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TUITION & FEES UPDATE

Beginning in fall 2022, students will be classified as distance education students depending on the degree program in which they are enrolled rather than by the method of instruction for a given course or semester. For the purpose of assessing student fees, a distance education program is one designed to deliver 80% or more of its instruction through distance education or off-campus.

Students enrolled in such distance education programs taking one or fewer classes on-campus per term will be assessed only the campus security, educational and technology, and association of student government fees, and will not have access to services and activities supported by other student fees unless they opt-in to those on-campus services and pay an additional fee.

Students enrolled in such distance education programs taking two or more on-campus courses per term will be assessed all mandatory fees.

Students not enrolled in distance education programs will be assessed all mandatory fees regardless of how their courses are delivered in each semester.

For the full list of designated distance education programs or for more information, visit <https://online.ecu.edu/de-billing-update/>. For questions not addressed in the FAQ, email onlineservices@ecu.edu or call 1-800-398-9275.

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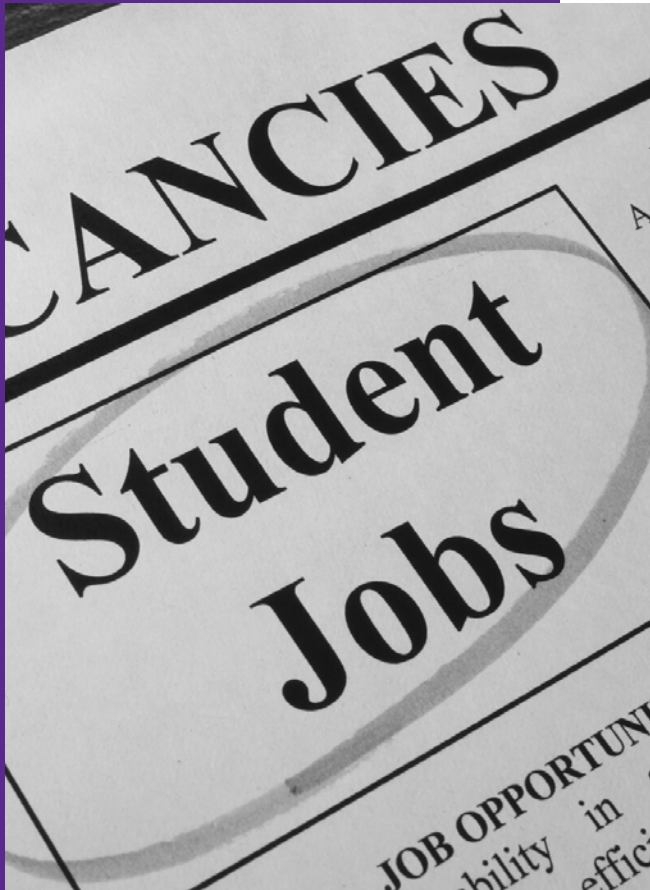
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Thesis Or Dissertation Upload Deadline

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!





LOOKING FOR CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT?

[Visit the Student Employment Office page!](#)

The Student Employment Office (SEO) provides support to the entire campus and community throughout the hiring process of ECU student employees. SEO maintains an online job database to help current ECU students connect with part-time job opportunities both on and off-campus. Working a part-time job on or off-campus enables students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom toward future employment. Students who work while going to school have an opportunity to help pay for the cost of their education while gaining experience and valuable skills to enhance their career goals.

ASSISTANTSHIP REQUIREMENT

Were you awarded an assistantship?

Congratulations on accepting a graduate assistantship! Here is a quick explanation to help make your hiring process smoother.

It is required for you to sign an I-9 form if you are employed on campus. Your ECU email will be the method we use to communicate with you if we need you to complete an I-9. You will only receive an email invitation to complete an I-9 if an I-9 is required of you. Continue to check your email notifications.

