

# Pirate Pearls

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**GRAD BASH**  
Arrrgh! You Ready!  
2022

Thursday, May 5  
5-8 p.m.

Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium™  
(North Side)

## You Are Invited To Celebrate With The ECU Grads!

Live Music by Spare Change

Local Food Trucks

Beer and Wine

(must be 21 or older to purchase)

Complimentary Soft Drinks and Water

Free Admission

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# GRAD BASH

**WHAT:** Grad Bash is an East Carolina University event that is hosted prior to the Spring Commencement only.

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 5 from 5:00pm-8:00pm

**WHERE:** Northside of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium

**ACTIVITIES:** Live Music, Local Food Trucks, Beer and Wine (must be 21 or older to purchase), Complimentary Water and Soda

**\*Admission is Free**

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## Thesis Or Dissertation Upload Deadline

Summer 2022 - July 15

Fall 2022 - November 30

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!



# UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

## SPRING 2022 UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT

Friday, May 6, 2022 - 9 a.m.

Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium™

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*Congratulations to all  
Spring 2022 graduates!*

For commencement information, click the links below or  
check out **[ECU's commencement page!](#)**

**[Commencement](#)**

**[Accommodations](#)**

**[Graduate FAQs](#)**

**[Faculty/Staff FAQs](#)**

**[Family & Friends FAQs](#)**

**[Parking & Traffic](#)**

# THESIS DISSERTATION BOOT CAMP

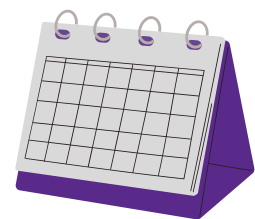
Our goals for you during Thesis-Dissertation Boot Camp are for you to make progress on producing pages. Whether it's for your prospectus or for your final document, there comes a time when you need to sit down and write and make definitive progress. That is what Boot Camp is designed to do.

We will not teach you how to get your research started or make corrections in your writing. Instead, we will motivate you and give you some ideas on how you can stay motivated to finish this amazing project.

You will get to interact with other students who are just like you – trying to finish probably the biggest academic project of your life! The conversation and support will really help you more than you realize.

This is one of our most popular workshops and we hope you will join us!

**When? May 12 & 13**



See flyer for more information!

**Register!** 

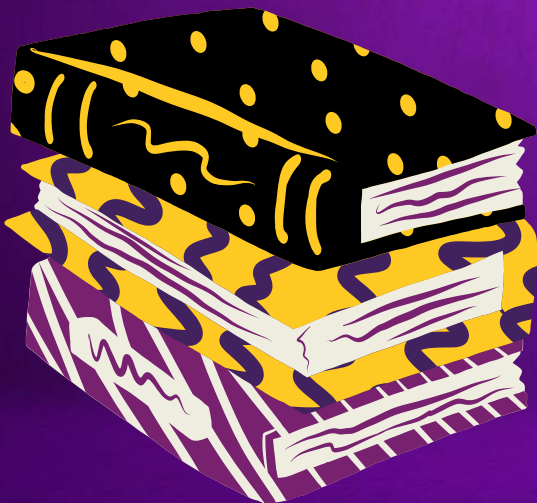
# GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT ORIENTATION

Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation is offered each semester. The Graduate School provides an opportunity for graduate students who are already teaching assistants or know they will be in the future to learn more about teaching at ECU and how to perform as a teaching assistant overall. Held at times in-person and virtually, this nearly day-long workshop includes information on academic policies, academic integrity, how to provide feedback to students, and more! All graduate students are welcome whether they are currently a teaching assistant or not. Undergraduate students who know they will be a graduate teaching assistant at ECU within 1-2 semesters are also welcome! Questions? Email Associate Dean Kathleen Cox at [coxka@ecu.edu](mailto:coxka@ecu.edu)

May 11, 2022	9 AM - 3 PM VIRTUAL	<a href="#"><u>REGISTRATION LINK</u></a>
August 11, 2022	9 AM - 3 PM VIRTUAL	<a href="#"><u>REGISTRATION LINK</u></a>

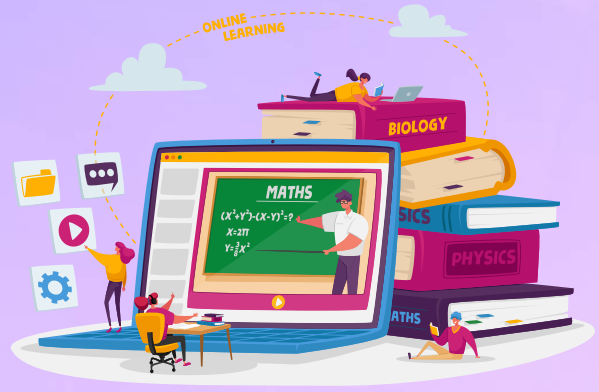
[Orientation Flyer](#)

