



Pirate Pearls

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Welcome Pirates!

Hello Pirates!

As we head closer to the Fall 2023 semester, here are some important links you may find helpful!

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Thesis Or Dissertation Upload Deadline

Summer 2023 – July 14

Fall 2023 – November 29

Spring 2024 – April 18

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.](#)





GRADUATE SCHOOL CHECKLIST



GET ADMITTED

**You've checked the first item off your list... What about the rest?
Complete your checklist and contact us if you have any questions.
We're excited you will be joining us at ECU.**

Get Connected

- Register your PirateID and create your password
<https://pirateid.ecu.edu>
- Explore PiratePort to locate important info and services
<https://pirateport.ecu.edu>

Get Registered

- Contact your program director to find out about registration and other degree-specific information
[Find your program](#)
- Check out the ECU academic calendar for important dates, including add/drop, final exams, and holidays
[Academic Calendar](#)

Get Paid Up

- Review your financial aid and tuition statements in PiratePort.
- Contact the Cashier's Office about a payment plan
[Cashier's Office](#)
- Student account balances must be paid in full or schedules will be cancelled.

Get Insured

- Submit your immunization and Medical Report Form
[Student Health](#)
- Enroll in or waive health insurance (students are required to provide proof of health insurance)
[Health Insurance Requirement](#)

Get Oriented

- Check out the website for admitted graduate students for information on preparing to start Graduate School at ECU
[Admitted Grad Students](#)
- Log in to the ECU Graduate School Orientation site [in Canvas](#)

Get Living

- Join the ECU Graduate School on social media
[ECU Graduate School](#)
- Learn about housing and life in Greenville
<http://visitgreenvillenc.com>
- Discover ways to get involved
[ECU Student Affairs](#)



Graduate School Orientation Options 2023

Online Orientation

All newly admitted graduate students are automatically enrolled in an online course module in Canvas (<http://canvas.ecu.edu>). Once you have activated your Pirate ID/passphrase, then you can log into Canvas and see a course with the title of Graduate Student Orientation for Summer or Fall. Very few programs require this module for their students, but there is much information that can help you ease the transition into Graduate School! This is NOT the required online orientation for College of Business (COB) or College of Nursing (CON). Make sure to talk with your program directors about your required orientation if you are in COB or CON.

Live Virtual Events

Join our virtual sessions to learn information about getting acquainted with Graduate School at ECU. Materials will be emailed to students who pre-register, but you do not have to pre-register to join the meetings online. See page 2 for specifics.

All events will be through Microsoft Teams which you can access using your Pirate ID and passphrase.

Tuesday August 1, 6:30-7:45 PM (On-Campus Students) [Register](#) [Join Meeting](#)
Tuesday August 8, 6:30-7:45 PM (Online Students) [Register](#) [Join Meeting](#)
Thursday August 17, 6:30-7:45 PM (Final Chance Q&A) [Register](#) [Join Meeting](#)

Campus Orientation Event

The Graduate School will host a campus orientation event on Wednesday August 16th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (registration starts at 8:30 AM) in the Main Campus Student Center, Ballroom area. This orientation session is optional. Everyone is welcome!!! There is a \$25.00 fee for this orientation which includes materials and lunch. Registration is required. **This session will not be recorded or live-streamed.**

Please REGISTER for the On-Campus Event Today!

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).



Graduate School Orientation Options 2023

Live Virtual Event Topics

We look forward to meeting you and sharing helpful information to get you started in Graduate School!

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Tuesday August 1 at 6:30 PM

[Register](#)

On-Campus Student Panel Discussion

Meet current graduate students (taking campus classes) and learn from their experiences how to make the most of your first semester! We will talk about how they acclimated to their first semester – getting around campus, finding resources, learning how to study at the graduate level, starting a thesis or dissertation, and more! This session will benefit all students, but particularly campus-based students.

Tuesday August 8 at 6:30 PM

[Register](#)

Online Only Student Panel Discussion

Are you an online-only student who won't be coming to Greenville at all? This session is for you! Get some helpful advice and enjoy a panel discussion by graduate students who have been enrolled in online-only programs. Learn how they navigated engaging with ECU while experiencing it all from their home.

Thursday August 17 at 6:30 PM

[Register](#)

Final Chance for Questions & Answers!

Final Q & A before your first day! This hour (or so) session will focus on questions sent in by you! When you register you will be able to write in questions you would like us to cover during this hour. This hour is appropriate for both campus and online-only students.

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Fall 2023 Important Dates

Friday, March 24	Early Registration for Fall 2023
Saturday, July 1	First day of class for M-3 & M-4 Medical Students
Saturday, July 1	First eBill notification for M-3 & M-4 Medical Students
Monday, July 10	First eBill notification for all campuses
- All students will receive weekly eBills for Fall 2023 until November 5, 2023	
Thursday, July 20	First day of class for M-1 Medical Students
Monday, July 31	First day of class for M-2 Medical Students
Thursday, August 3	Postmark date for mailing payments for Fall 2023
Thursday, August 10	All Fall 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, August 10	For Fall 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 August 10, 2023
Monday, August 21	First day of class for Main Campus and Distance Education.
Tuesday, August 29	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	
Monday, September 11	Last day to enroll or waive out of Student Health Insurance Plan for Fall 2023
Updated: April 28, 2023	

Fall Fairs are now open for registration!

