

# Pirate Pearls

THE GRADUATE STUDENT  
NEWSLETTER



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## Grad PIRATE Talks Begin September 8

All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend a special multidisciplinary seminar series being organized by ECU's graduate student body titled "Grad PIRATE Talks: Promoting Inclusion through Research, Action, Teaching, and Education. The first seminar is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 PM via WebEx. A new WebEx link will be available weekly on the [University Events Calendar](#) and in [Engage](#). Each PIRATE Talk will start with a short presentation (about 15 minutes) by 2 or more graduate students on a topic relevant to the mission of the series and their academic program, followed by a moderated discussion, wrapping up with brainstorming on action items for future action.

A steering committee of 28 students has been working on this series and is co-chaired by Zoe Terwilliger, PhD student in Biomedical Science, Kris Rixon Masters student in Sociology, and Emma Goldberg PhD student in Biomedical Science. This series is supported the Graduate School, the Office for Equity and Diversity, and faculty mentors.

### Grad PIRATE Talks Mission Statement

"We are committed to raising awareness of the diversity within our university community. Through intentional and purposeful dialogue, we hope to build a more inclusive and equitable future for Pirate Nation."

To accomplish this mission, we will

- Educate the Pirate Nation on the diverse backgrounds of their peers
- Introduce the Pirate Nation to other dimensions of diversity such as but not limited to, race, religion and gender identities.
- Develop practices and strategies that promote inclusivity amongst all cultures across the university.
- Create awareness of bias in fields of study
- Challenge the University to acknowledge deficiencies in diversity in fields of study (ie. faculty, curriculum, etc.)
- Encourage students to engage in conversations around difficult topics and provide them with tools to be successful in a global and multicultural society

See the advertisement for this event on Page 4 of this newsletter.

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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!

[Fall 2020 - November 11 \(this is a change due to change in academic calendar\)](#)





# STUDENT EVENTS

## Graduate & Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Events Available in Engage

The Graduate & Professional Student Senate (GPSS) has been active this summer developing events for graduate students. Log in to the Engage portal to see the [GPSS page](#). Once there, you can scroll down to see the events already planned and taking registrations. Many of their events have limited attendance because of the free items that are typically provided, so make sure to register for an event early! Click on the date offered to register!

Grad PIRATE Talks - [September 8](#)

Saturday [Craft]urday with AR Workshop - [September 12 - morning session](#)

Saturday [Craft]urday with AR Workshop - [September 12 - afternoon session](#)

Graduate & Professional Students VIRTUAL Trivia Night - Harry Potter - [September 17](#)

Graduate & Professional Students FAMILY Pottery Painting - [September 18](#)

Graduate & Professional Students FAMILY Pottery Painting - [September 19](#)

Graduate & Professional Students FAMILY Pottery Painting - [September 20](#)

Make & Bake with Gwendy's Goodies - Cinnamon Rolls - [September 26](#)

Graduate and Professional Students VIRTUAL Trivia Night - [October 22](#)

Graduate and Professional Students VIRTUAL Trivia Night - [November 12](#)

### Campus Recreation & Wellness

#### Has Indoor Pool Hours

Effective Monday, August 31, 2020, the indoor pool will open with limited capacity and hours of operation. Please note, **advanced registration is required** for pool access. Visit [crwregistration.ecu.edu](http://crwregistration.ecu.edu) for hours and facility access reservations. All other indoor recreation remains closed until further notice. You can view the [CRW website](#) for more info!

### The Peel LGBTQ Center is Open!

As ECU moves to 100% online instruction for undergraduate classes, The Peel LGBTQ Center will remain open and Fall 2020 programming will continue as planned in a virtual format. The Center will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be observing all safety precautions including social distancing and mandatory use of protective masks.

For more information on upcoming events, visit [Engage](#). If you are in need assistance, please stop by the Center in Suite 209 of the Main Campus Student Center or call us at (252) 737-2514.



# IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

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|--------------------------|--|----------------------------|---|
| <b>SEPT</b><br><b>7</b>  | State Holiday (no classes)<br><a href="#">Academic Calendar</a>                              | <b>OCT</b><br><b>2</b>     | Grades due at 8:00 AM for Block 8W1 courses<br><a href="#">Academic Calendar</a>  |
| <b>SEPT</b><br><b>9</b>  | Last Day to Withdraw from Block 8W1 courses, by 5:00 PM<br><a href="#">Academic Calendar</a> | <b>OCT</b><br><b>2</b>     | Last day for course adjustments for 8W2<br><a href="#">Academic Calendar</a>  |
| <b>SEPT</b><br><b>25</b> | Classes End for Block 8W1<br><a href="#">Academic Calendar</a>                               | <b>OCT</b><br><b>26-30</b> | Advising for Spring 2021 Semester<br><a href="#">Academic Calendar</a>  |
| <b>SEPT</b><br><b>28</b> | Exams Begin for Block 8W1<br><a href="#">Academic Calendar</a>                               | <b>NOV</b><br><b>6</b>     | Early Registration for Special Populations including Graduate Students Begins today<br><a href="#">Academic Calendar</a>  |
| <b>SEPT</b><br><b>29</b> | Exams End for Block 8W1<br><a href="#">Academic Calendar</a>                                 | <b>NOV</b><br><b>11</b>    | Final Day to Upload a Thesis or Dissertation for a Fall 2020 Graduation<br><a href="#">Application/Processing Deadlines Calendar</a>                                      |
| <b>SEPT</b><br><b>30</b> | Fall Festival<br><a href="#">Academic Calendar</a>   | <b>NOV</b><br><b>17</b>    | Classes end for 15-week and 8W2<br>Last day for graduate students to submit work for removal of an incomplete given during Fall 2019<br><a href="#">Academic Calendar</a> |
| <b>OCT</b><br><b>1</b>   | Classes Begin for 8W2<br><a href="#">Academic Calendar</a>                                   | <b>NOV</b><br><b>17-25</b> | Final Exams on Various Days for 15-week term & 8W2 block. Review academic calendar for specifics. <a href="#">Academic Calendar</a>                                       |

[This is not an official academic calendar. Always refer to the official calendar for approved deadlines. Academic Calendars are always found at \[ecu.edu/fsonline/senate/fscalend.cfm\]\(http://ecu.edu/fsonline/senate/fscalend.cfm\)](#)



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 8TH,  
6:30 PM**

Date/time of event subject to change.

## **GRAD PIRATE TALKS**

**PROMOTING INCLUSION THROUGH RESEARCH, ACTION, TEACHING, AND EDUCATION**

### **RACIAL DISPARITIES IN MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH**

A conversation among ECU students and the Greenville community on how racial disparities in healthcare impact the experiences, health, and lives of mothers and their babies.

**Link to seminar can be found on Engage.**



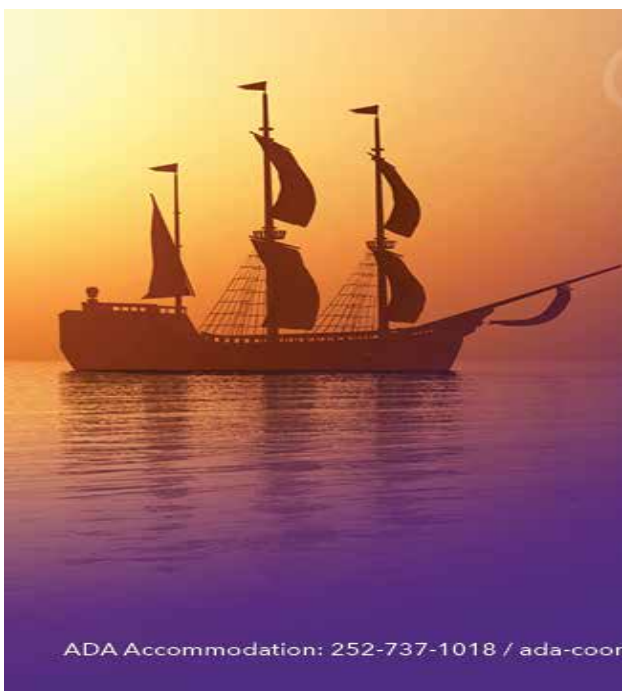
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ada-coordinator@ecu.edu.



## Office for Faculty Excellence Upcoming Sessions Open To Graduate Students

Navigate to the [Upcoming Sessions page](#) on the Office for Faculty Excellence's website to view their upcoming sessions. Once on that page, you can click on the name/title of the session to learn more about it. Here are just a few examples of what is coming up!