If you receive an invitation to complete an I-9, you will need to present documentation to verify your identity. For example, you can present an unexpired passport or a combination of your student ID and your social security card. A complete list of acceptable documents will be attached to the email invitation to complete an I-9. Please note we cannot accept copies of documents. We must see the original documents.

If you have questions about your I-9 you can contact the student employment office I-9 coordinator at 252-328-6873.

How To Get Started on a Thesis or Dissertation Workshops!

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](#) <<<<



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.

Waive out or you're in!

Student Health Insurance Plan

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS!

Health insurance is a requirement for students meeting specific eligibility criteria. An affordable Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) is offered through Student Blue from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, or students may elect to keep their current health insurance coverage if they are already covered by an individual plan or through a parents' plan.

If you are taking 3 or more credits of campus-based courses, you are eligible to purchase the campus Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP). If you do not want this plan, you MUST waive out or you will be billed for it.

Deadline to take action (either enroll in, or waive out of, SHIP):
Fall semester - September 10

Eligibility Requirements:

Graduate Students must be:

- in a degree-seeking, ON-CAMPUS program
- enrolled in 3 or more credit hours each semester (Fall/Spring)
- pay the health fee with tuition

SHIP benefits and rate information

Student Blue has a website just for ECU parents and students. To view plan benefits, including a general summary, medical benefits, and health/wellness benefits, visit the Student Blue for ECU benefits page.

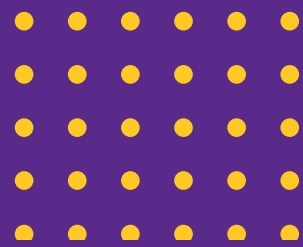
Rate information (billed on a semester basis)

- Fall Semester \$1,352.08* (effective dates 08/01/22 — 12/31/22)
- Spring Semester \$1,352.08* (effective dates 01/01/23 — 07/31/23)

* rate is pending Department of Insurance approval.

For more info on SHIP, click here! Student Health Services also has a FAQ page which includes some insurance questions!

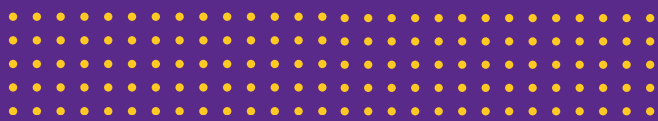
THESIS- DISSERTATION SUBMISSION WORKSHOPS



Presenters:
Graduate School &
ECU Libraries staff

Topics: Understanding formatting requirements, deadline & submission policy, explanation of the Non-Exclusive Distribution license document, explanation of the required signature page, time for questions & answers

Attend *either* session to learn more about these topics!



 July 5th 2:00 - 3:00 PM

 July 7th 10:00 - 11:00 AM

 REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE VIRTUAL SESSION!
REGISTER HERE!



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).

Important Dates: Academic Calendar & Cashier's Office



Knowing the university's calendars can help you stay in control!

Each semester, there are two places where students should check for important dates: the [Academic Calendar](#) and the [Cashier's Important Dates calendar](#).

The [academic calendar](#) seems pretty straightforward, but now that we have “part-of-term” blocks (Blocks 1 & 2) in Spring, Summer and Fall, it is important to know that each of those terms has their own deadlines. There are specific add/drop and withdrawal deadlines for Block 1, Block 2, or the 15-week calendar. In Summer, there's different dates for Summer 1, Summer 2 and the 11-week calendar.

Similarly, the [Cashier](#) posts individual deadline dates for canceling schedules if your student account is not paid in full. You must remember to check this calendar as soon as you are registered for an upcoming semester so you know the date when your bill must be paid.

Put all of these deadlines in your Outlook or Google or other electronic calendar or write them in your paper calendar. Post them in several places to serve as reminders, too! You will be glad you did!

Note: Both calendars are shown on the following pages! You can also look semesters ahead!



