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

Step Two: Choose your Fall Courses

1. Begin with the PRIORITY courses for your major. If those courses are full, you'll move on 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 PRIORITY courses:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Biology Requirement</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>For students pursuing pre-physical therapy or pre-physician’s assistant programs, register for BIOL 1150 and 1151: Principles of Biology: A Human Approach with Lab</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>or</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>For students pursuing pre-medical or pre-dental pathways, register for BIOL 1100 and 1101: Principles of Biology I with Lab</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 credit hours</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

MATHEMATICS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

If you have not already taken the math placement test, click [HERE](#) for more information.

AP CREDIT for Calculus
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; 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.

TRANSFER CREDIT
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 [THCASadvising@ecu.edu](mailto:THCASadvising@ecu.edu) regarding your transfer credit and we can provide additional guidance.

To determine which Mathematics course you are able to register for, use the table below.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SAT Math</th>
<th>ACT Math</th>
<th>Math Placement Test Score</th>
<th>Registration Information</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0-560</td>
<td>0-22</td>
<td>0-16</td>
<td>In-State students should register for MATH 0045.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>570 or higher</td>
<td>23 or higher</td>
<td>17 or higher on 1st test</td>
<td>Out-of-state students should register for MATH 0001.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>MATH 1065</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Mathematics**

Ideally, you should register for

**MATH 1065: College Algebra**

You can register for the highest-level course you are eligible for, but you may choose to start in a lower level course if you'd like.

You should not take MATH 1050.

3-4 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.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SAT Math</th>
<th>ACT Math</th>
<th>Math Placement Test Score</th>
<th>Registration Information</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0-560</td>
<td>0-22</td>
<td>0-16 on 1st test</td>
<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>
</tr>
<tr>
<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>
</tr>
<tr>
<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>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Chem 1150 & 1151**

*General Chemistry I with lab*

*(If you have strong math skills and feel comfortable taking two science courses and labs and/or transferring credit for math or biology, you can add this course)*

If you meet the placement above, please register for CHEM 1150 & 1151.

If you do not meet the placement above, please register for remedial math.

*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.*

Because you must take CHEM 1150 & 1151 together, you must also register for them together. If you do not follow specific instructions, you will receive a "pre-requisite and test score" error message.

*If you need assistance registering based on MATH 1065 transfer credit, click here: https://chemistry.ecu.edu/registration-help-request-form/.*

4 credit hours

---

**Step Three: Additional Courses**

For financial aid, insurance, and tuition purposes, you will likely want to register for at least 12 hours minimum although we recommend 14-16 hours to stay on track for graduation during your first semester. Please choose from first semester options below to create a schedule equaling 14-16 credit hours.

**ENGL 1100:**

*Foundations of College Writing or Humanities General Education*

Choose one of these general education/major required courses to take during your first semester. You will be able to take the other course during your spring semester. *Click HERE for list of Humanities options*

3 credit hours
**Step Four: 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 [hhpreading@ecu.edu](mailto:hhpreading@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 Five: Use Your Resources

General Education Course Options: Click HERE.

Math Course Placement Information: https://math.ecu.edu/placement/

Registration Errors Explained: https://advising.ecu.edu/registration-errors/

Registration Tutorials: https://registrar.ecu.edu/preparing-to-register/

Undergraduate Catalog: Click HERE.