[Graduate TA Site](#)



**GOOD  
LUCK  
DURING  
EXAMS!**

# ECU Summer Sessions



## Session 1 Courses

May 16, 2022 - June 21, 2022

## 11-Week Summer Session

May 16, 2022 - July 29, 2022



## Session 2 Courses

June 23, 2022 - July 29, 2022



# AVAILABLE RESOURCES AT ECU

## **MySSP Student Support Program - Teletherapy**

This program offers chat, phone, and scheduled video therapy services to enrolled students, including distance education students and students outside North Carolina and the U.S. (for practical training or Study Abroad). In addition, my SSP provides free, confidential mental health and well-being support that is conveniently available 24/7. Available in five languages (Cantonese, English, French, Mandarin, and Spanish,) Open Call and Open Chat can be accessed through the My SSP website, by downloading the My SSP app <https://counselingcenter.ecu.edu/my-ssp/> or by calling 866-408- 2688.

## **Kognito**

An online module that is an interactive learning experiential module for students and faculty members builds awareness, knowledge, and skills about mental health and suicide prevention and prepares users to lead real-life conversations with students to build resilience, strengthen relationships, and connect them with support. Find out more at <https://kognitocampus.com> and register for a new account, using “ecustudents” or “ecuemployee” as your enrollment key.

## **Clinical Services**

Students continue to receive information about the variety of options for counseling services available on campus, from the academic-based clinics (ECU PASS Clinic, Family Therapy Clinic, Navigate Counseling Clinic, and the McClammy Lab) to services through the Center for Counseling and Student Development and Student Health Services (Psychiatry and Gender-affirming Care).

# AVAILABLE RESOURCES AT ECU

## Mental Health First Aid

Supported by an initiative from the UNC System, Mental Health First Aid for Higher Education teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. This training — which focuses on college students' unique experiences and needs — gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care. Our goal is to train 10,000 people in Mental Health First Aid within the UNC System by December 2022.

## Student Veteran Services (SVS)

SVS facilitates transition from the military to university life. They provide accurate and timely information to help you navigate your Federal VA benefits and the resources available to you on campus and within the community. SVS also works to help educate the campus community to help ensure student veterans have a positive experience at ECU. They also provide mentoring through the Peer Advisors for Veteran Education (PAVE) program and connect students with the Pirate Veteran's Student Organization. For faculty and staff, they provide Green Zone Training on information and resources related to issues faced by student veterans, service members & families as well as resources and information to help students inside the classroom. Over they offer a supportive environment where faculty and staff can seek assistance research to understand best practices for student veterans. Please visit their offices and veterans lounge in Mendenhall room 254

## Faculty & Staff Assistance Program (FASAP)

Conversations with friends and family members can be helpful. But sometimes, you need more guidance. ECU's Faculty & Staff Assistance Program (FASAP), provided by ComPsych, allows you to talk confidentially with an expert. Your initial consultation, and up to two additional free consultations, will be free and are available to you as well as family members living in your household.

# INFORMATION ABOUT MILITARY SERVICE OBLIGATIONS FOR STUDENTS

**The university recognizes that students who are members of the United States Armed Forces including the National Guard, Reserve, or Active-Duty members are required by their military contract to attend mandatory training. Military students who are required to attend activities that cause them to be absent from class may qualify for a UEA with proper documentation.**

- **Military students must complete two (2) steps to Request a University Excused Absence:**
  - **STEP 1 (Submit Military Orders)**: Students must e-mail documentation of the mandatory military training in the form of orders or equivalent documents to Cary Ann Reeves at [reevesc@ecu.edu](mailto:reevesc@ecu.edu).
  - **STEP 2 (Request University Excused Absence)**: Once the orders have been received and processed, the student will be sent an e-mail from “SharePoint” with the subject “new military orders received/submit your request for university excused absence”. The e-mail will include a link to request the University Excused Absence. Please do not submit the Request for a University Excused Absence until both the e-mail has been received and the orders are processed.
- \* Note: Documentation for military service obligations is submitted to Cary Ann Reeves; therefore, it is not necessary to upload another copy with the request for university excused absence.
- Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) § 116-11(3b), a UEA for military service obligations shall be given for the period the student is on active duty. Instructors are expected to honor valid UEAs and to provide reasonable and equitable means for students to make up work missed as a result of those absences.
- Students who anticipate missing 10% or more of class meeting time as a result of university excused absences are required to receive approval from the instructor at the beginning of the semester. Student experiences that cannot be made up should be discussed at the onset of the course to ensure that continued enrollment is feasible while there is still the opportunity to withdraw the course within the schedule change period.
- Students who have been called to active military duty or reassigned to a new active-duty station, and who are unable to complete the semester, may qualify for tuition and fee refund. Standard Operating Procedures related to refund and withdrawals are located [here](#).