- September 2 R Introduction
- September 4 How to Build a Canvas Test, Work with Test Banks, and Gradebook Features
- September 8 Demonstration of Canvas Assignment Types and Weighting the Gradebook
- September 10 Mixed Research Design
- September 16 How to Use Mastery Pathways in Canvas to Unlock Assignments



## Grad School Fair

**Looking to learn which graduate school or graduate program is right for you?**

**November 4  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
VIRTUAL on handshake**

*OPEN to all ECU students and alumni*  
Sponsored by the Graduate School and Career Services

**Visit [career.ecu.edu](http://career.ecu.edu)**

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# CAMPUS RESOURCES

## Dining On Campus Hours & Locations Updated

With the recent change to online only classes and the reduction in the numbers of students that live on campus for the fall semester, there is a need to greatly reduce the number of food service venues that are open on campus. All food service locations on campus will be closed except for offerings in the Main Student Center, The Galley and Todd Dining Hall. To find out what is open and when, navigate to <https://dining.ecu.edu/> and then click on Menus & Hours in the right top corner. You can then look by date to see what will be available for you.



## Interested in a Trainee Position at the Center for Counseling & Student Development (CCSD)?

Trainees at the CCSD are involved in a variety of services including individual & group counseling, workshops, outreach and seminars. You can review the [Training Program](#) website and begin to plan ahead for Spring 2021 when applications are being taken in March 2021. You can contact Dr. Sarah Dietz at [dietzs15@ecu.edu](mailto:dietzs15@ecu.edu) if you have questions after reviewing the [website](#).

## Center for Counseling and Student Development (CCSD) Available to Graduate Students

The ECU Center for Counseling and Student Development (CCSD) is currently utilizing telemental health for the Fall 2020 Semester. If you need urgent support or are interested in scheduling a counseling appointment or simply have more questions, you can call the office at 252-328-6661. Please call to schedule a crisis consultation, get a first appointment, make a routine appointment or ask questions about the CCSD. The CCSD also provides information and contacts for other campus resources that can be helpful to students including outreach programs, resources for basic needs, academic concerns, and more! You can review these resources on the CCSD website at <https://counselingcenter.ecu.edu/fall2020/>.

The CCSD also has after hours urgent mental health support. You can call the main number at 252-328-6661 and then press "2" to be connected to a crisis counselor. For life threatening mental health emergencies, please call 911 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.

If you are concerned about another student member of Pirate Nation, you can get help to assist this person. Please review the resources on the [Concerned About A Pirate website](#) to learn more about how you can find care for a friend.



# IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS

## Prevention of Sexual Violence & Assault Module Required for NEW Campus-Based Graduate Students

Many of you have had difficulty accessing the course on Sexual Violence. We are continuing to monitor the module. Please try again and contact the Graduate School if you are unable to access the course through your Pirate Port. Sending us a screen shot of your error message is helpful!

### TO ACCESS THE COURSE:

- Go to PiratePort and log in with your Pirate ID and passphrase.
- Search for the Safety Awareness widget and click on it.
- The Sexual Violence module will be present if you are required to complete it. If you are in all online courses, you are not required to complete this module.
- You may be prompted to create an account in MyStudentBody.
- Questions? Please reach out to the Graduate School at [gradschool@ecu.edu](mailto:gradschool@ecu.edu).

**This is a required module and a hold will be placed on your account if you have not completed the module by 10/30/2020. Yes, we will be flexible if the module continues to malfunction for you.**

## Human Subject Research Requires UMCIRB Approval

Many graduate students conduct research during their graduate program whether it's for a doctoral dissertation, master's thesis or other research project. [The University and Medical Center Institutional Review Board \(UMCIRB\)](#) protects the rights and welfare of human participants in research at ECU, Vidant Medical Center, and its affiliates. Also, any research conducted elsewhere by ECU faculty, staff or students or other representatives of the university must be reviewed by the UMCIRB, as well.

The UMCIRB has a [robust website](#) with information needed PRIOR to conducting any research with human participants. This includes access to the electronic submission system ([ePIRATE](#)), standard operating practices, training requirements for persons involved in the conduct of human research, FAQs as well as the rosters of membership for the UMCIRB committee. In addition, the UMCIRB staff are available to assist researchers with forms, submissions and to answer their questions.

