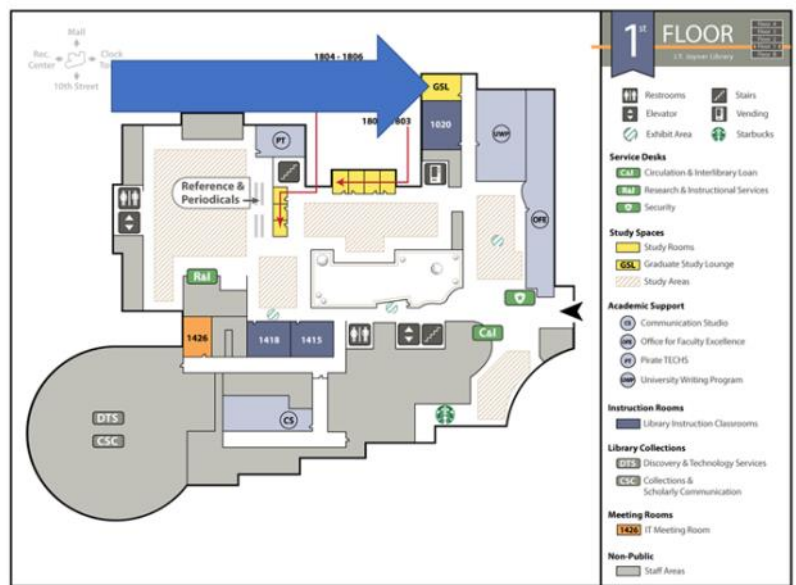# Pirate Pearls

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Graduate Student Study Lounge Remodeled and Available for Grad Student Use!

Joyner Library had previously dedicated a room specifically for graduate student use and it was closed this summer for renovation and relocated to a different area of Joyner, It is now open and completely remodeled and ready for your use! When you are on campus and need a quiet place to work, check out Joyner Library Room 1019. **It is located right behind the University Writing Center on the first floor of Joyner. Here is a sneak peek!**

Important Reminders & Deadlines

November 22-26	Thanksgiving Break	Academic Calendar
November 29	Last day to upload a thesis or dissertation to Vireo for Fall 2017 graduation	Processing Calendar
December 4	Last day of classes	Academic Calendar
December 13	Last day for faculty to change grades to remove an Incomplete for graduate courses from Fall 2016.	Academic Calendar
January 8	Classes begin.	
January 12	LAST DAY of the Course Adjustment Period. All registration, schedule changes, and drop/adds must be completed by 5:00 PM Eastern today.	Academic Calendar
January 15	State Holiday—No Classes	Academic Calendar
April 19	Last day to upload a thesis or dissertation to Vireo for Fall 2017 graduation	Processing Calendar

It is the student's responsibility to review the Academic Calendar for each semester to become familiar with the deadlines.

Academic Calendars are always found at http://www.ecu.edu/fsonline/senate/fscalend.cfm

Enjoying Poker! - Charles Gullette

NOVEMBER 17TH

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NERD NITE
Tapped – Greenville
7:30-9:30

650 E. Firetower Rd.
Winterville, NC 28590

"Be there and be square"

Confessions of a Story Junky - Randall Martoccia

Nerd Nite Greenville is a monthly event where various ECU Faculty and Students share their research & passions with the community of Greenville. If you would like to give a 15 minute presentation on your research please contact the Nerd Nite Greenville team using this form (https://greenville.nerdnite.com/2011/07/05/first-post/). We're currently recruiting Spring 2018 speakers. #bethereandbesquare

THE **ARTS & SCIENCES**

CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERIES

WHEN
Every Wednesday
5pm - 6pm

WHERE
Bate 1011

SPONSORED BY:
ECU Career Services
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT
JOHN STOWE @ STOWEJ16@ECU.EDU

EACH WEDNESDAY WE WILL COVER DIFFERENT TOPICS SUCH AS:

Psychology of the Job Interview

The Art of Resume Construction

The Graduate School Essay

The Art of Influence

GRADUATE STUDENT PANELISTS NEEDED!

The Graduate School is developing a series of workshops for graduate students and as a part of these we would like to feature panel discussions from students across campus! If you are interested in serving as a panelist (during a one-hour workshop) during Fall 2017 or Spring 2018, please sign up! You will be contacted if your interests & expertise match our topics/ sessions! THANK YOU!