# FINDING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

## CAN I USE THE CAMPUS REC CENTER AND JOIN CLUB SPORTS?

YES! Students who pay campus-based fees can use the 2 campus recreation centers (Main Campus and Health Sciences campus) by swiping their 1 card at the door. Distance or online students who do not pay campus-based fees may join the rec centers for a fee. Campus Recreation & Wellness offers a huge amount of opportunities for activity – exercise classes, club sports, adventure activities, equipment rental and more! The Polar Plunge is popular each January as is use of the North Campus Rec Center lake for kayaking and paddle boarding!

## DO GRADUATE STUDENTS GET FREE TICKETS TO SPORTING EVENTS?

Students can review current athletic ticket policies on the student athletic ticket website. Students receive one free ticket and guest passes can be purchased for events. Students can also join the Student Pirate Club for additional athletics benefits. Explore more common grad student FAQs [here](#).

# ADDING A CERTIFICATE TO YOUR DEGREE

## WHAT IS A CERTIFICATE?

A graduate certificate consists of 9 or more credits focused on a specific area. ECU has over 70 graduate-level certificates that students can earn either stand-alone or as an add-on to a degree. Students should discuss certificate options with their graduate program director. The complete list of certificates can be viewed on the Find Your Program page of the Graduate School website. Certificates are an excellent way to enhance your degree and provide knowledge in a specific discipline. Students can take courses for a certificate at the same time they are taking their degree courses.

## HOW DO I ADD A CERTIFICATE?

Once a student found a certificate of interest, the student should consult with the graduate program director for that certificate to ensure it meets their academic needs. The student then completes the online Add a Certificate form which is routed to the certificate program director for approval. Check out [this page](#) for more information about the process. You can [explore programs](#) by selecting "Certificate" from the Program Level dropdown menu in order to see all of the different options at ECU!



# IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

APRIL  
28

## FINAL EXAMS BEGIN

15-week Schedule

MAY  
16

## CLASSES BEGIN; SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

Summer Sessions

MAY  
5

## FINAL EXAMS FOR SPRING SEMESTER END

15-week Schedule

MAY  
17

## LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS (DROP/ADD), BY 5 PM

Summer Sessions

MAY  
6

## COMMENCEMENT

MAY  
30

## NO CLASSES - STATE HOLIDAY

Summer Sessions

MAY  
9

## GRADES DUE AT 8:00 AM

15-week Schedule

JUNE  
7

## LAST DAY FOR STUDENT TO WITHDRAW FROM TERM-LENGTH COURSES OR WITHDRAW FROM SCHOOL WITHOUT GRADES, BY 5 PM; BLOCK COURSES MAY BE DROPPED ONLY DURING THE FIRST 60% OF THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASS MEETINGS.

Summer Sessions

MAY  
13

## ADVISING, REGISTRATION, AND SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

Summer Sessions

Please remember that there are separate academic calendars for the [15-week semester](#) and the [Block 1 & Block 2 semesters](#). Make sure to check all 3 calendars if you have a mix of block & 15-week courses this semester.

# How To Get Started on a Thesis or Dissertation Workshops!

## Getting Started on Research: How to Plan Meaningful and Realistic Thesis or Dissertation Studies

June 15

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

This session will provide a guideline for how to start research for graduate students or even anyone interested in research! We want to help you plan your thesis or dissertation from the start! This session will include how to design a student, logistics of research, how to measure research interests, sample size, and relationships between research questions and data analysis.

[Register for this session](#)

[Webex link to the session](#)

## Data Structure and Measurements

July 7

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

This session will help you understand more basic concepts about data. It will focus on data layout or structure, variables in the data, coding variables, and measurement of variables. We will use SPSS to understand a real dataset.

[Register for this session](#)




[Webex link to the session](#)

# 2022 Summer Statistics and Research Series

*The Office for Faculty Excellence Presents*



## Sessions

-  **Week 1:** SPSS, Qualtrics, R (basic and advanced), Mplus, and Python
-  **Week 2:** Basic statistics, T test and ANOVA, Correlation and linear regression, logistic regression, and missing data.
-  **Week 3:** Qualitative research: Ethnography, coding in Qualitative research, Mixed research design, Interview and Focus groups, Qualitative research from the beginning to the report, and Single case research design.

Please register for our summer workshops at:

<https://ofe.ecu.edu/office-for-faculty-excellence/ofe-sessions/>

**When:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from May 17 to June 2.

**Where:** Virtual using Webex.

**Who:** Workshops are open to ECU faculty, staff, fellows, residents, postdocs, and graduate students.



Any questions? Please contact Dr. Hui Bian at [bianh@ecu.edu](mailto:bianh@ecu.edu)