All graduate students should investigate [training requirements](#) as well as begin training to use ePIRATE prior to any study.

## Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) required for all research personnel

The CITI courses are required online modules for principal investigators, sub-investigators, research coordinators, and any other research team members (including graduate assistants) that have contact with research participants and their research data or private information.

The ECU UMCIRB maintains a [CITI course FAQ website](#) which answers all your questions and provides information about which modules within the CITI course are required for the type of research you will be doing.

Once you complete the modules you must log the completion date in your [ePIRATE profile](#). Once this date is added to your ePIRATE profile, it will automatically be populated next to your name in any submission to the IRB. You must update this date in your ePIRATE portal each time you do the refresher course, as well. ePIRATE is not connected to CITI online, so you must log the date yourself in [ePIRATE](#).



# MAXIMIZE CAREER SERVICES

**Engineering and Technology Fair**  
 NOW VIRTUAL  
 Virtual on **handshake**  
**October 14, 2020**  
 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 (subject to change)

To view a list of employers participating, log in to **handshake**.

Over 100 Employers recruiting ECU Pirates for internships & jobs!

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**Job & Internship Fair**  
 VIRTUAL ON **handshake**  
**October 7, 2020 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**  
 (subject to change)

To view a list of employers participating, log in to **handshake**.  
 Visit [career.ecu.edu](http://career.ecu.edu) for more information.

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**Health & Wellness Career Fair**  
 NOW VIRTUAL  
 Virtual on **handshake**  
**September 17, 2020**  
 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
 (subject to change)

Employers Recruiting Future Health Care Professionals  
 For more information visit [career.ecu.edu](http://career.ecu.edu)

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## Career Fairs are going VIRTUAL!

To help keep you safe, Career Services has moved their career fairs to a virtual environment for Fall 2020! Using the online portal [Handshake](http://Handshake), you will have a variety of ways to interact with employers including one-on-one online meetings, information for download, and more! Click on each graphic to register for that specific career fair. And make sure to investigate [Handshake](http://Handshake) to its fullest! It can really help you with your job search!

## Campus Employment Opportunities Available

There are three basic types of employment on campus: Assistantships, Federal Work Study, and Self-Help. Graduate students are eligible for all three, although Federal Work Study is the lead common.

To be eligible for funding, students should complete the FAFSA if they want the Federal Work Study option. Assistantships and Self-help jobs do not require the FAFSA on file. To seek out campus employment, students are encouraged to:

- Speak to their Graduate Program Director about assistantships.
- Log into [Career Services' Handshake](http://Career Services' Handshake) web portal. All types of campus employment are listed in their job search tool including federal work study and self-help jobs.
- Speak directly to the [Office of Financial Aid](http://Office of Financial Aid) if you are interested in Federal Work-Study positions to determine how to request this option when you file the FAFSA.



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## Study Abroad 101: Information Sessions

The Office of Global Affairs has all the information you need to learn about study abroad options while a student at ECU. They hold online information hours will provide information about finding a program, credit transfers, financial aid and more! This session is a MUST for anyone who is interested in study abroad while a graduate student! This is a link to the next event on [September 2 at 4:00 PM](#), and when on that page, click on More Dates Through October 21 so you can review other options well! Attend a session soon!

## “Networking for Introverts”

ECU is having September events in celebration of 2020 National Postdoctoral Scholar Appreciation Week. The Office of Postdoctoral Scholars also invites graduate students to their events to help inform students about post-doctoral opportunities. On Monday, September 21 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon, Dr. Victoria McGovern will be holding a webinar called “Networking for Introverts.” Dr. McGovern runs the Burroughs Wellcome Fund’s programs in Infectious Diseases and in Population and Laboratory Based Sciences, as well as the workforce development-focused Career Guidance Trainees program. She has been involved in science policy efforts related to strengthening the scientific workforce. This webinar will provide some suggestions on how to reach out and make connections, find the right career path, and achieve a reasonable work/life balance. You must RSVP to attend and you can RSVP at the link below. Seats are limited so make sure to RSVP and clear your calendars for the event! The event will be held via WebEx.

[Networking for Introverts RSVP link](#)



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