Sign Up for Possible Panel Discussion Workshops—to be a panelist

Spring CAREER FAIR

February 28, 2018
1:00pm - 4:00pm
Greenville Convention Center
For more information visit ecu.edu/career

ECU CAREER SERVICES

Professional business attire is REQUIRED.
Bring ECU 1Card and extra copies of résumé.

Individuals requesting accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should call 252-737-1016 (voice/TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the event.

[Register](#) for the Spring Career Fair

[More information](#) about the Spring Career Fair

ECU CAREER SERVICES

Summer JOBS-&-INTERNSHIP Fair

February 8, 2018 • 1:00PM- 4:00PM
Campus Recreation and Wellness Center

For more information visit: ecu.edu/career   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).

[Register](#) for the Summer Jobs & Internship Fair

[More information](#) about the Summer Jobs & Internship Fair

SPRING EDUCATION FAIR

8:00AM - 10:00AM • 02/28/2018
GREENVILLE CONVENTION CENTER   ECU CAREER SERVICES

Bring ECU 1Card | Professional business | For more information
& Extra Resumes | attire is REQUIRED | visit: ecu.edu/career

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[Register](#) for the Spring Education Fair

[More information](#) Spring Education Fair

Research Resources

Dissertation and Thesis Submission

Deadline for Fall 2017 - November 29, 2017, 5:00 PM Eastern

Each semester many students finish a thesis or dissertation on their path to graduation. After you defend your thesis or dissertation, your document needs to be approved by your committee and then uploaded to the Graduate School.

A signed version of the signature page, with all signatures <u>except</u> for that of the Dean of the Graduate School, is uploaded during the Vireo submission process during the Administrative Documents step. The Dean will sign the page AFTER you've completed the submission process and the Graduate School reviews the thesis/dissertation. The final thesis or dissertation document (as a PDF) must also contain an unsigned copy of the signature page.

Appendix A of each thesis or dissertation will contain any IRB or IACUC approvals; if your thesis or dissertation required IRB or IACUC approval, you must include approval memos in Appendix A or the thesis or dissertation cannot be approved. Also, students upload a signed ECU Non-Exclusive Distribution License (NEDL). The NEDL can be found on the Theses and Dissertation Information page of the [Graduate School website](#).

Students can find the VIREO link on the [Current Students tab](#) of the Graduate School webpage. The [VIREO page](#) includes a page of information including deadlines for each semester through spring 2018. This page also includes contact information where you can ask questions about deadlines, formatting, and copyright. All students doing a thesis or dissertation are required to upload their document using VIREO and this [helpful guide](#) will make it easier!

> **DO I HAVE TO BE REGISTERED IF ALL I AM DOING IS FINISHING MY THESIS OR DISSERTATION? YES!!!!**
> All students must be continuously enrolled each semester—and must be enrolled the semester of graduation. Please review the [Continuous Enrollment Policy](#) and talk with your program director if you have questions.

Employment for Graduate Students

Graduate Students are often seek employment on campus to help offset the costs of graduate education. The first place to ask about assistantships or employment is the program director for your program to determine how many hours a week of employment are recommended. Students can review jobs on the Office of Student Employment website. Click on STUDENTS in the top left corner and you will get to the site where you can search for positions. This is the main ECU employment website and you will want to click on STUDENT POSITIONS. You will see positions including assistantship and self-help positions. Jobs listed as Federal Work/Study are for students who have been awarded federal work/study financial aid, only. You must speak with the Financial Aid Office to find out about federal work study options for graduate students.

In addition, the Graduate School emails announcements about positions to the Graduate Student email listserv when available. Review your email carefully to identify these assistantship opportunities. In addition, positions will be advertised in this Pirate Pearls newsletter almost every issue! The newsletter will be in your ECU Email Inbox usually around the 15th of each month. You can also access previous issues on the Graduate School website!!

CareerNET • CONTEST

1st Prize
$150
— Gift Card —
2nd Prize
$100
— Gift Card —
3rd Prize
$50
— Gift Card —

Deadline:
November 20, 2017

How To Enter:
- Create an account and login to ECU CareerNET at ecu.edu/career
- Find position called "ECU CareerNET Contest"
- Click "Email to Friend"
- Send to career@ecu.edu
- Change subject to: "CareerNET Contest"
- Include in the email your name, email, phone and major

East Carolina University
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Is your graduate student organization affiliated with the Graduate & Professional Student Senate? THEY SHOULD BE! GPSS is THE VOICE for graduate students! They have social events and provide advocacy efforts. Check out their website and make sure to contact their Board so your club can get involved! Let your voice be heard through the GPSS!

