

## UNDECIDED: PRE-PROFESSIONAL

Dental, Optometry, Pharmacy, Medical, Occupational Therapy, Physicians Assistant, Physical Therapy, or Veterinary Schools



## 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.
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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.

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#### Step One:

Click [HERE](#) to open a step-by-step, screenshot tutorial on how to register for classes.

#### Step Two: Choose your Fall Courses

Admission to health professions programs does not require a specific undergraduate major.

As an undecided pre-professional student, you do not have required, specific courses in for your first semester. However, it is strongly recommended that you take a science course. Your goal should be to take a variety of general education courses and electives to begin exploring major options. Health professions programs are looking for students who are science-smart but also have excellent people skills. Social sciences and humanities can enhance your interpersonal skills.

#### Here are some suggestions:

##### *Pick One:*

**BIOL 1100 & 1101:** Principles of Biology I with lab **or**  
**BIOL 1150 & 1151:** Principles of Biology: A Human Approach with Discussion

4 credit hours

**CHEM 1150 & 1151:** General Chemistry I with lab

4 credit hours

**Chem 1120:** Intro to Chemistry for the Allied Health Sciences (for Pre-OT only)

##### CHEMISTRY REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To determine if you can register for CHEM 1150 & 1151, please review the following information based on your SAT/ACT/Placement Scores.

SAT Math	ACT Math	Math Placement 1 <sup>st</sup> Test Score	Registration Information
0-560	0-22	0-16	<b>You will not register for Chemistry during your first semester.</b> You'll need to pass remedial math with a C- or higher, then pass MATH 1065 with a C or higher.
570-590	23-24	17 or higher	You will need to register for MATH 1065 first. Then, you will be able to add CHEM 1150 & 1151 to your schedule.

**HLTH 1000:**  
Health in Modern Society

2 credit hours

**ENGL 1100:**  
Foundations of College Writing

3 credit hours

**PSYC 1000:**  
Introductory Psychology

3 credit hours

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<b>SOCI 2110:</b> Introduction to Sociology	3 credit hours
<b>Humanities Course:</b> Any 1000-2000 level General Education Humanities Course	3 credit hours
<b>Fine Arts Course:</b> Any 1000-2000 level General Education Fine Arts Course	3 credit hours
<b>Social Science Course:</b> Any 1000-2000 level General Education Social Science Course	3 credit hours

### 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 [Undergraduate Catalog](#).
- Advisors are only an email away! [ppac@ecu.edu](mailto:ppac@ecu.edu)

### Step Five: Use Your Resources

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

General Education Course Options: Click [HERE](#).

Math Course Placement Information: <https://math.ecu.edu/placement/>

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

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

Undergraduate Catalog: Click [HERE](#).

For more information about pursuing a Pre-Professional program, visit <https://ppac.ecu.edu>.