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### 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.

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### 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 <b>12 credit hours</b> 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. Begin with the **PRIORITY** courses for your major. If those courses are full, 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:**

<b>BIOL 1050 &amp; 1051</b> General Biology with Lab	Register for BIOL 1050 & 1051.  <b>Transfer Credit Note:</b> If you received AP, IB, or transfer credit for BIOL 1100 & 1101, your credit satisfies this requirement, and you should not register for BIOL 1050 & 1051.  4 credits
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**Step Three: Additional Courses**

For financial aid, insurance, and tuition purposes, you will likely want to register for at least 12 hours (15 hours is recommended to graduate in 4 years without summer classes). If you did not get 12 hours from the suggestions in Step Two, please choose additional courses from the examples below.

<b>ENGL 1100:</b> Foundations of College Writing	<i>Required General Education course.</i>  3 credit hours
<b>PSYC 1000:</b> Introductory Psychology	<i>Required General Education Social Science course.</i>  3 credit hours
<b>HLTH 1000:</b> Health in Modern Society	<i>Required General Education course.</i>  2 credit hours
<b>SPED 2000:</b> Intro to Exceptional Children	Required.  2 credit hours
<b>PHYS 1050</b> Physics & the Environment	Required (Only recommended if Biol 1050 & 1051 are full. We don't recommend taking both sciences in the same semester)  3 credit hours
<b>Fine Arts:</b> General Education	Choose any <a href="#">General Education Fine Arts</a> course.  1-3 credit hours (many music courses are 1 hour; most other subjects are 3 hours)
<b>Humanities:</b> General Education	Choose any <a href="#">General Education Humanities</a> course.  3 credit hours
<b>Social Sciences:</b> General Education	Choose Any <a href="#">General Education Social Sciences</a> course.  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](#).
  - Click Certificates, Degrees, and other Undergraduate Programs” to view options
- Advisors are only an email away!
  - Email [ppac@ecu.edu](mailto:ppac@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.
- **Interested in a Pre-Professional Program** (such as medical, dental, pharmacy, physician assistant, or physical therapy school, etc)? If so, visit: [ppac.ecu.edu](http://ppac.ecu.edu) for more information.

#### 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](#)