



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

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WELCOME TO ECU!

We have designed a robust synchronous virtual orientation to East Carolina University* for you and your family. Making the transition to college life presents many questions for new students:

- Where do I go?
- What classes will I take?
- Whom do I contact for help?
- What is it like at ECU?
- Will it be easy to meet new friends?

All of these questions and more will be answered during New Student Orientation.

New Student Orientation will include multiple opportunities for you to learn about ECU and the programs and services offered to aid in your success.

Orientation Session

Students will participate in a synchronous virtual orientation session during one of the 16 dates listed below.

New Student Orientation is required for all incoming undergraduate students because we believe strongly that your participation will significantly improve your transition to college life.

Please read this booklet completely to learn more about the program.

On-Campus Events

It is the intention to offer optional, limited, in-person events on campus in July. A decision will be made about these events by June 1, and more information will follow via ECU email.

Live Events

Join us online in July as we host live events for you to learn more about campus resources and ask questions of the orientation assistants. These optional events will be held each Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. through July.

Family Program

We encourage parents and family members to participate in their own online orientation, which will be held concurrently with the student's virtual orientation session. Family sessions will cover topics such as supporting students through their first year of college, financial aid and paying tuition and fees, life on campus, academic policies, campus resources and more.

Topics Pirate Parents Can Expect to Learn About

- Numerous support services available to students
- ECU's academic and social programs
- Staying actively involved in your student's learning process
- Financial aid, housing, safety, and other programs and services
- Joining the ECU Parents Association
- Meeting and interacting with other parents

The following dates are for the synchronous virtual orientation. Students should be available from 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to attend the session for which they registered.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION SESSION DATES

June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10
June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17
June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24
June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1



REGISTRATION AND FEES

There are 16 different synchronous virtual New Student Orientation sessions throughout June. Sessions are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Enrollment Verification

You must submit your \$100 enrollment verification/tuition deposit by **June 1** in order to secure your spot for the fall 2021 semester and prior to registering for orientation. Please note: This deposit is separate from the orientation and housing fee.

Fees

Students

- \$100
- Includes the student 1 Card (ID card), online programs, on-campus programs during the fall semester, and additional information for families.

Registration

You can register online through PiratePort. You will need your PirateID (typically your last name, first initial, and entering year at ECU; e.g., smithk21) and your password.

Please note: After completing the online registration, a confirmation will be sent to your ECU email address.

Family Members

- No charge for family members to attend the synchronous virtual Family Orientation Program. (To receive the links to join this program, students must submit the family email address when registering for their orientation session.)

Due to technological capabilities, it is imperative that you attend on the date confirmed for you. We'll send more information to your ECU email prior to your session.



PIRATE INTRODUCTION TO ECU REGISTRATION (PIER)

As in years past, students should register for courses before attending an orientation session. It may seem strange to sign up for courses before meeting with an advisor, but the Pirate Introduction to ECU Registration (PIER) online tutorial provides information about ECU's majors and recommended courses, and it walks you through the registration process.

This process has been very successful for students even before we had to move to a virtual format. Advisors will be available to answer questions during and after your review of PIER.

Beginning on **May 14 at noon**, students will be able to complete the PIER quiz. Once the quiz is completed, students will receive their PIN code and be able to register for fall courses. After course registration, an academic advisor will contact students to review class schedules and answer questions.

Please note the important PIER information at pier.ecu.edu.

MILITARY VETERANS

Military veterans who will be enrolling at ECU are encouraged to attend the veteran-specific orientation session. During this program, special small groups and workshops will be presented for student-veterans on resources, benefits information and important university policies. To register for the veteran orientation or for more information, contact Student Veteran Services at **252-737-6542** or vets@ecu.edu.



COURSE PLACEMENT INFORMATION

Mathematics: You will be placed in a math course based on your math placement test score. Please visit math.ecu.edu/placement online for more information.

Foreign Languages: If you studied a foreign language in high school, you are encouraged to take a foreign language placement test. Students must take a placement test before enrolling in SPAN 1001. Spanish, French and German placement tests can be taken online at foreign.ecu.edu/resources/placement-exams. Placement tests for other languages can be arranged by contacting Dr. Irina Swain at swaini@ecu.edu.

