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PIRATE PEARLS

Here comes the bus!

Use the Campus Bus Service to Avoid Parking Frustration

It is strongly recommended students use the campus bus system to travel to and from campus (if possible) and between the various parts of campus. There is a website that can tell you when the next bus is coming to a location:

http://www.ecu.edu/cs-studentaffairs/transit/bus_routes-nextbus.cfm

Bookmark this on your phone and you can know when the "next bus" is coming right at your fingertips!

Another great bookmark to have is the Bus Routes website:

http://www.ecu.edu/transit/bus_routes-overview.cfm

As you become more familiar with the bus routes and times, you will find the convenience to be rewarding!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER 2016

JULY 15

Last day to submit a thesis or dissertation for Summer graduation

Upload your document into **Vireo** to "submit" by the deadline. You can review more information and find the Vireo link on this website: VIREO

DROP CLASSES

The last day to drop classes so they do not appear on your transcript is:
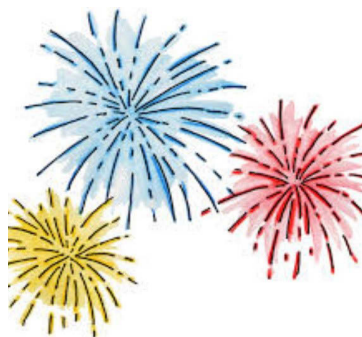
May 17 for Summer session 1

June 24 for Summer session 2

May 17 for 11 week Summer session

Deadlines & Events

Always Consult Academic Calendar for official dates

Last day for schedule changes (add/drop) for Summer session 1 and 11 week summer	May 17
State Holiday—No Classes	May 30
Last day for graduate student course withdrawals for Summer Session 1	June 8
Last day of classes Summer 1	June 20
Final Exam for Summer 1	June 21
Schedule changes for Summer 2	June 22, 23, 24
Last day for schedule changes (add/drop) for Summer 2	June 24
State Holiday—No classes	July 4
Last day for graduate student course withdrawals for 11 week summer session	July 5
Last day for graduate student course withdrawals for Summer 2	July 18
Last day of classes for Summer 2 and 11 week summer session	July 28
Final Exams for Summer 2 and 11 week summer session	July 29

May 30 and July 4 are state holidays — NO CLASSES!

Graduate Research Series

More Sessions for Research & Writing!

Together the ECU Writing Center, Graduate School, and ECU Libraries are going to provide 5 workshops in Fall 2016 (each presented twice) for students. These are designed to finish by Fall Break so that you have the skills needed for the rest of the semester. There will be an _emphasis_ on first semester, first year students, so if you attended last year, you may find these redundant (although that can be helpful!). We will publish times and locations soon— mark you calendars now!

RefWorks 8/30/16 in Joyner Library, 8/31/16 in Laupus Library

Scholarly Writing 9/6/16 Joyner; 9/6/16 Laupus

Advanced Research 9/13/16 Joyner; 9/14/16 Laupus

Speech Communication Center 9/20/16 Joyner, 9/21/16 Laupus

Scholarly Communication 9/27/16 Joyner, 9/28/16 Laupus

ROOMS and TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED!

RefWorks

Need an easy way to keep easy track of all your book and article citations?

Collaborating with a group and want to share your book and article citations?

RefWorks is browser-based software that allows users to easily import citations from most of ECU's online databases and automatically generates bibliographies in **MLA**, **APA**, **Chicago**, or hundreds of other citation styles.

Let us help get you started. **Book a librarian** today for a one-on-one introduction to **RefWorks** at:

https://joynerlibrary.youcanbook.me/

Questions? Please contact the Research and Instructional Services Department at askref@ecu.edu

If you are a PI (primary investigator) on a study or __listed on the research team of any ePIRATE submission__, it is YOUR responsibility to CLOSE studies in ePIRATE. Make sure your thesis, dissertation, capstone or other research projects are CLOSED before you leave Greenville after graduation.

Electronic Portal for Institutional Research at East Carolina University
ePIRATE

TUTORIAL on Closing Research Studies

ECU SPEECH COMMUNICATION CENTER

Joyner East 205.
- Help with any aspect of verbal communication needs!
- Speaking in front of a room for class presentations!
- Practice time and feedback on presentation skills!
- Speaking anxiety advice & assistance!
- Teaching this year? The ECU Speech Communication Center can provide workshops for your class on clear organization of presentations, dynamic delivery, effective use of visual aids, and managing speaking anxiety. Call 328-6717 for more information or to reserve a time and date.
- Our services are free and students can schedule appointments on their own by going to our website www.ecu.edu/comm/center
- Students needing appointments can call 328-2790 or email us at commcenter@ecu.edu for more information.

SUBMITTING & PRINTING YOUR THESIS or DISSERTATION

- Your thesis or dissertation is not "finished" until it is uploaded using VIREO & approved by the Graduate School. The Graduate School will notify the Registrar when accepted for graduation.
- VIREO is an online portal for uploading your thesis or dissertation. (Click on logo)
- Students should review VIREO and attend on-campus tutorials.
- Your document must be uploaded by the deadline posted. Graduation can be deferred to later semesters if you miss that published deadline.
- If you want a bound copy of your document, you must order it on your own after graduation at thesisondemand.com

THESIS/DISSERTATION BOOT CAMP

June 13, 14, 15
8:00 AM—12:30 PM

Boot Camp is a 3 day workshop that provides you with focused writing time to make significant progress on your thesis or dissertation ! Faculty/Staff mentors will be available to help you with writer's block, motivation, and more!

Your Dissertation or Thesis Director must provide a letter of support—to ensure that this is an appropriate time for focused writing in your project's timeline.

Each day will have a schedule that includes setting your daily writing goals, mini-lessons on writing, citing sources, motivation, etc., and 2.5-3 hours of focused writing time.

APPLY TODAY—DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS

May 20, 2016

Apply To Thesis/Dissertation Boot Camp

East Carolina University
Graduate School

East Carolina University
ECU. Libraries

UNIVERSITY
WRITING
CENTER

FINAL DAY TO UPLOAD YOUR DISSERTATION OR THESIS FOR SUMMER GRADUATION IS

JULY 15, 2016 AT 5:00 PM EST

SUBMISSIONS AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME ARE NOT GUARANTEED SUMMER GRADUATION. This may require you to register for at least 1 credit in Fall, 2016. Speak with your committee early in Summer to ensure that you are able to upload your document quickly after your defense. Most students typically revise their document for 2 weeks after their defense, for example.

In addition, once you upload it, you may be required to make changes per Graduate School requirements.

Don't forget to include your IRB or IACUC approval letters as APPENDIX A.

TIME LIMITS for Completing Your Degree

The Graduate Catalog clearly describes the policy on time limits for completing a graduate degree at ECU.

[Graduate Catalog Policy LINK](#)

Unless your program has other specifications in the catalog, master's degrees have 6 years and doctoral degrees have 10 years. Check the Graduate Catalog for your specific program to review time-to-degree regulations. If you have concerns or questions about your time limits, please speak to your program director immediately.

Extensions beyond the time limit can be requested, but you must request an extension PRIOR to running out of time.

Continuous Enrollment & Graduation

It is your responsibility to be aware of the requirement of continuous enrollment (registration).

Continuous Registration requirement LINK

Students must be registered in the semester of graduation (except summer). There are no exceptions to this policy. Make sure you review your program of study, plans for graduation, and your budget to ensure that you are registered appropriately in the semester you plan to graduate. Make sure you APPLY FOR GRADUATION at least one semester prior to your graduation!