

Pirate Pearls

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LeaderShape[®] and CATALYST[®] programs available for Graduate Students!

Are you looking for leadership development opportunities outside of your profession or program? The ECU Center for Leadership & Civic Engagement offers two programs that could be right for you. First, LeaderShape[®] is a week-long training designed to immerse you into leadership development in a way that will transform your world! The CATALYST program is similar, but just one full day. Catalyst[®] focuses on learning to develop your own authentic path, connect to groups and causes you care about, and commit to a plan to be a catalyst for yourself and the groups in which you're involved. The LeaderShape Institute[®] challenges participants to lead with integrity while working toward a vision grounded in their deepest values. Participants explore not only what they want to do, but who they want to be. Want to learn more? The [LeaderShape website](#) offers more information. And you can check back on the website of the Center for Leadership & Civic Engagement to learn about these offerings specifically for students at ECU!

2018 LeaderShape Catalyst applications are being accepted!

February 3, 2018 9:00 AM—4:30 PM FREE (lunch provided)

Mendenhall Student Center

[Applications available \(click link\) and DUE by January 15, 2018](#)

For questions, please contact: Mariah Rhodes, LeaderShape SLA - rhodesm15@students.ecu.edu; Aleix Murphy, Catalyst Student Program Assistant - murphyal15@students.ecu.edu

Important Reminders & Deadlines

January 12	LAST DAY of the Course Adjustment Period. All registration, schedule changes, and drop/adds must be completed by 5:00 PM Eastern today.	Academic Calendar
January 15	State Holiday—No Classes	Academic Calendar
March 4-11	Spring Break	Academic Calendar
April 19 (Thursday)	Last day to upload a thesis or dissertation to Vireo for Spring 2018 graduation	Processing Calendar

It is the student's responsibility to review the Academic Calendar for each semester to become familiar with the deadlines. Exceptions are not made for being unaware of a deadline.

Academic Calendars are always found at <http://www.ecu.edu/fsonline/senate/fscalend.cfm>

THESIS/DISSERTATION BOOT CAMP

Thesis/Dissertation Boot Camp applications are **STILL BEING ACCEPTED!!**

Talk to your thesis or dissertation mentor today to find out if this is the right time for you to enroll!

[Thesis/Dissertation Boot Camp website](#)

[Application Link](#)

Next Session: January 29, 30, 31, 2018

8:30 AM–12:30 PM, Joyner Library 1415



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

18th Annual Graduate Research Symposium

April 6, 2018

Popp-Martin Student Union

Visit www.grs.uncc.edu for more info.

The UNC Charlotte Graduate & Professional Student Government invites all **graduate students** to submit an abstract for research to be considered for **cash prizes** at the interdisciplinary Graduate Research Symposium.

Poster Presentations: Master's and Doctoral Level

Oral Presentations: Doctoral Level*

*Master's Level students can submit for an oral presentation with faculty recommendation. Faculty should email an informal support statement to the Abstract Committee Co-Chairs.

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Abstract Submission Deadline:

February 16, 2018





INTEREST MEETING

January 11 & 17

Brewster B205

6:30 PM



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Interested in being involved in student organizations within and outside of your program or department?

[Find them all on OrgSync!](#)

OrgSync is an online portal for student organizations! There are calendars, messages, and other tools to help you get connected!

[Getting Started With OrgSync Help Guide](#)

[How To Find Organizations](#)

- Visit www.orgsync.com
- Search for East Carolina University
- Click Sign In/Sign Up
- Search for an organization and follow prompts!

Also explore: [CLCE](#), [SAO](#) and [CRW](#)

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS OPEN

WorldWise Global Student Organization is looking for enthusiastic and committed individuals to occupy the following positions:

Vice President
Secretary
Public Relations Officer
Treasurer

For more informaton please contact: worldwiseecu@ecu.edu



[Register](#) for the Spring Career Fair

[More information](#) about the Spring Career Fair



[Register](#) for the Summer Jobs & Internship Fair

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[Register](#) for the Spring Education Fair

[More information](#) Spring Education Fair

Student Government

Student Government Looking For Graduate Student Representation!

The Student Government Association is looking for motivated students interested in joining SGA. There are openings for representatives for Spring2018 for At-Large Representatives.

Please note that our applications will be made available through OrgSync.

Visit <https://orgsync.com/24904/forms/158852> to complete an application to join the SGA Assembly.

Applications are due by 5:00pm on Friday, January 19, 2018. To complete your application, you will have to set up your OrgSync account if you have not previously done so.

1. Log on with your Pirate ID and Password
2. Fill in all of the required fields for your profile
3. After you click finish on the profile screens, you should be redirected back to our application
4. Please let us know if you have issue with OrgSync!

The SGA Assembly meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Each Assembly member is also expected to join a committee. Committee meetings are scheduled based on member availability. Please contact the SGA Attorney General at sgaag@ecu.edu for more information about becoming involved with SGA.

Please note that these vacancies are separate from openings for the 2018-2019 school year. Elections filing for next year's seats will open later this month.

Visit <https://orgsync.com/24904/forms/158852> to apply!

Email sgaag@ecu.edu to contact the SGA Attorney General for more information!

Elections for 2018-2019 are in late January/February—
Here's more [information for many positions](#)! Graduate Students ARE ELIGIBLE TO RUN FOR OFFICES!

Alternative Break Experiences

PUSHING BOUNDARIES AND CREATING CHANGE

Alternative Break Experiences (ABE) challenge all participants to critically reflect upon their role and ability to make lasting social change in our local, regional, and global community. East Carolina University Alternative Break Experiences create active citizens, leaders, and advocates for lasting social change.

