Theatre Arts, BFA: Entertainment Design & Production
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.

<u>ENTRANCE INFORMATION</u>
Students pursuing Stage Management and Entertainment Design & Production programs are not required to audition but will complete an interview for acceptance. 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.

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This will be a <u>first draft</u>. Schedule changes can be made now through the first week of the fall semester. Your advisor will review your schedule at Orientation.

For all students pursuing the BFA in Theatre Arts:

Step One:

Click <mark>HERE</mark> to open a step-by-step, screenshot tutorial on how to register for classes.

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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	2 credit hour lecture 1 credit hour lab (shop) Stage Management & Entertainment Design and Production students: Sign up for the MW 3-5 sections of 2011
THEA 1010: Intro to Acting I	*Required.* 3 credit hours
THEA 1111: Apprentice Level Production	*Running crew course. Does not meet at specified time but will have a show assignment. Only for Stage Management and Design & Production students.* 1 credit hour

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.

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 Course Attribute box
	
	3-6 credit hours

Natural Science: General Education	*Choose any General Education Science course with or without lab.* 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 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.