Undecided: Major Advisement Program (MAP) First Semester Registration Information Packet



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.

<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.

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.

<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

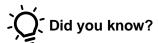
semesters are Fall (August through December) and Spring (January through May); however, there are also shorter semester (8 week) options for some

courses, as well as the Summer semester (May through August).

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).



• 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.

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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: Choose one natural science with a lab, such as: 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: Choose one natural science without a lab, such as: 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 <u>Undergraduate Catalog</u>.
- Advisors are only an email away! mapadvising@ecu.edu

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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 <u>HERE</u>.