Visit ecu.edu/altbreaks and connect on OrgSync to learn more about upcoming ABE information sessions, trips, applications, and deadlines.

#ECUABE

APPLY TODAY on ABE OrgSync®



Individuals requesting accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the Department for Disability Support Services at least 48 hours prior to the event at (252) 737-1016 (Voice/TTY).



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TO LEARN MORE Visit the Alternative Break Experience page in OrgSync

<https://orgsync.com/69125/chapter>

You can [apply for the 2018 Domestic Spring Alternative Break Experience](#) in OrgSync as well!



“Never believe that a few caring people can’t change the world. For, indeed, that’s all who ever have.”
- Margaret Mead



Research & Creative Achievement Week

March 26—April 2, 2018

Research and Creative Achievement Week (RCAW) Abstracts due by Feb 2!

We can't wait to hear what research and creative activity you have been engaging in for the past few semesters! It's time to show off your work by submitting an abstract to Research & Creative Achievement Week!

This link <http://blog.ecu.edu/sites/rcaw/online-abstract-submission/> will get you straight to the place to submit an abstract. **The abstract submission portal will be open Jan 8, 2018—Feb 2, 2018 and late submissions will not be accepted.** We will also have training sessions to help students with their oral presentation skills for podium presentations and poster presentations.

There is help for refining your presentation! See our [Workshops website!](#)

If you have any questions about your skills, RCAW, and how to prepare, please speak with your research mentor, your graduate program director, or consult with the [Speech Communication Center](#), [University Writing Center](#), or the [Graduate School](#) for more help.

The last day to make changes to
your Spring 2018 schedule is
FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 by 5:00 PM.

See the [Registrar's Website](#) for More Help

Graduate & Professional Student Senate News (GPSS)

The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) has been making lots of changes throughout Fall 2017 and into the new year! Our blog site is back up and running! HUGE thanks to Shona Smith, graduate assistant in the Graduate School, for her work restructuring the site and updating the theme! We are working to add content, but have already updated the calendar with the spring meeting dates/locations.

We are also posting news on the homepage as well as in the Orgsync newsfeed, so follow one or both for updates. Also, note that there are two new pages added to the site, a page for organization updates and a student spotlight page. We will post any updates for fundraisers, events, or pretty much anything else that you would like us to put up so just shoot me an email with your content if you want to share it. The student spotlight will be a weekly feature of an ECU grad student, so if you have nominations or ideas please let us know soon. you can access the site at <http://blog.ecu.edu/sites/gpss/>.

The last day to submit a thesis or
dissertation to the Graduate
School for Spring 2018
graduation is April 19, 2018.

See the [Graduate School VIREO page](#) for More Help

Polar Bear Plunge!

CAMPUS RECREATION AND WELLNESS



Jan. 18th, 2018

Rain Date: Jan. 25th

Registration/Student Involvement Fair begins at 5pm and First Jump at 5:30pm

ecu.edu/polarbear

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252.328.6387
www.ecu.edu/crw



Spring 2018 To Do List

CHECK YOUR SCHEDULE

THE LAST DAY FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES IS JANUARY 12

The [Academic Calendar](#) is the official source for deadlines regarding schedule changes such as adds and drops. Your schedule must be finalized by January 12, 2018 at 5:00 PM. Requests for late adds or drops will not be approved unless extreme, extenuating circumstances are **documented**. If you must “drop” a class after January 15, it is called a course withdrawal and there will be a W on your transcript. The final day for course withdrawals is March 22, 2018. Any “drops” after this date are called term withdrawals and you will get a W or F on your transcript, depending upon your grade in the course at the time you withdraw.

Reminders

- [Spring](#) 2018 schedules are cancelled for non-payment on January 17, 2018.
- Last day to remove incompletes for graduate courses from SPRING SEMESTER 2017 is May 3, 2018.
- [Apply to graduate](#) in Banner Self Service if you are a Spring 2018 or Summer 2018 graduate
- Registration for Summer 2018 AND Fall 2018 begins on March 23.
- Final Day to submit a thesis or dissertation for Spring 2018 graduation is April 19
- Put [ECU Career Fairs](#) in your calendar:
 - ⇒ Feb 8 Summer Jobs & Internship Fair
 - ⇒ Feb 12 Pirate NURSE Expo 2018
 - ⇒ Feb 20 Northeast & Mid-Atlantic Virtual Career Fair for internships & co-ops
 - ⇒ Feb 28 Education Career Fair
 - ⇒ Feb 28 Spring Career Fair
 - ⇒ All DE students are welcome to attend campus career fairs!
- Review the [Career Resource Guide](#) from ECU Career Services

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now and keep your eyes & ears open for specific information as it becomes available! Career Services & the Graduate School will be advertising & posting more details about these 2018 events!

March 5-9

Preparing your Application for Your Job Search

- Webinar on preparing for applications
- Resume/CV, cover letter support
- Virtual appointments & resume review with Career Services!

March 12-16

Understanding the Job Market

- Learn about cost of living, knowing your worth (salary)
- Benefits perks
- How do headhunters & third party recruiters work?

March 19-23

Job Search Strategies

- Webinar on preparing, use of LinkedIn for networking/job searches
- Use of social media
- College of Arts & Sciences: Beyond Your Degree presentations

March 26-30

Interviewing

- Webinar on preparing, mock interviews via InterviewStream

April 2-6

Mock interviews with employers (phone, Skype & in-person)

- A variety of mock experiences: academic, health care, industry, K-12 education