

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.

Students planning to pursue this major MUST audition for the School of Music to be admitted to this degree program. Please carefully review the following important information and reminders.

[Click here](#) for School of Music Audition and Application information.

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 Hours:</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.

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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. 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:

General Recital (First-Year Seminar)	<p>Register for MUSC 1000 – General Recital (First-Year Seminar) (Section 002)</p> <p><i>Section 002 is specifically for first-year music students. *Please do not register for Section 001.</i></p> <p>0 credit hours</p>
Music Theory and Aural Skills	<p>Your Advisor emailed regarding which section to register for. Please consult before registering for both of the following courses:</p> <p>MUSC 1156 – Basic Musicianship I MUSC 1176 – Basic Musicianship Lab I</p> <p>4 credit hours total</p> <p>*Please register for both for now. Your advisor may reach out regarding any necessary changes depending on music fundamentals exam results..</p>
MUSC 1105: Beginning Group Piano I	<p>Choose from Sections 001-004.</p> <p><i>*Plan your piano section around your music theory and aural skills courses.</i></p> <p>1 credit hour</p>
Ensemble(s)	<p>If you're unsure which Ensemble to choose, please email somadvising@ecu.edu</p> <p><i>Your ensemble may change depending on ensemble auditions at the beginning of the semester.</i></p> <p>Choose the appropriate course from the table below:</p> <p>1-2 credit hour(s)</p>
Wind/Percussion	MUSC 1765 Symphonic Band
Marching Band	MUSC 1706 Marching Band Field Experience (optional)
Strings	MUSC 1745 Symphony Orchestra
Voice	MUSC 1635 University Chorale
Piano	MUSC 1635 University Chorale
Guitar	MUSC 1635 University Chorale
Percussion Only	MUSC 1825 Percussion Chamber Music (register for both MUSC 1825 and 1765)

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Applied Lessons	<p><i>*If you do not see your instrument listed in the table below, please email somadvising@ecu.edu.</i></p> <p>Please choose the appropriate class from the table below:</p> <p>2 credit hours</p>
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Flute	MUSC 1112	
Oboe	MUSC 1132	
Bassoon	MUSC 1142	
Clarinet	MUSC 1152	
Saxophone	MUSC 1162	
Trumpet	MUSC 1172	
Horn	MUSC 1182	
Euphonium	MUSC 1202	
Trombone	MUSC 1192	
Tuba	MUSC 1212	
Percussion	MUSC 1222	
Violin	MUSC 1072	*SECTION 001 ONLY
Viola	MUSC 1082	*SECTION 002 ONLY
Cello	MUSC 1092	
String Bass	MUSC 1102	
Piano	MUSC 1012	*SECTION 001 ONLY

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. **It is advised that you have 15-16 registered credit hours to stay on track.** Reminder: if you're bringing in AP/Dual-Enrollment credits, please check with your advisor after selecting your courses.

Natural Science: General Education	<p>Choose any General Education Science course with or without lab</p> <p>Suggestions:</p> <p>ATMO 1300: Weather and Climate BIOL 1060: Environmental Biology GEOL 1500: Dynamic Earth PHYS 1080: Physics and the Universe</p> <p>3-4 credit hours</p>
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Social Science: General Education	<p>Choose any General Education Social Science course.</p> <p>Suggestions:</p> <p>AAAS 1000: Introduction to African and African American Studies ANTH 1000: Introduction to Anthropology POLS 1010: National Government PSYC 1000: Introductory Psychology SOCI 2110: Introduction to Sociology</p> <p>3 credit hours</p>
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Health and/or Exercise	HLTH 1000 – Health in Modern Society or KINE 1000 – Lifetime Physical Activity and Fitness Laboratory 1-2 credit hours (these do not need to be taken together)
Humanities: General Education	Choose any General Education Humanities course Suggestions: HIST 1030: World Civilizations to 1500 HIST 1031: World Civilizations Since 1500 HIST 1050: American History to 1877 HIST 1051: American History Since 1877 PHIL 1110: Introduction to Philosophy PHIL 1175: Introduction to Ethics RELI 1690: World Religions 3 credit hours
ENGL 1100: Foundations of College Writing	<i>Not every student takes ENGL 1100 in their first semester. You can take this in the spring if necessary.</i> 3 credit hours
MATH 1050: Explorations in Mathematics	<i>Not every student takes a MATH course in their first semester. You are able to take MATH 1050 in the spring if there is not an available section.</i> 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](#).
- Advisors are only an email away!
 - Email somadvising@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

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 [HERE](#).