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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. Course adjustment continues 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 in Banner.

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**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:

<b>English 1100</b>	<i>As part of the General Education requirement, all degrees require English 1100.</i> 3 credit hours
<b>Humanities</b>	<i>As part of the General Education humanities requirement, all degrees require at least 3 hours of humanities.</i> 3 credit hours
<b>Science with Lab or Science w/o Lab</b>	<i>As part of the General Education science requirement, all degrees require at 7 hours of science credits- 2 classes at 3 hours each and 1 lab at 1 hour.</i> 3-4 credit hours (3 hr. class and 1 hr. lab)
<b>Social Sciences</b>	<i>As part of the General Education social sciences requirement, all degrees require at least 9 hours of social sciences.</i> 6 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 below.

<b>Health 1000</b>	<i>As part of the General Education requirement, all degrees require Health 1000.</i> 2 credit hours
<b>Kine 1000</b>	<i>As part of the General Education requirement, all degrees require Kine 1000.</i> 1 credit hour
<b>Fine Arts</b>	<i>As part of the General Education fine arts requirement, all degrees require at least 3 hours of Fine Arts.</i> 3 credit hours
<b>Humanities or Fine Arts</b>	<i>As part of the General Education requirement, all degrees require an additional 3 hours of humanities or fine arts.</i> 3 credit hours

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**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](#).
- Advisors are only an email away!
  - Email [MAPadvising@ecu.edu](mailto:MAPadvising@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](#).

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

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

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

Math Course Placement Information: <https://math.ecu.edu/placement/>

Undergraduate Catalog: Click [HERE](#).