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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. <mark>Courses fill up quickly, so register for your classes as soon as possible.</mark>
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

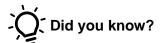|	
Academic Advisor:	The staff member who will guide you through your degree. Academic Advisors assist with course registration and degree planning, among other duties.
Add/Drop Period:	A grace period at the beginning of each semester when you can add or drop a course without penalty.
Course Load:	The 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 <u>HERE</u> 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:

Communication	**COMM 1001** – Introduction to Communication or **COMM 1003** – Introduction to Mass Media *You should plan on taking one of these classes in the fall and one of these classes in the spring.* 3 credit hours

Step Three: Additional Courses

For financial aid, insurance, and tuition purposes, you will likely want to register for at least 12 hours. If you did not get 12 hours from the suggestions in Step Two, please choose additional courses from the examples

Humanities: General Education	*Any General Education **Humanities** course(s). Click* HERE *for options.* 3-6 credit hours
Fine Arts: General Education	*Any General Education **Fine Arts** course(s). Click HERE for options.* 3-6 credit hours
Natural Science: General Education	*Any General Education **Science** course with or without lab. Click HERE for options.* 3-4 credit hours
Health: General Education	**HLTH 1000:** *Health in Modern Society* <u>*Or*</u> **RCTX 2200:** *Principles and Practices in Stress Management* 2-3 credit hours
English 1100: Foundations of College Writing	*Not every Freshmen will take English 1100 their fall semester. Half will complete English in the fall and the other half will complete in the spring.* 3 credit hours
MATH 1050: Explorations in Mathematics	No placement test is required for MATH 1050. *All students are required to complete at least one Math class. However, it is not required to complete your math your first year at ECU. Many COMM majors wait and take math their sophomore year.* 3 credit hours

Minor	While a minor is not required for this major, there is room to declare a minor or a double major without adding credits to your degree. *As a communication major, you cannot minor in communication.*
	You can find a list of minors HERE.
	Most minors require 18 to 24 credits. Start with a 1000 or 2000 level course in that area.
	3-6 credit hours

Electives	Communication majors are required to take 38 elective credits to reach 120 credit hours for graduation.
	Electives are courses that count toward your credits for graduation but are not required for your degree.
	You are required to have one General Education Elective; you may choose that from the list of General Education Courses
	3-6 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. The 2025 catalog will post in July.
- Advisors are only an email away!
  - Email commadvising@ecu.edu from your ECU student email 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

Click here for General Education Courses

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

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

Undergraduate Catalog: Click HERE.