Follow the links to our registration page in Handshake for a description of each fair and to register. Please reach out if you need assistance deciding which event is right for you!

Health Careers Fair

September 14, 10:00am-1:00pm
East Carolina Heart Institute at
ECU Health Medical Center

Science, Engineering, Job & Internship Fair

September 27, 1:00pm-4:00pm
Greenville Convention Center

Job & Internship Fair

September 27, 8:30am-11:30am
Greenville Convention Center

Graduate & Professional School Fair

October 25, 5:30pm-8:30pm
Greenville Convention Center

We look forward to seeing you this fall!



Graduate and Professional School Fair

October 25, 2023 • 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Greenville Convention Center



ADA Accommodation: 252-737-1018 • ada-coordinator@ecu.edu

Health Careers Job Fair



East Carolina Heart Institute at ECU
College of Allied Health Sciences · College of Nursing
College of Health and Human Performance

September 14, 2023
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Register on  handshake

ADA Accommodation:
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Science, Engineering AND Technology Fair

September 27, 2023
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Greenville Convention Center



Register on  handshake

Internships & Jobs
– for –
ECU Pirates



ADA accommodation:
252-737-1018
ada-coordinator@ecu.edu

Job & Internship Fair

Employers recruiting ECU Pirates™
All majors welcome!

Sept. 27, 2023 • 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Greenville Convention Center

ADA Accommodation: 252-737-1018 • ada-coordinator@ecu.edu





THREE-MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION

Three-Minute Thesis is an international competition for graduate students to present their research in 3 minutes or less using only 1 slide. The first 3MT was held at The University of Queensland in 2008. Enthusiasm for the 3MT concept grew and its widespread implementation by universities has led to the development of an international competition.

**ECU IS PROUD TO HOST THE
THREE MINUTE THESIS
COMPETITION AND HOPE
THAT YOU WILL JOIN US
FOR THIS EXCITING EVENT!**



**10TH
ANNUAL ECU
3MT EVENT –
FALL 2023
COMPETITION**

**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 14, 2023
1:00 – 5:00 PM**

**HELD IN THE MAIN
CAMPUS STUDENT
CENTER BALLROOMS**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:
OCTOBER 31, 2023**

**QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO DR. RON PRESTON
(PRESTONR@ECU.EDU) FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT.**

Highlights from Graduate Education Day

Graduate education at ECU was well represented at the General Assembly in Raleigh on May 23rd at the annual North Carolina Graduate Education Day. Held in conjunction with UNC System Day, the capital was abuzz with educational activity as Graduate Schools (public and private) and UNC System schools (and their Chancellors, select academic representatives, and school mascots) interacted with legislators and their aides.



(L to R) Legislative Liaisons Nelson & Brooks, Mentor Bolin, Chancellor Rogers, students Ciuca & Brown, and Graduate School representative Preston

The ECU Education Day delegation was highlighted by two students: recent nursing PhD graduate (May 2023) Angela Ciuca and Taylor Brown, MS in Human Development & Family Science, who has completed all degree requirements expect for her thesis. Taylor's mentor, Dr. Archana Hegde, was not able to attend, but Angela's mentor, Dr. Linda Bolin, was present. The two students and mentor, along with Provost Robin Coger and Graduate School Faculty Fellow Ron Preston visited six legislators over the course of the morning. Each of the legislators had some link that ECU Legislative Liaison Karson Nelson wanted to highlight – ECU grad, interest in the graduate research topic, representative of Pitt County, or representative from the home area of one of the students.



- Representative Tim Reeder, Pitt County; Dr. Reeder is pictured with the ECU group
- Representative Matthew Winslow, Granville County
- Senator Mary Willis Bode, Granville County
- Representative Gloristine Brown, Pitt County
- Senator Kandie Smith, Pitt County
- Senator Gale Adcock, Wake County

ECU graduate students each prepared a one-page handout for the legislators and had a 2-3-minute synopsis of their research that they could modify, based on the interest and expertise of the legislator. Brown's research project was entitled Exploring Preschool Teachers' Perceptions of Science Education. Dr.

Ciuca's project was Perioperative Prediction of Surgical-Associated Acute Kidney Injury Utilizing Novel Renal Biomarkers. At right, the ECU group is pictured with Senator Adcock, an ECU nursing alumnus.