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Students

- Welcome, faculty speaker
- Small-group meetings
- Introduction to college life
- Academic advising information
- Campus resource information sessions

Family

- Welcome, faculty speaker
- Campus resource information sessions
- Campus living
- Resources panel
- Advising overview

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

On-Campus Events

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused us to move orientation to an online format this summer, but it is our intention to host some limited on-campus events in July for those who wish to attend. The orientation website (orientation.ecu.edu) will be updated with the most current information, so please consult often. Information will be posted by June 1.

ECU 1 Card

Make sure to check your ECU email for information on how to receive your ECU 1 Card.





ADMITTED STUDENT CHECKLIST

- Make sure you have set up your Pirate ID and ECU email. You should be consistently checking your ECU email account.
- Apply for financial aid.
- Submit the Enrollment Verification/Tuition Deposit by June 1. This must be paid prior to registering for New Student Orientation.
- Register for New Student Orientation via PiratePort.
- Review PIER at pier.ecu.edu, and register for fall courses.
- Complete the campus housing preference by May 1.
- Submit your final official transcripts from all institutions attended.
- Complete the Report of Medical History form at shs.ecu.edu, including immunization records, and return to Student Health Services.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Individuals with disabilities who require accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in order to participate in New Student Orientation should contact East Carolina's ADA coordinator at least 48 hours prior to the event at 252-737-1018 or ada-coordinator@ecu.edu.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Technological Requirements

You will need a laptop, desktop computer, tablet or mobile device to access virtual orientation. Virtual orientation will be held on the Teams platform, so you must have access to Microsoft Teams. More information about technological requirements will be available on our website at orientation.ecu.edu.

Financial Aid

If you believe that you will need financial aid (such as scholarships, grants, loans or work opportunities) to assist with the cost of your college education, please make sure that you have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov at least six weeks before you come to orientation and that you list ECU's school code (002923) on your FAFSA.



YOUR FIRST YEAR AT ECU

The Office of Student Transitions is here to help in your transition to East Carolina University. As a new student, you will gain valuable information about yourself, the campus and the ECU community by participating in programs such as the ones below.

Camp P.I.R.A.T.E.S.

Slime Olympics! S'mores and campfires! Waterslides and Go-Karts! Staying in cabins! Camp P.I.R.A.T.E.S. is all of this and more! This three-day, two-night program helps you develop new friendships, learn more about resources and organizations on campus, embrace Pirate spirit and traditions, and prepare you for your first year as a Pirate. Visit studenttransitions.ecu.edu/first-year-students/camp-pirates for more information.

Pirate Read

Each year, the Pirate Read committee selects a book that incoming students will enjoy and whose themes span academic disciplines. Having all incoming students read the same book brings everyone together and launches your intellectual experience at ECU. You should purchase the book and read prior to the beginning of classes. During the fall semester, the book will be required reading in some classes, and there will be related events and activities, including a visit to campus by the author. For more information including the 2021 selection, visit pirateread.ecu.edu.

First-Year Seminar

COAD 1000 is a 1-credit-hour course designed to assist new students in being successful during their first year of college and beyond. Topics covered in this course include understanding the transition from high school to college, student development and motivation, goal setting, learning styles, memory development, listening skills, note-taking skills, study skills, test-taking skills, communication, critical-thinking skills, ECU academic rules and regulations, and career development issues.

You may register for a COAD 1000 course when you create your schedule. You can search for the course by looking under "Counselor Education." Some sections are taught by academic advisors for particular majors. Visit studenttransitions.ecu.edu/first-year-students/coad-1000 for more information.

The Pirate Experience

Don't just be a student; be a Pirate! Take full advantage of every opportunity offered at ECU, both in and out of the classroom. Being a Pirate means excelling in academics, becoming a leader, getting involved in the community, volunteering your time, socialization, building lasting friendships, making memories and embracing traditions. Check them out at thepirateexperience.ecu.edu.



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