Final Fall 2017 Meeting
Wednesday, November 29—7:00 PM

ALL MEETINGS TAKE PLACE in the
Health Sciences Student Center, Grand Room 202
(Campus buses run to the Health Sciences Campus)

Campus Services

Making Sure You Stay On Track….

We want you to graduate! We have policies and practices in place to help you do so. Here is a reminder of some of the regulations that could affect you. Don't forget to consult the Graduate Catalog whenever you have a question about your academic program!

TIME LIMITS

All degree programs have time limits. Most of the time it is 6 years for a master's degree and 10 years for a doctoral degree. However, programs may stipulate fewer years and would state this in their student handbook. Make sure you confirm the time limit regulation for your specific program with your advisor or program director. The Graduate Catalog explains the regulation on Time Limits for Completing Graduate Programs. Transfer credit may affect your time limit, so if you plan to transfer credits from another institution or ECU, please discuss this with your program director to ensure you will graduate within the time limit requirement.

CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT

The Continuous Enrollment (or Registration) regulation explains that a student be enrolled continuously until and including the semester of graduation. Students who are finished with all course work and are finishing a thesis, dissertation, or internship will still need to enroll in the semester of graduation, with very few exceptions. Make sure to review the regulation and consult with your program director if you have questions about your enrollment at any time.

Graduation & Support

Graduating in Fall 2017 or Spring 2018?

All graduate students in certificate and degree programs need to apply to graduate at least one semester prior to the semester of intended graduation. Make sure to review the Graduation Information website at the Office of the Registrar. On that page, you will find a direct link to a helpful PDF on how to apply for graduation. Also, graduation ceremony information is posted each semester at www.ecu.edu/commencement. Click the Graduation FAQs link for more!

Get the Support You Need to be Successful!

Many graduate students under-utilize campus resources that are available for you. Many of them have services for distance education students who are not local to Greenville. Spend some time reviewing these resources so you can maximize your graduate education!

Career Services

University Writing Center

Pirate Academic Success Center

Ask a Librarian—Joyner

Ask a Librarian—Laupus

Ask a Librarian—Music

Registrar's Office

Campus Rec and Wellness

Student Rights & Responsibilities

THESIS/DISSERTATION
BOOT CAMP

NEW DATES FOR SPRING & SUMMER 2018

Boot Camp is a 3-5 day workshop providing you with focused writing time to make significant progress on your thesis or dissertation! Mentors will be there to help you with writer's block, motivation, and more!

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

January 29-31, 2018
June 4-8, 2018

Updated Registration Links Will Be Available at http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/gradschool/Thesis-Dissertation-BOOT-CAMP.cfm

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CENTER

Mark your calendars now and keep your eyes & ears open for specific information as it becomes available! Career Services & the Graduate School will be advertising & posting more details about these 2018 events!

March 5-9

Preparing your Application for Your Job Search
- Webinar on preparing for applications
- Resume/CV, cover letter support
- Virtual appointments & resume review with Career Services!

March 12-16

Understanding the Job Market
- Learn about cost of living, knowing your worth (salary)
- Benefits perks
- How do headhunters & third party recruiters work?

March 19-23

Job Search Strategies
- Webinar on preparing, use of LinkedIn for networking/job searches
- Use of social media
- College of Arts & Sciences: Beyond Your Degree presentations

March 26-30
Interviewing
- Webinar on preparing, mock interviews via InterviewStream

April 2-6
Mock interviews with employers (phone, Skype & in-person)
- A variety of mock experiences: academic, health care, industry, K-12 education

Graduate School Website Has Answers!

The Graduate School website is filled with resources can that make your graduate school experience smoother. The **financial resources page** has links to many available funding sources. The **Current Students** page has a variety of links including **graduation information**, **academic forms & policies**, and **thesis** & **dissertation submission** information. There are also **financial resources** and **events** where you can display your research! Make sure to bookmark **www.ecu.edu/gradschool** and come see what we have for you!