those courses are full, you’ll move on to the PRIORITY courses for your intended major. If those are full, move to the next step to continue registering for courses. You can check for open seats in priority courses until the first week of the fall semester.

Your MANDATORY courses:

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<th>Mathematics</th>
<th>Mathematics is mandatory in your first semester.</th>
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<td>Please register for the highest-level math course you are eligible for based on the table after Mathematics Registration Information.</td>
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<th>MATHEMATICS REGISTRATION INFORMATION</th>
<th>If you have not already taken the math placement test, click HERE for more information.</th>
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<td>AP CREDIT for Calculus</td>
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<td>If you scored a 3, 4, or 5 on the Calculus AB or BC Test, you will receive credit for either MATH 2171 or both MATH 2171 and MATH 2172;</td>
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<td>However, we will not receive AP scores until mid-July. Therefore, we ask that you use the SAT, ACT, or math placement test criteria to register for the highest appropriate math class as a placeholder.</td>
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<td>TRANSFER CREDIT</td>
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<td>If you are bringing in transfer credit (example: from a community college) for college algebra or calculus, do not worry about adding a math to your schedule. Please email <a href="mailto:cetadvising@ecu.edu">cetadvising@ecu.edu</a> regarding your transfer credit and we can provide additional guidance.</td>
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<td>To determine which Mathematics course you are able to register for, use the following table.</td>
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### SAT Math | ACT Math | Math Placement Test Score | Registration Information
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0-560 | 0-22 | 0-16 | In-State students should register for MATH 0045. Out-of-state students should register for MATH 0001.
570 or higher | 23 or higher | 17 or higher on 1st test | MATH 1065: College Algebra
600 or higher | 25 or higher | 17 or higher on 1st test, and 12 or higher on 2nd test | MATH 1083: Introduction to Functions
650 or higher | 28 or higher | 17 or higher on 1st test, and 12 or higher on both the 2nd and 3rd tests | MATH 2171: Calculus I

### Your PRIORITY courses:

Register for

**ENGL 1000**: Foundations of College Writing 3 hours

Register for

**CHEM 1150 & 1151**
General Chemistry I with lab

If you meet the placement under Chemistry Registration, please register for CHEM 1150 & 1151.

*If you received AP, IB, or transfer credit for Calculus and receive a registration error when trying to register for Chem 1150 & 1151, contact your advisor.*

4 credit hours

### CHEMISTRY REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To determine if you can register for CHEM 1150 & 1151, please review the following information based on your SAT/ACT/Placement Scores.

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<td>0-560</td>
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<td>You will not register for Chemistry during your first semester. You’ll need to pass remedial math with a C- or higher, then pass MATH 1065 with a C or higher.</td>
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<td>570-590</td>
<td>23-24</td>
<td>17 or higher on 1st test</td>
<td>You will need to register for MATH 1065 first. Then, you will be able to add CHEM 1150 &amp; 1151 to your schedule.</td>
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<td>600 or higher</td>
<td>25 or higher</td>
<td>17 or higher on 1st test and pass 2nd test with 12 or higher</td>
<td>You can register for CHEM 1150 and 1151 without also taking a math course.</td>
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### Step Four: Additional Courses

For financial aid, insurance, and tuition purposes, you will likely want to register for at least 12 hours. To stay on track for a traditional graduation in 4 years, you’ll want to make sure your overall total hours equal 12-15 semester hour credits. Continue selecting courses from the options below:

Register for

**Biology**

**BIOL 1050 & 1051**: General Biology with Lab or
**BIOL 1100 & 1101**: Principles of Biology I with Lab 4 hours
If you are bringing in college credit, (AP or credit from a community college), please make sure you have that information with you at orientation, so schedule changes can be made if necessary.

**Step Five: What else do I need to know?**

- If there is a course you want to take, but it is closed, add yourself to a wait list. Wait list instructions are [HERE](#).
- Requirements for any major can be found in the [Undergraduate Catalog](#).
- Advisors are only an email away!
  - Email cetadvising@ecu.edu from your ECU student account for assistance. Our Academic Advisors get a lot of emails and have a lot of students to help, but their goal is to return your email within two business days.

**Step Six: Use Your Resources**

Foreign Language Placement Testing: [https://foreign.ecu.edu/resources/placement-exams/](https://foreign.ecu.edu/resources/placement-exams/)

General Education Course Options: Click [HERE](#).

Math Course Placement Information: [https://math.ecu.edu/placement/](https://math.ecu.edu/placement/)

Registration Errors Explained: [https://advising.ecu.edu/registration-errors/](https://advising.ecu.edu/registration-errors/)

Registration Tutorials: [https://registrar.ecu.edu/preparing-to-register/](https://registrar.ecu.edu/preparing-to-register/)

Undergraduate Catalog: Click [HERE](#).