Graduate School Website Has Answers!

The Graduate School website is filled with resources that can 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!

The Journey Continues...

Many graduate students continue working right through the summer with classes, research, internships, and other professional opportunities. Don’t forget that campus has many resources available to you in the summer, even if it seems like campus is a little quieter!

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

The ECU website is like a map leading you towards the treasure—graduation! Remember to spend some time reviewing these resources, and more!
Important Reminders &
Deadlines
Academic Calendars are always found at http://www.ecu.edu/sonline/senate/fscalend.cfm

October 7-10  Fall Break; Classes resume Wednesday, October 11

October 30  Last day to withdraw from a course without grades (W on the
transcript).  Academic Calendar

November 3  Early Registration for Spring 2018 begins 1:00 PM Eastern.
(Register early to ensure tuition bills arrive early)

November 22-26  Thanksgiving Break

December 4  Last day of classes

December 13  Last day for faculty to change grades to remove an Incomplete for
graduate courses from Fall 2016.

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

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
CAMPUS RECREATION & WELLNESS

BEACH FEST
SEPTEMBER 20th
4:30 - 7:30 PM
NORTH REC COMPLEX

FREE T-SHIRTS AND FOOD
ZIP LINE
SAND VOLLEYBALL
WATER ACTIVITIES

INFLATABLES
ANIMAL MARQUEE
FITNESS CHALLENGES
CANOE TUG-OF-WAR
## Research/Statistics Workshops for Fall 2017

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My website: [http://core.ecu.edu/ofe/statisticsresearch/](http://core.ecu.edu/ofe/statisticsresearch/)
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 except 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.
The ECU Language Academy (ECULA) offers English for Academic Purposes classes for international students on the main ECU campus. Beginning Fall 2017, ECULA classes are open to any second language speakers in the academic and local community wishing to study English part-time.

Classes That Part-Time Students Can Choose From:

- **Grammar/Writing**
  Get your writing right! Ideal for students who have dissertation or publication requirements, or anyone looking for greater English accuracy.

- **Reading/Vocabulary**
  Reading takes practice. This class focuses on academic texts & the vocabulary most often used in them. Great for people facing a standardized test.

- **Oral Communication**
  Concerned about speaking, especially in front of a class or crowd? The presentation skills learned in this class will give you the confidence you need.

- **Listening Comprehension**
  Train your ear to really hear! Practice testing your listening with authentic English language audio from academic & professional settings.

Why take classes part-time at the ECU Language Academy?

- Classes are interesting, fast-paced, & fun!
- All classes taught by professionals with Master’s & PhDs
- You can improve your English to engage more fully in the Greenville environment
- Get involved; meet people on campus

Click the Links for more info!

- *We’d Love to See You In Our Classes!*

Start an Application

Visit the ECULA Website

Send a Question
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!

Fall 2017 Meetings
Monday Sept 25—7:00 PM
Wednesday Oct 25—7:00 PM
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)
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.
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!

Employment for Graduate Students

Graduate Students are often seek employment on campus to help offset the costs of graduate education. There are opportunities for students around campus. 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 is recommended. Some programs have clinical or internship assignments too and those should be considered during a search for employment.

Students can review jobs posted 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 a variety of 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 more 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!!
The College of Fine Arts and Communication offers approximately 300 ways to engage in the arts annually. Most of these events are free. Those that are ticketed are heavily subsidized for campus-fee-paying students. For example, flagship performing arts tickets are $45 for prime seats, but a mere $10 for students.

On September 22, enjoy Catherine Russell and the John Pizzarelli Quartet performing “Billie and Blue Eyes,” the music of Billie Holiday and Frank Sinatra. The Grammy Award-winning Russell has a voice of molten copper, and the Grammy Award-winning Pizzarelli is a jazz guitar demon. Together, they’re galaxy-class musicians, sure to captivate and thrill. Wright Auditorium, 8:00 pm, $10 student tickets are available in person at Mendenhall’s Central Ticket Office and the Health Science Campus Student Union’s Help Desk. Ask for a seating upgrade when you purchase (only available in person). Or, call 252-328-4788, purchase at the door (bring your Onecard). Learn more online at www.ecu.edu/srapas.

