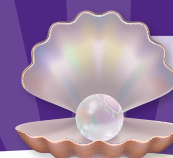


Pirate Pearls

THE GRADUATE STUDENT
NEWSLETTER



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Spring 2020 Early Registration is OPEN!

Today! Friday, Nov. 1st at 1:00 PM!

On Friday, November 1st at 1:00 pm all graduate students will be able to register for classes. Review your student account to clear up any holds you may have - past due balances at the Cashier, parking tickets, and missing library books are some of the common ones.

To register, log into your [PiratePort](#) and click on the Banner Self Service box. Once you log in to Banner Self Service you will be able to view any holds, look up classes, and add your Spring 2020 classes.

If you find error messages occur, you will need to speak with the program offering the course you are trying to add. Some courses have restrictions that can only be over-ridden by the program that offers the course. More info is on page 5.

Helpful Links

[Registering for Classes](#) (Grad Students DO NOT need PINs)

[Common Holds](#) and where to contact for help

[Step by Step Guide](#) for Registering In Courses

[Common Registration Errors](#) and How To Correct

**The Grad School recommends finalizing your course registration by
November 15th.**

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Thesis Or Dissertation Upload Deadline

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!

[Fall 2019](#)
[Spring 2020](#)





WORKING OFF THE TURKEY

Will you be looking to work off some of the turkey from the upcoming Thanksgiving holidays? ECU [Campus Recreation and Wellness](#) has you covered! [CRW](#) has many locations to serve every type of ECU student. The Student Recreation Center, located on the main campus, is a large complex with everything offered in a traditional gym. Some amenities include an indoor and outdoor pool, weights, running track, basketball, raquetball, and a rock wall. There is a similar style gym located in the Health Sciences Student Center on west campus. The North Recreation Complex offers many outdoor activities with large fields and a lake you can swim or boat in. This facility is located in east Greenville at the intersection of Greenville Boulevard and U.S. 264 West. More fields are located at the Blount Recreational Sports Complex off Charles Boulevard behind the Belk building. There is also a bowling alley in the Mendenhall building at a low cost (see [website](#) for pricing). Campus students who have paid their activity fee will be able to present their 1 Card at these sites for access. DE students who do not have a 1 Card and have not paid the activity fee are welcome to purchase memberships.





IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

NOV
1 Early Registration Begins for Grad Students - 1:00 pm
[Academic Calendar](#)

DEC
5 Final Examinations begin
[Academic Calendar](#)

NOV
4 Early Registration continues
[Academic Calendar](#)

DEC
12 Exams for Fall Semester close at 4:30 pm
[Academic Calendar](#)

NOV
25 Last day to Upload a Thesis or Dissertation into VIREO for a Fall 2019 graduation date
[Academic Calendar](#)

DEC
13 Commencement
[Academic Calendar](#)

DEC
27-1 Thanksgiving Break
[Academic Calendar](#)

JAN
1 Happy New Year!

DEC
1 8:00 - Classes Resume
[Academic Calendar](#)

JAN
13 Classes Begin
[Academic Calendar](#)

DEC
3 Classes end. Last day for graduate students to remove incompletes given during Fall 2018.
[Academic Calendar](#)

JAN
17 Last Day for Registration and Schedule Adjustments (Drop and Add) by 5:00 pm
[Academic Calendar](#)

DEC
4 Reading Day
[Academic Calendar](#)

JAN
20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No Class
[Academic Calendar](#)

[Academic Calendars are always found at ecu.edu/fsonline/senate/fscalend.cfm](http://ecu.edu/fsonline/senate/fscalend.cfm)

The dates posted in this summary do not supercede what is published in the official calendar at the above link. Errors on this page do not constitute a reason for utilizing incorrect dates. Students are responsible for using the official online calendars.



GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

Upcoming GPSS Meetings

November 6 at 6:00 pm

Health Sciences Bldg (Allied Health/Nursing) Room 1410

December 4 at 6:00 pm

Main Campus Student Center Room 253

GPSS on Social Media!

Follow your Graduate & Professional Student Senate (GPSS) through social media to stay up to date on all the happenings and events!

Facebook: gpssecu

Insta: ECU.GPSS

Twitter: GPSSECU

gps@ecu.edu

Are you “ENGAGED”

ENGAGE is the new student activities online platform that has replaced OrgSync for your portal of information for student organization including GPSS! Make sure to activate your account and link up with GPSS and the Graduate School, too! You can make one stop into Engage and find all kinds of activities across campus from workshops to student meetings & events and more! Log in at engage.ecu.edu!

