



Pirate Pearls

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The Graduate School would like to wish you all good luck as the semester wraps up!

For those who are returning in the Spring, have a safe and lovely Winter Break.

See you back on campus (or virtually) in 2023!

For students who are graduating, congratulations!

Good luck in your future endeavors! We are proud of all of your accomplishments and cannot wait to see what you do next!

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Thesis Or Dissertation Upload Deadline

Spring 2023 – April 20

Summer 2023 – July 14

Fall 2023 – November 29

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!

[View newsletter archive here.](#)

**HAVE A GREAT
WINTER BREAK!
CLASSES BEGIN
JANUARY 9TH!**



Fall 2022 Commencement

East Carolina University's commencement ceremony is a time to recognize and celebrate the achievements of our students. This time-honored tradition congratulates them for a job well done and encourages them to accomplish amazing things in the future.

The university's Fall 2022 Commencement Ceremony will be in-person at Minges Coliseum on Friday, December 16 at 9 a.m.

Helpful links for more information:

- [FAQs for Graduates](#)
- [FAQs for Faculty/Staff](#)
- [FAQs for Friends & Guests](#)
- [Accommodations for Commencement](#)
- [Parking & Traffic](#)

Here is a list of the College level ceremonies for Fall 2022 including the times and locations: Friday, December 16

Minges Coliseum

- 1 p.m. – Health and Human Performance
- 4 p.m. – Engineering and Technology
- 7 p.m. – Nursing

Main Campus Student Center Ballrooms

- 1 p.m. – Business #1 (Management, Entrepreneurship, Hospitality Management, MS in Sustainable Tourism / Hospitality, and Master's in Business Administration (MBA))
- 4 p.m. – Business #2 (Accounting, Finance, MIS, Marketing and Supply Chain Management, and MS Accounting)

Wright Auditorium

- 1 p.m. – Allied Health Sciences
- 4 p.m. – Fine Arts and Communications
- 7 p.m. – Education

ECHI Auditorium

- 1 p.m. – Brody Sciences

Hendrix Theatre

- 1 p.m. – Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences – Last Name Starting with A-L
- 4 p.m. – Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences – Last Name Starting with M-Z

**NOTE specific to Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences graduates only – graduates for these two THCAS ceremonies will attend the ceremony based on the first letter of their last name.*

Ticketing Information

There are no tickets required for the University Ceremony. Tickets are required to attend the college ceremonies and will be limited. Each graduate will be allocated a specific number of tickets. Tickets will be available for pickup between November 28-December 9 at the Central Ticket Office in the Main Campus Student Center. Do NOT go to the Ticket Office before November 28 as the tickets will NOT be available to be picked up before then.

For questions about commencement, visit the [ECU Commencement website](#) or email commencement@ecu.edu.

THREE MINUTE THESIS RESULTS



The Three Minute Thesis (3MT) is a research communication competition that challenges master's and doctoral students to present a compelling oration on their research endeavors in just three minutes to a non-specialist audience. The first 3MT was held at the University of Queensland in 2008; enthusiasm for the 3MT concept has grown and its widespread implementation by universities has led to the development of an international competition. Today, the 3MT competition has grown to over 600 universities across more than 65 countries worldwide. East Carolina University (ECU) hosted its sixth annual 3MT event this year, with 15 students competing, representing a wide variety of programs.

Each presentation was judged on comprehension, content, engagement, and communication. Presentations were limited to three-minute maximum (exceeding three minutes leads to disqualification). Although a presenter is allowed to have a single static PowerPoint slide, no additional electronic media are permitted. All presentations were required to be spoken word – for example, no poems or songs – before a panel of three judges, other students, and faculty mentors. This year, we had two heats and the top three presenters from each heat presented for a final round – we actually had seven finalists due to a tie in one heat. The winners of the competition are listed below, but we first want to express our thanks to our competitors, mentors, judges, and Graduate School staff for their preparation and participation and offer our congratulations to the winners



2022 3MT Grand Champion

Grand Champion

Maddison Salois

Title: Defining mechanisms underlying tissue fragility in AEC

Program: PhD in Biomedical Sciences, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Mentor: Dr. Peter Koch