September 23: ECU Symphony Orchestra. Wright Auditorium, 7:30 pm, free.
September 24: Faculty pianist Catherine Garner with guest vocalist Serena Hill-Laroche. A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall on Tenth Street at College Hill Drive, 7:30 pm, free.
September 27: Faculty guitarist Elliot Frank, A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 7:30 pm, free.
September 28-10/3: ECU/Loessin Playhouse presents Jane Austen’s Sense and Sensibility. McGinnis Theatre. Nightly at 8:00 pm with the exception of a Sunday matinee. Tickets in person or online at www.ecuarts.com.
October 2: Faculty flutist Christine Gustafson, A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 7:30 pm, free.
October 4: Guest recital, Luther Enloe, guitar. A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 7:30 pm, free.
October 5-6: Four Seasons Chamber Music Festival Season Opening Extravaganza. A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 7:00 pm on Thursday, 8:00 pm on Friday, ticketed. Learn more: http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cfac/music/fourseasons/. Buy tickets at www.ecuarts.com.
October 6-26: Undergraduate Student Exhibition, a variety of work in the Wellington B. Gray Gallery, free. Learn more at http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cfac/soad/graygallery/.
October 11: Guest recital, the Klasinc-Loncar Duo, guitarists. A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 7:30 pm, free.
October 13: NC NewMusic Initiative presents Ayano Katoaka, marimba/percussion, A.J. Fletcher Recital Hall, 7:30 pm, free.
October 14: ECU Symphony Orchestra, Wright Auditorium, 7:30 pm, free.
October 15: The Chamber Singers in concert, Peace Presbyterian Church, 7:30 pm, free.
October 17: The Vienna Boys Choir, Wright Auditorium, 8:00 pm, $10 student tickets are available in person at Mendenhall’s Central Ticket Office and the Health Science Campus Student Union’s Help Desk. Ask for a seating upgrade when you purchase (only available in person). Or, call 252-328-4788, purchase at the door (bring your Onecard). Learn more online at www.ecu.edu/srapas.

Questions? Email: artscomm@ecu.edu.
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
The Three Minute Thesis competition at ECU is a great way to share your research with the rest of the campus community! And there are awards! Scores are tallied to declare a Grand Champion, the People’s Choice Award, and the Departmental Cup. The Departmental Cup is awarded to a department at ECU whose top three presenters have the highest combined score. The highest scored presenter of the championship round—the Grand Champion—will have the opportunity to represent ECU at the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools meeting in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Please talk with your research advisors today to determine what YOU will submit!
Do you know someone afflicted with cancer?

Do you wish there were more ways to prevent, detect or treat cancer?

Do you have interest in being part of a team that can help advance novel cancer related technologies?

Then join us for the Freedom from Cancer Startup Challenge (FCSC) @ ECU.

Sponsored by The Center for Advancing Innovation, the Laura and John Arnold Foundation and MedImmune, the FCSC is an open innovation challenge to advance, accelerate & commercialize 100 preselected cancer preventions, prognostics, detections & therapies from across the United States. An FCSC information session will be held at ECU for interested entrepreneurs (seasoned and aspiring), scientists, engineers and health, business and legal professionals. Students are welcome to attend.

Information Session
4:00 - 5:30 PM
Thursday, September 21st
Innovation Design Lab
211 South Jarvis Street

Click here to RSVP
Refreshments provided

Rosemarie Truman, CEO
Center for Advancing Innovation

Rukiyah Van Dross, PhD
ECU Finalist- Skin Cancer Treatment

Jay Golden, PhD
Vice Chancellor, REDE

Michael Harris, PhD
Director, Miller School of Entrepreneurship

Freedom from Cancer Challenge @ ECU: https://spark.adobe.com/page/5xzGV17pjzBji/
Freedom from Cancer Challenge: www.freedomfromcancerchallenge.org