Pirate Pearls

THE GRADUATE STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Researching Your Funding Resources

Maximize your job search strategy!

Many offices on campus arrange for graduate assistants months in advance of the start date. So, if you need assistantship funding for 2019-2020, it's time to start looking now! Here are some places online to review for more opportunities!

Student Employment Office

The Student Employment Office maintains job advertisements for all types of student positions: federal work-study, hourly pay (self-help), and assistantships. Review their listings regularly

Gradfunding mailing list

You can subscribe to this opt-in mailing list and receive announcements that are sent out by the Graduate School. This mailing list sends out assistantship, fellowship & scholarship opportunities as well as some general financial advice. Review subscription instructions on the Grad School website.

Graduate Program Director

Speak with your graduate program director to determine if there are funding opportunities within your program or Department. These are handled differently in each program, so make sure to speak with the director of your degree or certificate program to get the most accurate information. You can find your program director by searching for your program on the Find Your Program feature on the Grad School website.

Search External Databases

Review sites like ProFellow.com, ECU's SPIN database, and other online funding opportunities to see what's out there for you!

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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!

Summer 2019

ECU GRADUATE SCHOOL

Course Registration for Fall 2019

Ultimately, it is the graduate student's responsibility to ensure your course schedule in any semester is accurate. Students are responsible for making course courses are added, dropped, or withdrawn by the deadlines published in the Academic Calendar. Even if your program registers courses for you, you are ultimately responsible for the accuracy of your schedule and the financial obligations that are a consequence of course registration. A few important facts you should remember:

- Even if you do not pay your bill in an attempt to "drop" your courses and not enroll for a semester, you are obligated to those charges in the event they are not dropped for non-payment. That is why it is critical that you follow appropriate procedures for dropping courses and do not assume your schedule is clear because you did not pay your bill.   Before the 5th day of Fall or Spring, you can drop all your courses using Banner Self Service. If your final course won't drop, then you must email regis@ecu.edu and request the final course be dropped from your schedule. This notifies the university that you are completely enrolling for a semester.
- If you want to "drop" a course after the 5th day of Fall or Spring, it is not a drop. It is a **course withdrawal** and you must do that by emailing regis@ecu.edu and requesting a withdrawal. It's always a good idea to copy your graduate program director and your course instructors on emails to regis@ecu.edu.
- All of the registration and add/drop policies and the withdrawal policies are on the Registrar's website or within the Graduate Catalog. It is your obligation to review these policies and abide by them.
- Always review the Cashier's "Important Dates" document each term to ensure you are well aware of the deadlines for paying your tuition and fees.

If you are not currently registered for Fall 2019, you should be registered ASAP in order to know the balance due that will be on your account. Early registration gives you more time to determine how you will meet your financial obligations, and even arrange your work schedule and social calendar. The benefits of early registration are worth the few minutes you will take today to get this accomplished for your Fall 2019 courses.

The Registrar has helpful information on how to register as well as who to contact if you get registration errors when you try to register. One good rule of thumb is that if you get a registration error, contact the department that offers the course to find out if there is some type of course restriction that needs to be removed. The department offering the course is the only office that can remove course restrictions for a specific course.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

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

JULY 25 — Classes end. Last day for faculty to remove incompletes from Summer 2019.
Academic Calendar

AUG 13 — New Graduate Student Orientation
Information

AUG 16 — Advising, registration and schedule adjustments.
Processing Calendar

AUG 19 — Classes begins; schedule adjustments.
Academic Calendar

AUG 23 — Last day for registration & schedule adjustments (drop and add) by 5:00 pm.
Academic Calendar

AUG 30 — Census Day (Official enrollment count taken at 5:00 pm). .
Academic Calendar

SEPT 2 — State Holiday.
Academic Calendar

OCT 5-8 — Fall Break.
Academic Calendar

OCT 9 — 8:00 am Classes resume.
Academic Calendar

NOV 1 — Early registration for graduate students begins at 1:00 pm.
Academic Calendar

NOV 15 — Suggested deadline for having your Spring 2020 registration completed.

NOV 25 — Final day to upload a thesis or dissertation into Vireo for a Fall 2019 graduation. Information

DEC 3 — Classes end. Last day to remove incompletes given during Fall 2018.
Academic Calendar

Academic Calendars are always found at ecu.edu/fsonline/senate/fscalend.cfm

What is printed on this newsletter page does not supercede what is published in the official online Academic Calendar or other university publsihed calendars

Thesis/Dissertation Boot Camp In September!

We still have seats available for you! If you need focused writing time to work on your prospectus, data analysis, or the final document to submit prior to your defense, then this Boot Camp is for you! You will get some brief motivation and instruction, but will spend the majority of time writing and making progress on your pages! Please register so we know you are joining us! Our session will be in Laupus Library this time and we plan to work from about 8:30 AM - 12:30 or 1:00 PM each day!

September 11, 12, 13 @ 8:30 AM, Laupus Library

Are you using Handshake?

Career Services has provided HANDSHAKE to the campus community! Join today and you will have access to career fairs, employment opportunities, and will be able to see assistantship advertisements too!

http://www.ecu.edu/career/

Feeling Stressed?