Second Place

Chloe Scattergood

Title: An Eighteenth-Century Archaeology of Socioeconomics at Historic Bath, NC

Program: MA in Anthropology, Department of Anthropology

Mentor: Dr. Charles Ewen

People's Choice Award – First Place

Ashwinee Mehta

Title: Automated Dental Aesthetics with Machine Learning

Program: MS in Computer Science, Department of Computer Science

Mentor: Dr. Nic Herndon

People's Choice Award – Second Place

Drew Theobald

Title: Kinin B1 receptor blockade prevents hydrogen peroxide-induced oxidative stress in primary hypothalamic neurons and microglia

Program: MS in Biomedical Sciences, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology

Mentor: Dr. Srinivas Sriramula

The Department Cup is awarded to the College or Department that has the highest combined score of its top 3 presenters. This year our winner was the Department of Anthropology, with presenters Ceara Nicholson, McClean Pink, and Chloe Scattergood

RCAW ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

Abstract Submissions for RCAW due February 15th!



Abstracts will be submitted January 1 – Feb 15, 2023.

RCAW 2023 will be held on April 3 – 6 & April 10, 2023.

The 2023 Conference offers options for oral (in-person) and poster (online) presentations. Please be sure to choose one on the abstract submission form. Only one primary author abstract submission per student.

ECU Research and Creative Achievement Week provides students with an excellent opportunity to practice their presentation skills and meet other creative scholars at ECU with similar interests.

UNDERGRADUATE and GRADUATE students, and POSTDOCTORAL scholars (you must be a current East Carolina University student or postdoctoral scholar to submit an abstract) are invited to present their research to fellow students, colleagues, faculty, and the local community in a professional, conference-style setting.

*Abstract submissions will close on February 15, 2023. Be aware that this deadline includes official mentor-approvals/final submission.

Attention mentors and students: In accordance with our support of open access and sharing of knowledge, the RCAW program, including abstracts, will be published and available online.

If you would like to *volunteer* or have *questions*, email: RESEARCHWEEK@ecu.edu.

REMINDER: Graduate Student Exit Survey

The Graduate Student Exit Survey is administered each semester to students who have applied to graduate. The survey asks graduate students to evaluate their academic and non-academic experiences at ECU as well as their future plans. Results are used to support program evaluation and accreditation. College, department, and program level reports are available upon request.



You've
GOT
THIS

Good luck during finals, Pirates!

Have You Registered for Spring Classes?

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Graduate students are expected to register themselves for courses via Banner Self Service. Your schedule must be checked each semester. It is the student's responsibility to ensure your schedule is accurate including correct course name, number, section, and number of credits. To learn more about using Banner Self Service for early registration, review the helpful guides on the [Registrar's website](#). Graduate students do not need registration PINs.

[Check out their FAQ page for more info!](#)

[How to Register for Classes](#) & other helpful PDFs are on the Registrar's site!

Important dates for Spring 2023 are included towards the end of this newsletter.



Financial Aid Self Service

Review for missing information, awards offered, Satisfactory Academic Progress status and more.



FEATURED

Financial Aid Self-Service

The Office of Student Financial Aid is pleased to announce that we have improved the student experience by moving financial aid and award information to the “Financial Aid Self Service” card in PiratePort. With the new “Financial Aid Self Service” card, one click will allow students direct access to their most vital financial aid information without having to navigate through multiple screens and sub-menus. Now students will be able to see from the landing page and tabs across the top of that page: outstanding requirements; cost of attendance; aid awarded and offered; financial aid holds and there is a resource page for definitions and links to important information.

[For more information, go to the Student Financial Aid page.](#)

STUDENT EVENTS



Therapeutic Thursday

THERAPEUTIC THURSDAYS AT HSC WELL-BEING HUB

PREPPING FOR FINALS

Prep for finals with our 10 different healthy study habits!

DATE AND TIME:

Thursday, December 1st

- Well-Being Hub at HSC: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
- MCSC Well-Being Hub: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM



THE MUSIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

HAPPY HOUR

EVERY 2ND THURSDAY FROM 3 PM - 5 PM

THE MUSIC LIBRARY PRESENTS HAPPY HOUR!

