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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. **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.

**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>Biology Requirement</b> <i>Choose One.</i>	<b>BIOL 1050/1051:</b> General Biology and Lab <b>or</b> <b>BIOL 1100/1101:</b> Principles of Biology I and Lab  4 credit hours
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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.

<b>ENGL 1100:</b> Foundations of College Writing  Or  <b>HLTH 1000:</b> Health in Modern Society	<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.</i>  3 credit hours
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<b>PSYC 1000:</b> Introductory Psychology	<i>General education social science and required for major.</i>  3 credit hours
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<b>RCTX 2230:</b> Recreational Therapy Foundations	<i>Required for major</i>  2 credit hours
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<b>RCSC 2601:</b> Leisure in Society	<i>Required for major</i>  3 credit hours
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<b>PHIL 2275:</b> Professional Ethics	<i>Humanities General Education and required for major</i>  3 credit hours
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<b>Elective</b> General Education	Recommended:  <b>SOCI 2110:</b> Introduction to Sociology <b>or</b> <b>ANTH 1000:</b> Introduction to Anthropology  3 credit hours
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<b>Fine Arts:</b> General Education	<p>Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for list of general education courses.</p> <p>Suggested courses include:</p> <p><b>ART 1910:</b> Art Appreciation <b>DNCE 1000:</b> Introduction to Dance <b>MUSC 2207:</b> The Enjoyment of Music <b>THEA 1000:</b> Introduction to Theatre</p> <p>3 credit hours</p>
<b>COAD 1000:</b> 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 [hhpadvicing@ecu.edu](mailto:hhpadvicing@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://advicing.ecu.edu/registration-errors/>
- Registration Tutorials: <https://registrar.ecu.edu/preparing-to-register/>