SUMMER 2023 SCHEDULE: IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Session 2



Second Summer Session 2023

(5 Mondays, 4 Tuesdays, 5 Wednesdays, 6 Thursdays, 5 Fridays; 1 day for final examinations)

June 21, Wednesday	Advising, registration and schedule adjustments
June 22, Thursday	Classes begin; schedule adjustments.
June 23, Friday	Last day for registration and schedule adjustments (drop / add), by 5:00 pm
June 26, Monday	Census Day (Official enrollment count taken at 5:00 pm.)
July 4, Tuesday	State Holiday (no classes)
July 14, Friday	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.
July 21, Friday	Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI) becomes available.
July 27, Thursday	Last day for graduate students to submit work for removal of incompletes given during Second Summer Session 2022
July 27, Thursday	Classes end; last day for Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI); last day for submission of grade replacement requests.
July 28, Friday	Final Examinations
July 31, Monday	Grades due at noon

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.



SUMMER 2023 SCHEDULE: IMPORTANT DATES

11-Week Session



Eleven-Week Summer Session 2023

(10 Mondays, 9 Tuesdays, 10 Wednesdays, 11 Thursdays, 10 Fridays; 1 day for final examinations)

May 12, Friday	Advising, registration and schedule adjustments
May 15, Monday	Classes begin; schedule adjustments.
May 16, Tuesday	Last day for registration and schedule adjustments (drop / add), by 5:00 pm
May 17, Wednesday	Census Day (Official enrollment count taken at 5:00 pm.)
May 29, Monday	State Holiday (no classes)
June 20 - 21, Tuesday - Wednesday	Mid-Summer Break
June 28, Wednesday	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.
July 4, Tuesday	State Holiday (no classes)
July 21, Friday	Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI) becomes available.
July 27, Thursday	Last day for graduate students to submit work for removal of incompletes given during the Eleven-week Summer Session 2022
July 27, Thursday	Classes end; last day for Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI); last day for submission of grade replacement requests.
July 28, Friday	Final Examinations
July 31, Monday	Grades due at noon

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.

ALTERNATE BLOCK SCHEDULING

Fall Semester 2023

BLOCK 1	
August 18, Friday	Advising, registration, and schedule adjustments.
August 21, Monday	Classes begin; schedule adjustments.
August 23, Wednesday	Last day for registration and schedule adjustments (drop/add), by 5:00 p.m.
September 4, Monday	State Holiday.
September 18, Monday	Last day for undergraduate and graduate students to withdraw from Block 1 courses by 5:00 p.m.
September 28, Thursday	Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI) becomes available
October 5, Thursday	Classes end.
October 11, Wednesday	Grades due at 8:00 am
BLOCK 2	
October 11, Wednesday	Classes begin; schedule adjustments.
October 13, Friday	Last day for registration and schedule adjustments (drop/add), by 5:00 p.m.
November 9, Thursday	Last day for undergraduate and graduate students to withdraw from Block 2 courses by 5:00 p.m.
November 17, Friday	Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI) becomes available
November 22-26 Wednesday-Sunday	Thanksgiving break – Classes resume at 8:00 am Monday, November 27.
November 29, Wednesday	Classes end.
December 15, Friday	Grades due at 4:30 pm

- 1. Classes meet four days a week, Monday through Thursday (27 class meetings)**
- 2. Class length is one hour and twenty-five minutes (1:25)**
- 3. No final exam period. Final exam is on the last day of class**

Faculty Senate Resolution #22-23; Approved by the Faculty Senate: March 29, 2022; Approved by the Chancellor: April 18, 2022.

University Academic Calendar - Fall Semester 2023

(Actual Class Days: 14 Mondays, 14 Tuesdays, 14 Wednesdays, 14 Thursdays, 14 Fridays)

March 24, Friday	Early registration for special populations begins at 1:00 pm.
March 27, Monday	Registration for Fall Semester 2023 begins.
August 18, Friday	Faculty Convocation at 9:00 am; Faculty Meetings
August 18, Friday	Advising, registration and schedule adjustments
August 21, Monday	Classes begin; schedule adjustments.
August 25, Friday	Last day for registration and schedule adjustments (drop / add), by 5:00 pm
September 1, Friday	Census Day (Official enrollment count taken at 5:00 pm.)
September 4, Monday	State Holiday (no classes)
October 7 - 10, Saturday - Tuesday	Fall Break -- Classes resume at 8:00 am Wednesday, October 11.
October 23 - 27, Monday - Friday	Advising for Spring Semester 2024
October 30, Monday	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.
November 3, Friday	Early registration for special populations begins at 1:00 pm.
November 6, Monday	Registration for Spring Semester 2024 begins.
November 7, Tuesday	Election Day / Civic Engagement Day (classes meet)
November 21, Tuesday	Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI) becomes available.
November 21, Tuesday	Last day for undergraduate students to submit work for removal of incompletes given during Spring or Summer Sessions 2023
November 22 - 26, Wednesday - Sunday	Thanksgiving Break -- Classes resume at 8:00 am Monday, November 27.
December 4, Monday	Last day for graduate students to submit work for removal of incompletes given during Fall Semester 2022
December 4, Monday	Classes end; last day for Survey of Student Opinion of Instruction (SSOI); last day for submission of grade replacement requests.
December 5, Tuesday	Reading Day
December 6, Wednesday	Final Examinations begin.
December 13, Wednesday	Exams for Fall Semester end.
December 15, Friday	Commencement
December 15, Friday	Grades due at 4:30 pm