THEATRE ARTS, BA
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. If you have AP credit, you must have College Board submit your scores to the ECU Undergraduate Admissions Office.

If you are interested in the following programs: Musical Theatre, Acting, Entertainment Design & Production, Stage Management, or Theatre for Young Audiences please refer to the guide for the BFA in Theatre Arts not the BA in Theatre Arts.
The Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) is for performance or design and productions majors, whereas the Bachelor of Arts (BA) is an ideal degree for students with multiple interests in theatre, a special interest in directing or dramaturgy as well as students who wish to combine theatre training with other academic disciplines. The BA tends to be more academic in nature than the BFA.

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.

Add/Drop Period: A grace period at the beginning of each semester when you can add or drop a course without penalty.

Course Load: The number of courses you are taking a semester.

Credit Hour: 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 "well rounded" education.

Orientation: Required session/event where you will learn about campus resources, campus expectations (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.

Semester: Measurement that divides the academic year into 15-16 week terms. The main semesters are Fall (August through December) and Spring (January through May); there are also shorter semester (8 week) options for some courses and Summer semester (May through August).

Semester Hour: 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" (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 <mark>HERE</mark> to open a step-by-step, screenshot tutorial on how to register for classes.

Step Two: Choose your Fall Courses

Begin with the PRIORITY courses for your major. If those courses are full, 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:

THEA 2001: Theatre Technology and **THEA 2011:** Theatre Technology Lab	*If you are a performance major, please leave MWF 3-5 open on your schedule to audition for directing projects.* 2 credit hour lecture 1 credit hour lab (shop or crew hours)
THEA 1010: Intro to Acting I	*Required.* 3 credit hours
THEA 2015: Intro to Voice & Speech	3 credit hours

Step Three: Additional Courses

For financial aid, insurance, and tuition purposes, you will want to register for at least 12 hours. If you did not get 12 hours from the suggestions in Step Two, choose additional courses from below and aim for 14-16 credit hours.

HLTH 1000: Health in Modern Society	*Required General Education.* 2 credit hours

Social Science:
General Education
	Choose any one or two General Education Social Science course(s).
	
	To select a Social Science
	    1. Go to Pirate Port
	    2. Click on Registration and Planning
	    3. Browse Class Listings
	    4. Type Social Science in the Attribute box
	
	3-6 credit hours

Natural Science: General Education	*Choose any General Education Science course with or without lab.* Suggestions: **ATMO 1300**: Weather and Climate **BIOL 1050**: General Biology **BIOL 1060**: Environmental Biology **GEOG 1250**: Water in the Environment **GEOL 1550**: Oceanography **GEOL 1600**: Earth and Life Through Time **GEOL 1700**: Environmental Geology **PHYS 1050**: Physics and the Environment

	PHYS 1080: Physics and the Universe
	3-4 credit hours

ENGL 1100: Foundations of College Writing	Not every student takes ENGL 1100 in their first semester. You are able to take it in spring if there is not an available section.
	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 waitlist. Waitlist instructions are **HERE.**
- Requirements for any major can be found in the Undergraduate Catalog.
- Advisors are only an email away!
  - Email sotdadvising@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 Errors Explained: https://advising.ecu.edu/registration-errors/

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

Undergraduate Catalog: Click HERE.