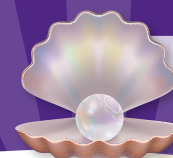


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Summer Access to Health & Fitness!

During Fall & Spring semesters, all students taking campus-based courses pay a fee for access to the Student Health Service and Campus Recreation & Wellness facilities (Student Recreation Center, Health Sciences Complex, North Campus Recreation Complex, etc.) You may not notice this fee because you are looking at the bottom line – your balance, which includes both tuition and fees. However, in the summer when a student is not enrolled in credit bearing courses, there are no fees for the student to pay because there is no “invoice” or “bill” from the university in your account.

Many graduate students do not enroll in any credit bearing courses during the summer semesters, yet they are still present on campus doing research or working in some type of assistantship. These students are still able to access the facilities of Campus Recreation & Wellness and the Student Health Service; however, an access fee is required to continue access.

Campus Recreation & Wellness and the Student Health Service both have a summer option access fee for students who want to continue to access these services in summer months despite not being enrolled in credit bearing courses! Please review the websites for [Campus Recreation & Wellness](#) and the [Student Health Service](#) to learn more about the access fees including the starting & ending dates and the cost.

These campus services are fee-based for all students in campus courses and in Summer, because the student is not enrolled in campus-based courses, the fee is separate and you can visit these offices to request and pay for access.

If you have any questions, please contact the services directly at Student Health Service or 252-328-6841 and Campus Recreation & Wellness at 252-328-6387

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Thesis Or Dissertation Upload Deadline

This date is always in the Academic Calendar. Click on the [Blue Link](#) on the top of any academic calendar and you will be taken to the Application and Processing Calendar. The Thesis & Dissertation deadline is always listed there!

Also, the [Graduate School website for the VIREO system](#) lists several semesters in advance!

[Summer 2019 - July 12](#)

[Fall 2019 - November 25](#)

[Spring 2020 - April 23](#)





PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

Duke Doctoral Academy

<https://strategicplan.duke.edu/summer-doctoral-academy/>

The 2019 Duke Doctoral Academy (DDA) offers week-long courses that introduce doctoral students to skills, tools, and knowledge that augment regular coursework and research. These short courses help emerging scholars prepare for high-level research, innovative teaching, leadership and public engagement. Courses in the DDA cover topics not typically included in doctoral curriculum. The DDA welcomes all doctoral students at any stage of their studies and all post-doctoral fellows. There are no prerequisites for any of the courses.

Program dates for the 2019 DDA:

Monday May 20 - Friday May 24

Tuesday May 28 - Saturday June 1

Morning sessions are 8:30 - 11:30 AM and afternoon sessions run from 1:30 - 4:30 PM.

See the [list of courses](#) for a description of each course.

Thesis/Dissertation Boot Camp has room for YOU!

If you need focused writing time to work on your master's thesis or doctoral dissertation, Boot Camp is for you!

Each semester, the Graduate School, University Writing Center, and Joyner & Laupus Libraries host thesis/dissertation boot camp. In this three-day workshop, graduate students spend 3-4 hours per day working on their document or project - typing content such as chapters, graphics, tables, references and more! The goal is to provide focused writing time to help you produce pages. Please join us or email coxka@ecu.edu if you have questions.

September 11, 12, 13 @ 8:30 AM

Laupus Library - [Register](#)

Registration Required

New Teaching Assistant Orientation Seats Still Available!

If you know you will have a teaching assistantship assignment in the near future, or hope to, please join us! All are welcome!

We offer teaching assistant orientations each semester so you can plan to learn more about teaching at ECU prior to your teaching assignment. We hope you are able to make it to one of these helpful sessions!

Sessions start at 8:30 AM and run until about 3:00 PM. Lunch is on your own.

July 23, 2019 Main Campus Student Center, Room TBA [Register](#)

December 4, 2019 Main Campus Student Center, Room TBA [Register](#)



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

MAY
10 Make final adjustments to Summer course schedules
[Academic Calendar](#)

MAY
13 Classes begin Summer 1 and 11-week summer session
[Academic Calendar](#)

MAY
14 Last day to register and make changes to Summer 1 or 11-week Summer Sessions
[Academic Calendar](#)

MAY
14 New Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation
Main Campus Student Center Rm 206
[Register](#)

MAY
27 State Holiday (no classes)
[Academic Calendar](#)

JUNE
4 Last day to withdraw from summer 1 courses or for the entire term without grades by 5:00 PM.
[Academic Calendar](#)

JUNE
17 Classes end. Last day for faculty to remove incompletes from Summer Session 1 2018.
[Academic Calendar](#)

