VOCAL PERFORMANCE 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 <u>MUST audition for the School of Music</u> 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

Academic Advisor: The staff member who will guide you through your degree. Academic Advisors assist with

course registration and degree planning, among other duties.

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.

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.

<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).

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.

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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:

General Recital (First-Year Seminar)	Register for MUSC 1000 – General Recital (First-Year Seminar) (Section 002) Section 002 is specifically for first-year music students. *Please do not register for Section 001. 0 credit hours
Music Theory and Aural Skills	Your Advisor will email regarding which section to register for. Please consult before registering for both of the following courses: MUSC 1156 – Basic Musicianship I MUSC 1176 – Basic Musicianship Lab I 4 credit hours total Your advisor may reach out regarding any necessary changes depending on music fundamentals exam results.
MUSC 1105: Beginning Group Piano I	Choose from Sections 001-004. *Plan your piano section around your music theory and aural skills courses. 1 credit hour
MUSC 1627: Italian and English Diction for Singers	Required. 1 credit hour
Foreign Language	Note: A minimum of 6 hours of French, 6 hours of German, and 6 hours of Italian is required. Choose 3 hours from the table below:
GERM 1001	Preferred; required for degree
FREN 1001	Preferred; required for degree
LATN 1001	Preferred; optional
SPAN 1001	Placement test required; <u>click here</u> for more information.
RUSS 1001	Optional
Ensemble(s)	MUSC 1635 – University Chorale *Your ensemble may change depending on ensemble auditions at the beginning of the semester. 1 credit hour

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MUSC 1062 (Section 001 only, unless emailed otherwise)

Applied Lessons

*This is a temporary placeholder and is not an indication of your voice studio placement. Your advisor will update the section as studio placement information is released.

2 credit hours

Step Three: Additional Courses

For financial aid, insurance, and tuition purposes, you will likely want to register for at least 12 hours. 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	Choose any General Education Science course with or without lab 3-4 credit hours
Contral Education	3-4 credit flours
Social Science:	Choose any General Education Social Science course.
General Education	3 credit hours
Health and/or Exercise	HLTH 1000 – Health in Modern Society and/or KINE 1000 – Lifetime Physical Activity and Fitness Laboratory
	1-2 credit hours (these do not need to be taken together)
Humanities:	Choose any General Education Humanities course
General Education	3 credit hours
ENGL 1100: Foundations of College Writing	Not every student takes ENGL 1100 in their first semester. You can take this in the spring. 3 credit hours
MATH 4050	Notes and Joseph Ada Till's distribution of the Notes and Ada Till's and the
MATH 1050: Explorations in Mathematics	Not every student takes MATH in their first semester. You can take MATH in spring. 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. Instructions: Waitlist
- Requirements for any major can be found in the <u>Undergraduate Catalog</u>.
- Advisors are only an email away!
 - Email <u>somadvising@ecu.edu</u> 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.

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

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