# Undecided: Pre-Law 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.

### **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.

<u>Course Load</u>: 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.

<u>Full-Time</u>: 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.

<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

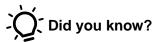
semesters are Fall (August through December) and Spring (January through May); however, there are also shorter semester (8 week) options for some

courses, as well as the Summer semester (May through August).

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).



• 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**

Admission to law school does not require a specific undergraduate major. Law schools are looking for students with strong oral and written communication, analytical thinking skills, and leadership skills. As an undecided pre-law student there are no specific courses required in your first semester. Your goal should be to take a variety of general education courses and electives to begin exploring major options.

To graduate in 4 years without participating in summer semesters, you should take 15-16 credit hours your first semester.

### **Suggested Courses:**

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ENGL 1100: Foundations of College Writing	3 credit hours
FINA 2244:  Legal Environment of Business	3 credit hours
POLS 1010: National Government	3 credit hours
PSYC 1000: Introductory Psychology	3 credit hours
SOCI 2110: Introduction to Sociology	3 credit hours
HLTH 1000: Health in Modern Society	2 credit hours
HIST 1050: American History to 1877 or HIST 1051: American History Since 1877	3 credit hours
MIS 2223: Introduction to Computers	3 credit hours
Any 1000 or 2000 level Philosophy course	3 credit hours
Any General Education Course: Social Science, Fine Arts, or Humanities	3 credit hours

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## Step Three: 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. Wait list instructions are **HERE.**
- Requirements for any major can be found in the <u>Undergraduate Catalog.</u>
- Advisors are only an email away!
  - Email <u>ppac@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 Four: Use Your Resources**

Foreign Language Placement Testing: https://foreign.ecu.edu/resources/placement-exams/

General Education Course Options: Click HERE.

Math Course Placement Information: <a href="https://math.ecu.edu/placement/">https://math.ecu.edu/placement/</a>

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

Registration Tutorials: <a href="https://registrar.ecu.edu/preparing-to-register/">https://registrar.ecu.edu/preparing-to-register/</a>

Undergraduate Catalog: Click HERE.

For more information about pre-law, visit <a href="https://ppac.ecu.edu.">https://ppac.ecu.edu.</a>