

**First Semester Registration Information Packet**

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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. If you have AP credit, you must have College Board submit your scores to the ECU Undergraduate Admissions Office.
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**AUDITION INFORMATION**

An audition is required freshmen year for students pursuing the Acting and Theatre for Young Audiences concentrations if a previous audition has not been completed. Some students will have been pre-accepted during the spring audition process, while those who did audition will have the opportunity to do so during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of their freshmen year. Audition information/deadlines for your intended concentration are here: [SoTD Program Details](#)

**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.



This will be a first draft. Schedule changes can be made now through the first week of the fall semester.

For all students pursuing the BFA in Theatre Arts:

**Step One:**

Click [HERE](#) 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:

<p><b>THEA 2001:</b> Theatre Technology</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p><b>THEA 2011:</b> Theatre Technology Lab</p>	<p><i>If you are a performance major, please leave MWF 3-5 open on your schedule to audition for directing projects.</i></p> <p>2 credit hour lecture 1 credit hour lab (shop or crew hours)</p>
<p><b>THEA 1010:</b> Intro to Acting I</p>	<p><i>Required.</i></p> <p>3 credit hours</p>
<p><b>THEA 2015:</b> Voice &amp; Articulation</p>	<p><i>Required.</i></p> <p>3 credit hours</p>

**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, choose additional courses from the examples below and aim for 14-16 hours.

<p><b>HLTH 1000:</b> Health in Modern Society</p>	<p><i>General Education.</i></p> <p>2 credit hours</p>
<p><b>Social Science:</b> General Education</p>	<p>Choose any one or two <a href="#">General Education Social Science</a> course(s).</p> <p>To select a Social Science</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Go to Pirate Port</li> <li>2. Click on Registration and Planning</li> <li>3. Browse Class Listings</li> <li>4. Type Social Science in the Attribute box</li> </ol> <p>3-6 credit hours</p>

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**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

**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](mailto: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](#).