Fall 2022 Important Dates

| Friday, March 25 | Early Registration |
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| Friday, July 1 | First day of class for M-3 & M-4 Medical Students |
| Friday, July 1 | First eBill notification for M-3 & M-4 Medical Students |
| Monday, July 18 | First eBill notification for all campuses |
| - All students will receive weekly eBills for Fall 2022 until November 6, 2022 | |
| Thursday, July 21 | First day of class for M-1 Medical Students |
| Monday, August 1 | First day of class for M-2 Medical Students |
| Thursday, August 4 | Postmark date for mailing payments for Fall 2022 |
| Thursday, August 11 | All Fall 2022 billing statements are due. All outstanding balances on your billing statement must be paid in full. |
| -All schedules may be cancelled for non-payment after 5:00 pm. If you do not plan to attend, you must officially withdraw on, or before, the final cancel date. You will be responsible for payment if you do not officially withdraw. | |
| * The on-line payment system will not be available between 5:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. | |
| Thursday, August 11 | For Fall 2022 term, the university will assess a \$25.00 processing fee for all students incurring tuition and fee charges for the first time or charges being incurred from re-registration on August 11, 2022 |
| Monday, August 22 | First day of class for Main Campus and Distance Education. |
| Tuesday, August 30 | All students will be cancelled for non-payment after 5:00 pm |
| * The on-line payment system will not be available between 5:00 pm and 12:00 am | |
| Monday, September 12 | Last day to enroll or waive out of Student Health Insurance Plan for Fall 2022 |
| Updated: June 22, 2022 | |

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Fall classes
begin Monday,
August 22nd!

Second Summer Session 2022

(4 Mondays, 5 Tuesdays, 5 Wednesdays, 6 Thursdays, 5 Fridays; 1 day for final examinations)

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| June 22, Wednesday | Advising, registration and schedule adjustments |
| June 23, Thursday | Classes begin; schedule adjustments. |
| June 24, Friday | Last day for registration and schedule adjustments (drop / add), by 5:00 pm |
| June 27, Monday | Census Day (Official enrollment count taken at 5:00 pm.) |
| July 4, Monday | State Holiday (no classes) |
| July 15, Friday | Last day for undergraduate and graduate students to withdraw from term-length courses or withdraw from school without grades, by 5:00 pm; block courses may be dropped only during the first 60% of their regularly scheduled class meetings. |
| July 22, Friday | Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI) becomes available. |
| July 28, Thursday | Last day for graduate students to submit work for removal of incompletes given during Second Summer Session 2021 |
| July 28, Thursday | Classes end; last day for Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI); last day for submission of grade replacement requests. |
| July 29, Friday | Final Examinations |
| August 1, Monday | Grades due at noon |

Eleven-Week Summer Session 2022

(9 Mondays, 10 Tuesdays, 10 Wednesdays, 11 Thursdays, 10 Fridays; 1 day for final examinations)

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| May 13, Friday | Advising, registration and schedule adjustments |
| May 16, Monday | Classes begin; schedule adjustments. |
| May 17, Tuesday | Last day for registration and schedule adjustments (drop / add), by 5:00 pm |
| May 18, Wednesday | Census Day (Official enrollment count taken at 5:00 pm.) |
| May 30, Monday | State Holiday (no classes) |
| June 21 - 22, Tuesday - Wednesday | Mid-Summer Break |
| June 29, Wednesday | Last day for undergraduate and graduate students to withdraw from term-length courses or withdraw from school without grades, by 5:00 pm; block courses may be dropped only during the first 60% of their regularly scheduled class meetings. |
| July 4, Monday | State Holiday (no classes) |
| July 22, Friday | Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI) becomes available. |
| July 28, Thursday | Last day for graduate students to submit work for removal of incompletes given during the Eleven-week Summer Session 2021 |
| July 28, Thursday | Classes end; last day for Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI); last day for submission of grade replacement requests. |
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»»» *All academic calendar information can be found [here!](#)* «««