

Pirate Pearls

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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!



[Register here](#) for the August 11th (9 AM - 3 PM) Microsoft Teams training.

[Click here](#) for the full orientation day schedule.

Have a great
SUMMER!



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Thesis Or Dissertation Upload Deadline

[Summer 2022 - July 15, 2022](#)

[Fall 2022 - November 30, 2022](#)

[Spring 2023 - April 21, 2023](#)

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!





GRADUATE SCHOOL CHECKLIST



GET ADMITTED

You've checked the first item off your list... What about the rest? Complete your checklist and contact us if you have any questions. We're excited you will be joining us at ECU.

Get Connected

- Register your PirateID and create your password
<https://pirateid.ecu.edu>
- Explore PiratePort to locate important info and services
<https://pirateport.ecu.edu>

Get Registered

- Contact your program director to find out about registration and other degree-specific information
[Find your program](#)
- Check out the ECU academic calendar for important dates, including add/drop, final exams, and holidays
[Academic Calendar](#)

Get Paid Up

- Review your financial aid and tuition statements in PiratePort.
- Contact the Cashier's Office about a payment plan
[Cashier's Office](#)
- Student account balances must be paid in full or schedules will be cancelled.

Get Insured

- Submit your immunization and Medical Report Form
[Student Health](#)
- Enroll in or waive health insurance (students are required to provide proof of health insurance)
[Health Insurance Requirement](#)

Get Oriented

- Check out the website for admitted graduate students for information on preparing to start Graduate School at ECU
[Admitted Grad Students](#)
- Log in to the ECU Graduate School Orientation site in [Canvas](#)

Get Living

- Join the ECU Graduate School on social media
[ECU Graduate School](#)
- Learn about housing and life in Greenville
<http://visitgreenvillenc.com>
- Discover ways to get involved
[ECU Student Affairs](#)

ORIENTATION OPTIONS FOR NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Graduate School aims to offer a variety of onboarding activities and events to help new graduate students acclimate to ECU, Greenville, and their graduate education. Please feel free to participate in as many options as you would like!

Orientation Course in Canvas:

This Graduate School-sponsored Canvas course is not required by the Graduate School. It may be required by your program, so please check with your graduate program director if you have questions.

- The College of Business has a separate Canvas orientation for its students and it is required. Please contact gradbus@ecu.edu you have questions.
- The College of Nursing has a separate Canvas orientation course for its students and it is required.

In-Person Campus Event:

The Graduate School traditionally holds an on-campus event each August. Details about the event are posted here approximately April 1st each year. Typically it is held the week prior to the start of classes so you will want to make your plans to arrive in Greenville about 2 weekends prior to the first day of classes in Fall term. Spring and Summer first-time students are welcome too! It's a great way to meet students and begin to feel the excitement of being a Pirate!

August 17, 2022 – 1:00 – 5:00 PM
Main Campus Student Center Ballrooms
Check-in at 12:30 PM

FREE! There is no cost to attend New Graduate Student Orientation.

Registration is required. Register here!

Virtual/Online Events:

Join our online sessions to learn information about getting acquainted with Graduate School at ECU. Materials will be emailed to students who pre-register, but you do not have to pre-register to join the meetings online. Updates are posted on the Orientation Options website and will be updated soon!

Live Virtual Event Topics

We look forward to meeting you and sharing helpful information to get you started in Graduate School! All events will be through Microsoft Teams which you can access using your Pirate ID and passphrase.

[Registration Links Available Soon Here!](#)

**Wednesday, July 27 at 6:30 PM
Current Student Panel Discussion**

Meet current graduate students (taking campus and online classes) and learn from their experiences how to make the most of your first semester! We will talk about how they acclimated to their first semester – getting around campus, finding resources, learning how to study at the graduate level, starting a thesis or dissertation, and more! This session will benefit all students – campus-based or distance ed (online-only).

**Tuesday, August 2 at 3:00 PM
Online Only Student Panel Discussion**

Are you an online-only student who won't be coming to Greenville at all? This session is for you! Get some helpful advice and enjoy a panel discussion by graduate students who have been enrolled in online-only programs. Learn how they navigated engaging with ECU while experiencing it all from their hometown.

**Tuesday, August 9 at 6:30 PM
Learning More About Being a Student at ECU**

Get advice from the Graduate School and ECU Online about taking online classes and finding information online. This session is geared towards online students; however, many students who will be coming to campus and living in Greenville will be taking classes online and could benefit from this hour of information.

**Thursday, August 18 at 3:00 PM
Final Chance for Questions & Answers**

Final Q & A before your first day! This hour will focus on questions sent in by you! When you register you will be able to write in questions you would like us to cover during this hour. This hour is appropriate for both campus and online-only students.

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).

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 for this 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.

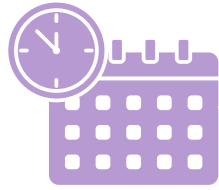
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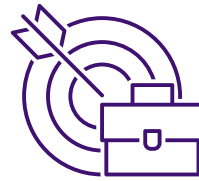
CAREER SERVICES: RESOURCES



Handshake



Appointments
& Drop-ins



Career Planning



Job & Internship
Search



Need CAREER Help?

Drop-In Hours Career Services

In-Person (701 E. Fifth Street)
or Virtual (career.ecu.edu)

Monday-Friday | 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

ADA Accommodation: 252-737-1018 • ada-coordinator@ecu.edu



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Career Counselors Are Available to Help You Get Ready:

- [Click here to make an appointment.](#)
- [Virtual Drop-Ins](#), Monday-Friday from 11 am – 3 pm.
- [Click here to submit your resume](#) for an online review (Virtual Resume Review.)
- Develop and practice your *Power Greeting* using the [template here](#) for [introductions to employers.](#)
- NOTE: Students must make their profile and resume visible to employers. For information on privacy options in Handshake click [here](#). For information on setting your resume and documents to be visible to employers click [here](#).
- [Check the Handshake Virtual Fair Video Requirements and Troubleshooting listed here.](#)

Contact ECU Career Services for more information and resources:
career.ecu.edu



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

JUNE
7

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS 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.

JUNE
22

ADVISING, REGISTRATION, AND SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

Summer Session 2

JUNE
20

LAST DAY FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS TO SUBMIT WORK FOR REMOVAL OF INCOMPLETES GIVEN DURING FIRST SUMMER SESSION 2021

JUNE
23

CLASSES BEGIN; SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

Summer Session 2

JUNE
20

CLASSES END; LAST DAY FOR SUBMISSION OF GRADE REPLACEMENT REQUESTS.

JUNE
24

GRADES DUE AT 8:00 AM

Summer Session 1

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

Summer Session 2

JUNE
21

FINAL EXAMS

Summer Session 1

JULY
4

STATE HOLIDAY

No classes

JUNE
21-22

MID-SUMMER BREAK

Eleven-Week Summer Session

Please remember that there are separate academic calendars for the First Summer Session, second Summer Session, and the Eleven-Week Summer Session. Make sure to check all 3 calendars if you have summer classes.