Direct Link to [GPSS](#)

Direct Link to [Graduate School](#)

Direct Link to [Events Listing](#)

Graduate and Professional
Student Senate

EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION SOLICITING NOMINATIONS

INCLUDE A BRIEF BIO & REASON FOR
NOMINATION

Self-Nominations
Welcome

NOMINATIONS DUE

NOVEMBER 1ST

ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 6TH





REGISTRATION, ADD/DROP, WITHDRAWAL INFORMATION

How Long is the Add/Drop Period?

At ECU, the “add/drop” period is called the Course Adjustment Period and the last date for course adjustments is listed in the [academic calendar](#) for each semester. Students are responsible for adding & dropping courses by this deadline. It is the 5th day of classes during the Fall & Spring Semesters and is typically the 2nd day of classes in summer sessions. Consult the [academic calendar](#) for each semester’s deadlines.

Courses are rarely added to a student’s schedule after the Course Adjustment Period has ended. If this is requested and permitted, the student will be required to pre-pay all tuition & fees. Late requests should come from the Graduate Program Director to the Registrar and Graduate School. The policy on [schedule changes](#) is always in the [Graduate Catalog](#).

Course and Term Withdrawals

Any course “dropped” after course adjustment period deadline is not a drop - it is a course withdrawal and a W is listed on the transcript. If a course withdrawal is requested after the deadline, there could be a grade of F along with the W. It is important to consult with your advisor prior to withdrawing from any course and ensure you make withdrawal decisions prior to the deadline each semester.

Term withdrawals occur when a student withdraws from all courses in a semester. It is the student’s responsibility to email the Registrar, course instructors, and program directors to notify them of this action. The [withdrawal policy and procedures](#) are explained in the Graduate Catalog. Withdrawals, either course or term, may affect assistantships, financial aid, and eligibility for student health insurance. Students may consult with graduate program directors, academic advisors, and/or the Dean of Students Office to discuss the impacts of course or term withdrawals.

Graduating in Fall 2019 or Spring 2020?

The [application for graduate graduation](#) should be completed at least one semester prior to completion of the requirements of the degree or certificate. Application for graduation must be completed online through [PiratePort](#) in Banner Self Service. If there are curriculum changes after the student has applied to graduate or if the semester of graduation changes, it is the student’s responsibility to notify the Office of the Registrar at regis@ecu.edu to have the graduation application updated. Students who complete the degree requirements after the last day of final exams in the intended term of graduation will be certified for graduation in a subsequent term. You must apply for a degree graduation and a certificate graduation separately, even if they are graduated the same semester. Then, check www.ecu.edu/commencement for graduation ceremony information!



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

There is still time to take advantage of your free account with NCFDD!

All graduate students are eligible to activate their free account with the National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity! The NCFDD is an independent faculty development center dedicated to supporting academics in making successful transitions throughout their careers. Their resources are helpful for graduate students who need support in areas including motivation, prioritizing writing, developing accountability, and dissertation/thesis support.

To activate your free membership:

- 1) Go to <http://www.FacultyDiversity.org/Join>
- 2) Choose your institution from the drop-down menu (if you don't see a "Select Your Institution" menu, click on "Become a Member" and then select East Carolina University.
- 3) Select "Activate my Membership"
- 4) Complete the registration form using your institutional email address (i.e. @students.ecu.edu or @ecu.edu)
- 5) Go to your institution email to find a confirmation email. Click "Activate Account" in the confirmation email. If you have any questions about the membership, please contact Dr. Eboni Baugh, Office for Faculty Excellence 2019-2020 Faculty Fellow, at ebaugh@ecu.edu.

3-Minute Thesis Is Here! November 6

The 3MT competition is a competition where with one slide, students present their research in 3 minutes or less. This year the 3MT competition at ECU is on Wednesday November 6 at 2:00 PM in Main Campus Student Center Ballroom A. JOIN US!

Campus and Community Leaders serve as judges for the 3MT event and there are winners as well as an overall Department winner! The Department Cup is awarded each year to the program that has the highest scores. The audience gets to vote on the People's Choice Award, too! If you are learning more about what this competition is like, grab a friend and join us on November 6th!

Grad Funding Listserv

Join the gradfunding-l@ecu.edu mailing list by following the directions to subscribe on the [Graduate School's Financial Resources](#) website!

Handshake Online Portal

Career Services provides the Handshake portal where students can search not only for ECU campus based employment, but jobs nationwide along with recruiting fairs and internship opportunities! [Open your account today!](#)