We have designed a two-day 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 at your New Student Orientation. During the program you will:
- Meet and interact with your orientation assistant
- Meet and interact with other new students
- Find out what it’s like being an ECU Pirate™
- Learn more about East Carolina University
- Receive academic advising and finalize your first semester of college classes

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.
ORIENTATION SCHEDULE, ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN

Schedule
Day One will include presentations and small-group discussions designed to help you learn about ECU. Day One activities will end about 11:00 p.m. The second day will begin around 8:00 a.m. You must attend both days of orientation. You will attend a session with an academic advisor and finalize classes during the morning of Day Two. Registration should be completed by 1:00 p.m. Please plan travel arrangements accordingly. Advisors will not be available to meet with students before the registration time.

Arrival: Parking and Check-In
Orientation begins with check-in between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. on the first day of your session. All orientation participants – students and family members – must check in to pick up orientation materials. You will receive a detailed schedule at check-in.

Prior to your orientation session, you will receive more information about arrival, parking and check-in. This information will be sent to the student ECU email account and will also be available at orientation.ecu.edu and will include parking instructions and details about the check-in process.
Students

Day One
• Check-in for Orientation
• Welcome, faculty speaker
• Small-group meetings
• Introduction to college life
• Academic and career-planning session
• Academic major information
• Campus resource information sessions
• Campus Living
• Meet some campus organizations
• Campus tours and select residence hall viewing
• Receptions
• Social activities

Day Two
• Campus resource information sessions
• Small-group meetings
• Group advising and course scheduling

Family

Day One
• Check-in for Orientation
• Welcome, faculty speaker
• Campus resource information sessions
• Academic and career-planning session
• Academic major information
• Campus resource information sessions
• Campus Living
• Meet some campus organizations
• Campus Tours and select residence hall viewing
• Receptions
• Social activities

Day Two
• Campus resource information sessions
• Resources panel
• Advising overview
• Campus resource information sessions

Visit orientation.ecu.edu for a tentative schedule. You can also download “ECU Guides” on your mobile device and choose “Orientation and Pirate Weeks of Welcome Guide” for a complete schedule as of June 1.
HOUSING

Students
On-campus housing is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. We strongly encourage students to stay on campus as part of the overall orientation experience and as introduction to college life. However, students who choose not to stay on campus during orientation can stay in a local hotel.

Students staying in a campus residence hall during orientation will be assigned a roommate of the same sex. For a fee of $33, students will stay in Clement Residence Hall. The cost includes linens, a pillow, towels and soap. You should bring an alarm clock.

Family
Family members can stay in White Residence Hall during orientation. The cost will be $33 per person per night for shared occupancy (single traveling guest will be paired with another single traveling guest) or $66 per night for single occupancy. White Residence Hall is a traditional corridor-style hall with community bathroom facilities. There will be a community bathroom for each gender on each floor, but the floors themselves will be coed. Standard linens will be provided, but as a residence hall, the in-room amenities are limited, with no TVs or clock radios provided in the room. A community TV is available in the hall lobby. If you are interested in staying on campus, please reserve at the time of registration. All family housing is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that family members will stay in a hall separate from students, so please pack accordingly.

Family members may choose to stay in a local hotel. A list of Greenville hotels may be found at www.visitgreenvillenc.com/places-to-stay.

Early Arrivals
If students and families are traveling a considerable distance to ECU, they can make arrangements to stay in the campus residence hall the evening prior to their orientation session. You will be charged additional fees for housing (includes linens, a pillow, towels and soap) for each night you stay in campus housing. You will include the additional fees in your registration fee. The Office of Student Transitions will contact you via ECU email to finalize arrangements for early arrival. Please note there are limited services for those arriving early.

• 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 May 1. This must be paid prior to registering for New Student Orientation.
• Register for New Student Orientation at orientation.ecu.edu.
• Review PIER at www.ecu.edu/PIER 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 https://shs.ecu.edu, including immunization records, and return to Student Health Services.
There are 10 different New Student Orientation sessions throughout June and July. Sessions are on a first-come, first-served basis, and sessions do typically fill quickly.

