
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. 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:

Biology Requirement	<p>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</p> <p>or</p> <p>For students pursuing pre-medical or pre-dental pathways, register for BIOL 1100 and 1101: Principles of Biology I with Lab</p> <p>4 credit hours</p>
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MATHEMATICS REGISTRATION INFORMATION	<p>If you have not already taken the math placement test, click HERE for more information.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 HHPAdvising@ecu.edu regarding your transfer credit and we can provide additional guidance.</p> <p>To determine which Mathematics course you are able to register for, use the table below.</p>
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SAT Math	ACT Math	Math Placement Test Score	Registration Information
0-560	0-22	0-16	In-State students should register for MATH 0045. Out-of-state students should register for MATH 0001.
570 or higher	23 or higher	17 or higher on 1 st test	MATH 1065



Mathematics	<p>Ideally, you should register for</p> <p>MATH 1065: College Algebra</p> <p>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.</p> <p>You <u>should not</u> take MATH 1050.</p> <p>3-4 credit hours</p>
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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.
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SAT Math	ACT Math	Math Placement Test Score	Registration Information
0-560	0-22	0-16 on 1 st test	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.
570-590	23-24	17 or higher on 1 st test	You will need to register for MATH 1065 first. Then, you will be able to add CHEM 1150 & 1151 to your schedule.
600 or higher	25 or higher	17 or higher on 1 st test and pass 2 nd test with 12 or higher	You can register for CHEM 1150 and 1151 without also taking a math course.

<p>Chem 1150 & 1151 General Chemistry I with lab</p> <p><i>(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)</i></p>	<p>If you meet the placement above, please register for CHEM 1150 & 1151.</p> <p>If you do not meet the placement above, please register for remedial math.</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>If you need assistance registering based on MATH 1065 transfer credit, click here: https://chemistry.ecu.edu/registration-help-request-form/.</p> <p>4 credit hours</p>
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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 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.

<p>ENGL 1100: Foundations of College Writing or Humanities General Education</p>	<p><i>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</i></p> <p>3 credit hours</p>
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PSYC 1000: Introductory Psychology	<p><i>General education social science and required for major</i></p> <p>3 credit hours</p>
HLTH 1000: Health in Modern Society	<p><i>Required general education</i></p> <p>2 credit hours</p>
Nutrition Requirement	<p><i>Required for major.</i></p> <p>Choose one: NUTR 1000 (<i>Contemporary Nutrition</i>) or NUTR 2105 (<i>Nutrition Science</i>)</p> <p>3 credit hours</p>
Social Science	<p>Click HERE for list of general education course.</p> <p>Suggested courses include: ANTH 1000 (<i>Introduction to Anthropology</i>) ANTH 1001 (<i>Aliens, Atlantis and Archaeology: Pseudoscience and Interpretations of the Past</i>) GENS 2400 (<i>Introduction to Gender Studies</i>) SOCI 2110 (<i>Introduction to Sociology</i>) SOCI 1010 (<i>Race, Gender, Class</i>) SOCI 1025 (<i>Courtship and Marriage</i>)</p> <p>3 credit hours</p>
Fine Arts	<p>Click HERE for list of general education courses.</p> <p>Suggested courses include: ART 1910 (<i>Art Appreciation</i>) DNCE 1000 (<i>Introduction to Dance</i>) MUSC 2207 (<i>The Enjoyment of Music</i>) THEA 1000 (<i>Introduction to Theatre</i>)</p> <p>3 credit hours</p>
COAD 1000: Student Dev & Learning in Higher Educ	<p><i>This is a freshman seminar course designed to assist students with their transition to ECU.</i></p> <p>1 credit hour</p>

Step Four: What else do I need to know?

- **Remember, the schedule you create now does not need to be perfect.** We will double-check everything at orientation and make suggestions if needed. As long as you are registered for 14-16 credit hours from option above, you are doing great!
- **If there is a course you want to take, but it is closed, add yourself to a wait list.** Wait list instructions are [HERE](#). Even if you are on a waitlist, please be sure to register for an alternative or back-up course so that you are registered for at least 14-16 credit hours. You can always drop these alternate courses if you get into your waitlist course.
- Advisors are only an email away!
 - Email hpadvising@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/>