Students and faculty are welcome to enjoy FREE snacks and booze-free beverages every second Thursday.

DATE AND TIME:

Thursday, December 8th

The Music Library
A. J. Fletcher Music Center, A 110,
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

HEALING HEARTS-GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Healing Hearts is a grief support group facilitated by the Center for Counseling and Student Development (CCSD). CCSD hopes to offer a space where students can share and gain support from their peers who are going through similar challenges with grief. Students can find that they are not alone in their grief and are supported to find new ways to honor their lost loved ones.

Healing Hearts was created to support students grieving the terminal illness or death of a loved one. This group is open to currently enrolled ECU students. Students do not have to be a client of the CCSD to attend. This is a drop-in group which means students are not obligated to attend groups, please come when you need support.



If you are interested in attending a Healing Hearts group, please RSVP. After you RSVP you will receive an email with the meeting link and be asked to review and sign the Healing Hearts group agreement.

Join us for Trivia Nights at Uptown Brewing Company! Anyone is eligible to play trivia. Each night, we will have prizes for Graduate winners and Undergraduate winners. Team points will be tracked from week to week, and we will crown an overall team champion at the end of the season!

Register [here](#).



You're Invited!



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES: DECEMBER

15-week CALENDAR FALL 2022



December 5, Monday	Last day for graduate students to submit work for removal of incompletes given during Fall Semester 2021
December 5, Monday	Classes end; last day for Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI); last day for submission of grade replacement requests.
December 6, Tuesday	Reading Day
December 7, Wednesday	Final Examinations begin.
December 14, Wednesday	Exams for Fall Semester end.
December 16, Friday	Commencement
December 16, Friday	Grades due at 4:30 pm

Alternate Block SCHEDULES FALL 2022 - BLOCK 2

Wednesday, 11/30
Classes end

No final exam period.
Final exam is on the last
day of class

Friday, 12/16
Grades due at 4:30 pm



Please remember that there are separate academic calendars for the 15-week semester and the Alternative Block schedules. Make sure to check the corresponding calendars if you have a mix of block & 15-week courses this semester.



FINAL EXAMINATIONS: 15-WEEK SCHEDULE

There will be no departure from the posted schedule, except as noted below: All examinations for one credit hourclasses will be held during the last regular meeting of the class. Classes meeting more than three times a week will follow the examination schedule for MWF classes. Clinical and non-traditional class schedules, including graduate level courses, may also adopt a modified examination schedule as required. A final course meeting during the exam period is required in order to satisfy the 750 contact minutes per credit hour required by the University of North Carolina Office of the President. Department Chairs are responsible for monitoring adherence to scheduled examination requirements. Classes beginning 6:00 pm or later are considered night classes. Examinations in classes meeting one night a week will be held at 7:30-10:00 pm on the first night of their usual meeting during the examination period (December 7 - 14). Examinations in classes meeting two or more nights a week and beginning before 8:00 pm will be held at 7:30-10:00 pm on the first night of their usual meeting during the examination period (December 7 - 14). Examinations in classes meeting two or more nights a week and beginning at or after 8:00 pm will be held at 7:30-10:00 pm on the second night of their usual meeting during the examination period (December 7 - 14). Distance education classes should give their final examinations in a timely fashion to allow submitting grades in time. Classes beginning on the half hour or meeting longer than one hour will have their final examination at the time determined by the hour during which the classes begin (e.g., 9:30-11:00 am TTh classes will follow the examination schedule of the 9:00 am TTh classes; 8:00-10:00 am MWF classes will follow the examination schedule of the 8:00 am MWF classes).

Common examinations, including DE sections, will be held according to the following schedule:

FREN 1001, 2003, SPAN 1001, 2004, GERM 1001	5:00 - 7:30 Thursday, December 8
FREN 1002, SPAN 1002, 2003, GERM 1002	5:00 - 7:30 Friday, December 9
MATH 0001, 0045, 1064	5:00 - 7:30 Tuesday, December 13