JUNE
18 Final exams for Summer Session 1
[Academic Calendar](#)

JUNE
19 Make final adjustments to Summer 2 course schedules
[Academic Calendar](#)

JUNE
20 Summer 2 summer classes begin
[Academic Calendar](#)

JUNE
21 Last day for registration and schedule changes for Summer 2 summer session
[Academic Calendar](#)

JUNE
26 Last day to withdraw from 11-week summer courses or for the entire term without grades by 5:00 PM.
[Academic Calendar](#)

JULY
12 Last day to withdraw from summer 2 courses or for the entire term without grades by 5:00 PM.
[Academic Calendar](#)

JULY
25 Summer 2 and 11-week summer classes end. Last day for removal of incompletes from 2nd summer or 11-week summer session 2018. [Academic Calendar](#)

[Academic Calendars are always found at ecu.edu/fsonline/senate/fscalend.cfm](http://ecu.edu/fsonline/senate/fscalend.cfm)



FUNDING & FUN!

A message from the Carolina MudCats

We, at the Carolina MudCats, want to honor our military at home by giving free admission to anyone with a military ID during Memorial Weekend (May 24-26) & Memorial Day (May 27). They can bring their families at no cost and enjoy a relaxing and entertainment filled weekend celebrating their service and honoring the sacrifice of those before us. The only thing needed will be their military ID. If they would like to reserve seating, they can call in advance at 919-269-2287 (CATS) and mention they are military servicemen or servicewomen.

<https://www.milb.com/carolina-mudcats>

Need More Information on Funding?

Make sure you opt-in to our optional GradFunding mailing list so open assistantships, scholarships, and fellowships information come straight to your Inbox! You can easily sign up today and unsubscribe when you are ready to stop reviewing funding emails.

The GradFunding mailing list is specifically for ECU graduate students who are looking for assistantships, scholarships, grants, or other types of graduate education or research funding. You must opt in (subscribe) to this mailing list - and then opt out (unsubscribe). Follow these directions to start getting these periodic announcements today!

1. Address an email to listserv@listserv.ecu.edu
2. No subject or signature file.
3. Type the message: **SUBSCRIBE GRADFUNDING-L Firstname Lastname**
4. Replace Firstname and Lastname with your name.
5. Send the email.



REGISTRATION, ADD/DROP, WITHDRAWAL INFORMATION

Still Not Registered for Summer or Fall?

Registration for Summer Session 1 or 2, 11-week summer session, and/or Fall semester is open and you are urged to get your schedule complete for each upcoming term you plan to take courses within the next week.

When you register early, it allows you to know your financial obligations. This helps with planning finances, applying for and understanding financial aid, and will also help you review your progress towards your degree in Degree Works.

How Do I Register?

Graduate Students are expected to register themselves for courses via [Banner Self Service](#). Your official schedule must be checked via Banner Self Service each semester. **It is the student's responsibility to ensure your schedule is accurate each semester including correct course name, number, section number, and number of credits.** To learn more about using [Banner Self Service](#) for early registration, review the [helpful guides](#) on the Registrar's website. Graduate students do not need registration PINs.

How Long is the Add/Drop Period?

At ECU, the "add/drop" period is called the Course Adjustment Period and the last date for course adjustments is in the [academic calendar](#) for each semester. Students are responsible for adding & dropping courses by this deadline. It is the 5th day of classes in the Fall & Spring Semesters and is typically the 2nd day of classes in summer sessions. Consult the [academic](#)

[calendar](#) for each semester's deadlines.

Courses are rarely added to a student's schedule after the Course Adjustment Period has ended. If this is requested and permitted, the student will be required to pre-pay all tuition & fees. Late requests should come from the Graduate Program Director to the Registrar and Graduate School. The policy on [schedule changes](#) is always in the [Graduate Catalog](#).

Course and Term Withdrawals

Any course "dropped" after course adjustment period deadline is not a drop - it is a course withdrawal and a W is listed on the transcript. If a course withdrawal is requested after the deadline, there could be a grade of F along with the W. It is important to consult with your advisor prior to withdrawing from any course and ensure you make withdrawal decisions prior to the deadline each semester.

Term withdrawals occur when a student withdraws from all courses in a semester. It is the student's responsibility to email the Registrar, course instructors, and program directors to notify them of this action. The [withdrawal policy and procedures](#) are explained in the Graduate Catalog. Withdrawals, either course or term, may affect assistantships, financial aid, and eligibility for student health insurance. Students may consult with graduate program directors, academic advisors, and/or the Dean of Students Office to discuss the impacts of course or term withdrawals.