The Center for Counseling and Student Development is available for all students who feel like they need someone to talk to about stress, anxiety, or any other issue that is preventing you from doing your best. If you believe you need some help, please contact them today!

http://www.ecu.edu/counselingcenter/

FALL 2019
Part-Time Job Fair
All On and Off Campus Employment
August 20, 2019
1-4 p.m.
Main Campus Student Center
Bring your ECU 1 Card and extra copies of your resume
Visit: **career.ecu.edu**
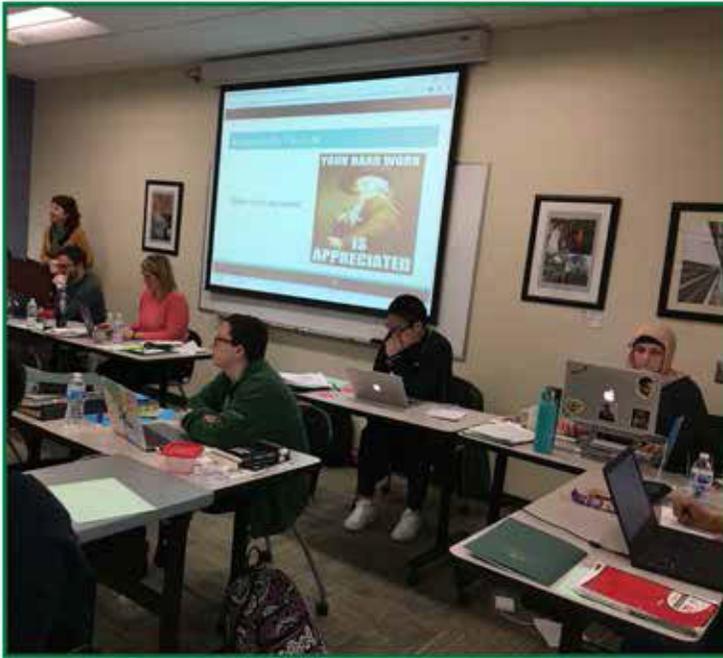Hosted by ECU Career Services, the Student Employment Office, and Federal Work Study

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ADA Accommodation: 252-737-1016 (voice/TTY)

Summer 2019 Graduate Writing Retreat

Dates & Times:

Friday, July 26, 1-6 PM

Saturday, July 27, 10-4 PM

Sunday, July 28, 10-4 PM

Cost:

$15 Enrolled UNC Charlotte Grad Students

$25 UNC Charlotte Faculty/Staff

$50 Members of the Community

Location:

UNC Charlotte Center City
320 E 9th St, Charlotte, NC 28202

CGL
The Center for Graduate Life

Multi-day opportunity to make progress on a large writing project!
Quiet space to work
Structured writing time
Writing-related resources & support
Meals, snacks & coffee provided

A non-refundable registration fee which covers costs related to supplies and instruction is required. Please remit payment through our payment portal at:
https://gradlife.uncc.edu/events/2019-07-26/summer-2019-graduate-writing-retreat

Enjoy a Movie on the Lawn!

https://blog.ecu.edu/sites/ecunow/blog/2019/06/11/ecu-begins-summer-movie-series/

July 13 - The Secret Life of Pets

Join Us on the Lawn in front of Pirate Vision at the Main Campus Student Center! Bring your friends & family!

Time Limits for Finishing Your Certificate or Degree

Graduate courses "age out." For certificate and master's degree programs, courses age out after 6 years. For most doctoral programs, the standard is 10 years. Students, with the support of their program, may request a one-year extension to the time limits for their specific degree program. The policy is within the Graduate Catalog and the request is submitted to the Graduate School by the graduate program director, not the student. Students who are concerned about their time to degree should consult with their graduate program director to learn the specific amount of time allowed for your degree as well as the procedures for requesting a time extension should one become needed.

Transfer Credit Policies

In some instances, graduate students may transfer in courses taken at another institution. The first step in determining if this is possible is to have the graduate program determine if the courses taken elsewhere are appropriate in content and credit to be acceptable for the current program at ECU. If the program supports transfer credit, the graduate program director (not the student) submits a request for transfer credit to the Graduate School. If approved, the transfer credit notation will be visible on the Degree Works audit. Credit cannot be fully accepted until a transfer course is completed and graded and an official transcript has been received at the Graduate School (not by the student). Transfer courses must have a grade of A or B to be acceptable. The entire transfer credit policy is within the Graduate Catalog and students should review it and discuss credit with their graduate program director. Graduate programs are not obligated to accept transfer credit and many have specific rules or limits about transfer credit.

Graduating in Summer or Fall 2019?

The application for graduate graduation should be completed at least one semester prior to completion of the requirements of the degree or certificate. Application for graduation must be completed online through PiratePort in Banner Self Service. If there are curriculum changes after the student has applied to graduate or if the semester of graduation changes, it is the student's responsibility to notify the Office of the Registrar at regis@ecu.edu to have the graduation application updated. Students who complete the degree requirements after the last day of final exams in the intended term of graduation will be certified for graduation in a subsequent term. You must apply for a degree graduation and a certificate graduation separately, even if they are graduated the same semester