Time and days class regularly meets	Time and day of final examination
8:00 MWF	8:00 - 10:30 Monday, December 12
8:00 TTh	8:00 - 10:30 Tuesday, December 13
9:00 MWF	8:00 - 10:30 Thursday, December 8
9:00 TTh (9:30)	8:00 - 10:30 Wednesday, December 7
10:00 MWF	8:00 - 10:30 Friday, December 9
10:00 TTh	8:00 - 10:30 Wednesday, December 14
11:00 MWF	11:00 - 1:30 Monday, December 12
11:00 TTh	11:00 - 1:30 Tuesday, December 13
12:00 MWF	11:00 - 1:30 Thursday, December 8
12:00 TTh (12:30)	11:00 - 1:30 Wednesday, December 7
1:00 MWF	11:00 - 1:30 Friday, December 9
1:00 TTh	11:00 - 1:30 Wednesday, December 14
2:00 MWF	2:00 - 4:30 Monday, December 12
2:00 TTh	2:00 - 4:30 Tuesday, December 13
3:00 MWF (3:30)	2:00 - 4:30 Thursday, December 8
3:00 TTh (3:30)	2:00 - 4:30 Wednesday, December 7
4:00 MWF	2:00 - 4:30 Friday, December 9
4:00 TTh	2:00 - 4:30 Wednesday, December 14
5:00 MWF (5:30)	5:00 - 7:30 Monday, December 12
5:00 TTh (5:30)	5:00 - 7:30 Wednesday, December 7

Please remember that there are separate academic calendars for the 15-week semester and the Alternative Block schedules. Make sure to check the corresponding calendars if you have a mix of block & 15-week courses this semester.



SPRING 2023 SCHEDULE: IMPORTANT DATES

CLASSES BEGIN
JAN. 9TH!

15-Week Calendar.

November 4, Friday	Early registration for special populations begins at 1:00 pm.
November 7, Monday	Registration for Spring Semester 2023 begins.
January 6, Friday	Advising, registration and schedule adjustments
January 9, Monday	Classes begin; schedule adjustments.
January 13, Friday	Last day for registration and schedule adjustments (drop / add) by 5:00 pm
January 16, Monday	State Holiday (no classes)
January 23, Monday	Census Day (Official enrollment count taken at 5:00 pm.)
March 5 - 12, Sunday - Sunday	Spring Break -- Classes resume at 8:00 am Monday, March 13.
March 13 - 17, Monday - Friday	Advising for Summer Sessions and Fall Semester 2023
March 23, Thursday	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.

Alternate Block

	BLOCK 1
January 6, Friday	Advising, registration, and schedule adjustments.
January 9, Monday	Classes begin; schedule adjustments.
January 11, Wednesday	Last day for registration and schedule adjustments (drop/add), by 5:00 p.m.
January 16, Monday	State Holiday (no classes)
February 6, Monday	Last day for undergraduate and graduate students to withdraw from Block 1 courses by 5:00 p.m.
February 16, Thursday	Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI) becomes available
February 23, Thursday	Classes end.
March 1, Wednesday	Grades due at 8:00 am

GRADUATION APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Spring - February 1st

Summer - March 1st

Students who will complete all degree requirements in Spring or Summer are eligible to participate in the University Spring commencement ceremony. Students who complete degree requirements in Summer and who did not participate in the University Spring commencement ceremony have the option to participate in the University Fall commencement ceremony.

Please remember that there are separate academic calendars for the 15-week semester and the Alternative Block schedules. Make sure to check the corresponding calendars if you have a mix of block & 15-week courses this semester.



Spring 2023 Important Dates

Friday, November 4	Early Registration for special populations begins at 1:00 pm
Monday, November 7	Registration for Spring Semester 2023 begins
Monday, November 21	First eBill notification for all campuses
- All students will receive weekly eBills for Spring 2023 until April 3, 2023	
Thursday, December 8	Postmark date for mailing payments for Spring 2023
Thursday, December 15	All Spring 2023 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, December 15	All Spring 2023 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, December 15	For Spring 2023 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 December 15, 2022
Tuesday, January 3	First day of class for M-1, M-2, M-3, & M-4 Medical Students
Monday, January 9	First day of class for Main Campus and Distance Education.
Wednesday, January 18	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	
Tuesday, January 31	Last day to enroll or waive out of Student Health Insurance Plan for Spring 2023
Updated: October 03, 2022	

[Click here for the Important Dates PDF.](#)