**Enrollment Verification**
You must submit your $100 enrollment verification/tuition deposit by May 1 in order to secure your spot for the fall 2019 semester and prior to registering for orientation. *This deposit is separate from the orientation and housing fee.*

**Registration**
You can register online at orientation.ecu.edu. You will need your PirateID (typically your last name, first initial, and entering year at ECU; e.g., smith19) and your password. After completing the online registration, a confirmation will be emailed to your ECU email address.

**WHAT TO BRING TO ORIENTATION**
- A valid driver’s license, state-issued ID card, passport or military ID
- Comfortable clothes and shoes  
  (New Student Orientation functions will be at various locations around campus, so there is a lot of walking.)
- Alarm clock (if staying in the residence hall)
- Umbrella – just in case!
- Sweatshirt or sweater (Air conditioning can be too much of a good thing.)
- Backpack or book bag

**FEES**

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| **Students**      | - $155  
                    - Includes ECU 1 Card, all activities and program materials, some meals, evening snacks, parking, shuttles, facility usage and staffing |
| **Family Members**| - $85 first family member  
                    - $40 each additional family member  
                    - Includes all activities and program materials, some meals, reception, parking, shuttles, facility usage and staffing |
| *There is no orientation fee for children under the age of 17 who attend the family program; however, meals are not provided and no child care will be provided.* |
| **Student Housing**| - $33 per night per person  
                    - Includes linens, pillow, towels and soap |
| **Family Housing** | - $33 per night (shared occupancy)  
                    - $66 per night (single occupancy)  
                    - Includes linens, pillow, towels and soap |

The orientation confirmation will be emailed to the student’s ECU email address. Information about parking and arrival will be sent out closer to your orientation session and will include where to park. This information will be sent to the student’s ECU email address.
**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

Individuals with disabilities who require accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in order to participate in any event at New Student Orientation should contact the Department for Disability Support Services at least two weeks prior to the event. Contact the Department of Disability Support Services at 252-737-1016 (voice/TTY).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Date Changes**

Due to the limited number of students who can be advised adequately on a given day, it is important that you attend on the dates confirmed for you. There is a $25 administrative fee for any date changes. If you would like to request a date change, please email orientation@ecu.edu for further instructions. All change requests must be received no less than 1 week before either the original or the new date.

**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.
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. Space in the veteran-specific orientation session is limited. To register for the veteran orientation or for more information, contact Student Veteran Services at 252-737-6542 or vets@ecu.edu.

PIER – PIRATE INTRODUCTION TO ECU REGISTRATION

At ECU, you are strongly encouraged to register for your fall 2019 courses prior to attending an orientation session. The “Pirate Introduction to ECU Registration” (PIER) online tutorial provides information about ECU’s majors, recommends first-semester courses, and walks you through the registration process.

**Important Note:** The course schedule that you create prior to attending an orientation session will be reviewed by an advisor during orientation who will recommend changes if needed.

Keep in mind that your fall 2019 registration schedule can be adjusted throughout the summer and that academic advisors will be available during your orientation to assist you.

Please note the important PIER information at www.ecu.edu/PIER.
PLACEMENT INFORMATION

Placement tests ensure that you start your courses at the correct level. Please read below to determine if you should to take a placement test.

**Mathematics** – Students are placed into a math course based on their math SAT/ACT scores. For more information, visit [www.ecu.edu/math/Accuplacer.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/math/Accuplacer.cfm).

**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 [www.ecu.edu/foreign/flrc/placement.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/foreign/flrc/placement.cfm). Placement tests for other languages can be arranged by contacting Dr. Irina Swain at [swaini@ecu.edu](mailto:swaini@ecu.edu).
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! Camp P.I.R.A.T.E.S. will be held August 12–14, 2019. Register online at www.ecu.edu/camppirates!

**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 2019 selection, visit pirateread.ecu.edu.
First-Year Seminar
COAD 1000 is a 1-credit hour course designed to assist new students in being successful in 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 or at New Student Orientation. Some sections are taught by academic advisors for particular majors. Visit studenttransitions.ecu.edu/first-year-students/coad-1000 for more information.

Pirate Weeks of Welcome
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 weeksofwelcome.ecu.edu.

Check Out ECU Guides!
ECU has gone mobile! We are excited to announce our app for East Carolina University Orientation, powered by Guidebook! Download the app to access the most up-to-date information about orientation, including schedules (available after June 1), maps and much more!

Get the free app by going to: https://guidebook.com/app/ecuguide or going to your AppStore on your mobile device.