

Application Cut-off Deadlines - We continue to process application materials after these dates, but no new applications are submitted.

Current:

Fall: August 15

Spring: December 20

1st/11 week Summer: May 5

2nd Summer: June 15

Proposal 1:

New Degree & Certificate applications – Keep the current Application Cut-off Dates.

Readmit & Non-degree applications – Allow application submissions through the first day of class

Proposal 2:

New Degree, Certificate, & Non-degree applications – Keep the current Application Cut-off Dates.

Readmit applications – Allow application submissions through the first day of class

Both proposals allow students to begin a program or re-enter to complete a program with lower barriers to entry.

Under Proposal 1, the admissions office will experience increased volume, and with limited time, the question quickly becomes “Who has priority?” The beginning of the semester is already hectic with degree seeking students finishing their applications and programs making admission decisions at the last minute. The start of Spring has the added issue of competitive programs with early Fall deadlines. Accommodating these late non-degree and readmit students means a delay in the processing of degree application. The short-term gains of new non-degree applicants may cost us the long-term benefit of high-quality degree seeking students.

Proposal 2 gives only readmits a deadline extension because these students have the benefit of being familiar with ECU’s systems, so they will not encounter the same points of confusion as new non-degree students. It also accommodates students who need their final class to complete their thesis.

Additional Deadline Requests

- I request that we remove the Priority Deadlines of June 1, Oct. 15, March 15, and May 1 from the website and catalog. These dates no longer mean anything to the Graduate School, so when combined with program deadlines and cut-off deadlines, they become confusing.
- To assist with International admissions processing, Colleen & I propose that programs have a deadline to return a decision on International applications. Past the dates below, there is not enough time for I-20 preparation and the completion of other steps that are required for International students. Having clearly communicated deadlines will help manage the expectations of both applicants and programs.

Fall: June 15

Spring: Nov. 15

After these dates, we will automatically change the application for consideration in the next term of admission.

Faculty non-degree applications – A separate process outside of Banner for faculty to submit a non-degree application. Transcripts not required; allow submission through the first day of class. As envisioned, this works for Faculty only, not staff.