
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

<u>Academic Advisor:</u>	The staff member who will guide you through your degree. Academic Advisors assist with course registration and degree planning, among other duties.
<u>Add/Drop Period:</u>	A grace period at the beginning of each semester when you can add or drop a course without penalty.
<u>Course Load:</u>	The number of courses you are taking a semester.
<u>Credit Hour:</u>	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.
<u>Full-Time:</u>	To be enrolled as a full-time student, you should register for at least 12 credit hours a semester.
<u>General Education:</u>	Requirements outside of your major that are chosen to give you a broad, “well rounded” education.
<u>Orientation:</u>	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.
<u>Pre-Requisite:</u>	Course or placement you must complete before taking a course.
<u>Semester:</u>	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).
<u>Semester Hour Credit:</u>	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. Since you are undecided, you do not have any specific courses required in your first semester. You should take a variety of General Education courses or electives to begin exploring major options. If you want to graduate in four years without taking summer courses, you should choose 15-16 credit hours for your first semester.

Here are some suggestions:

HLTH 1000: Health in Modern Society	2 credit hours
ENGL 1100: Foundations of College Writing	3 credit hours
Natural Science: <i>Choose one natural science with a lab, such as:</i> BIOL 1050 & 1051: General Biology with Lab or GEOL 1500 & 1501: Dynamic Earth with Lab or PHYS 1080 & 1081: Physics & Universe with Lab	4 credit hours
Natural Science: <i>Choose one natural science without a lab, such as:</i> ATMO 1300 (of GEOG 1300): Weather & Climate BIOL 1060: Environmental Biology GEOL 1550: Oceanography GEOL 1700: Environmental Geology PHYS 1050: Physics & the Environment	3 credit hours
Humanities Course: Any 1000-2000 level General Education Humanities Course	3 credit hours
Fine Arts Course: Any 1000-2000 level General Education Fine Arts Course	3 credit hours
Social Science Course: Any 1000-2000 level General Education Social Science Course	3 credit hours

Step Three: 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! mapadvising@ecu.edu



Step Five: Use Your Resources

Foreign Language Placement Testing: <https://foreign.ecu.edu/resources/placement-exams/>

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](#).