



D-ECU News

News and Information for ECU Distance Education Students

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~We Want Your DE Story~

Previous editions of D-ECU News have featured distance education students from many of the colleges and schools across the ECU campus. We invite you to submit your DE Story to appear in a future edition of D-ECU News. If you would like to share your story, please submit a description of your DE experience to Carol McLawhorn at mclawhornc@ecu.edu. Your description should include your program of study, career description or aspirations, any tips you have for fellow students, and how DE has helped you achieve your education goals. Your picture would be a nice touch as well. We look forward to receiving your stories and sharing them with the distance education community!

~Distance Education Forum in OneStop~

Have you checked out the Distance Education forum yet? This forum is a place for DE students to share ideas, questions, or comments. Feel free to post new discussion topics as you communicate throughout the semester. To access the Distance Education forum in OneStop, log in at the following and click the community tab.
<https://onestop.ecu.edu/onestop>

~Blackboard~

You can also follow Blackboard on Twitter. <http://twitter.com/ecubb>

Welcome to another edition of D-ECU News - the newsletter that will keep you informed of university news, resources, and announcements that affect the distance education community.

~Distance Education Student Cards ~ A New Look

Distance Education Student Cards are now mailed by request only. You can request your card for the Spring Semester of 2010 by clicking [here](#). The cards have a new look. It includes your ECU ID number (Banner ID) on your card, along with a place for your signature. The card will be included in letter form, and you will just detach it from the bottom of the letter. The Distance Education Student Card grants access to ECU computer labs and allows students to check out books from the ECU libraries. It also allows you access to the libraries of our sister institutions. Please note that the Distance Education Student Card does not provide access to the Student Recreation Center, Student Health Services, Athletic events and other activities that are available to on-campus students because DE students do not pay these additional university fees. The Distance Education Student Cards are valid for one semester and mailed to your home address upon request.

~DE Student Orientation Website~

The DE Orientation Website will take you step-by-step through the process of how to get started taking classes online. As you work through the orientation, you will discover answers to questions such as: What is distance education? Who is my advisor, and how do I contact him/her? How do I access course material? How do I get an email account and DE student card? Click the link below to access all kinds of helpful information. If you have any questions about the site, please contact Kim Wilson at wilsonki@ecu.edu.
http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/DE_Orientation/index.cfm

~New Online Tutorials~

Please be sure to check out the new online tutorials available on the Options website <http://www.ecu.edu/options/orientation/tutorials.cfm>. You will find tutorials to assist you with ECU email, OneStop, Banner and Blackboard. These tutorials are meant to provide you with information for enhancing your distance learning experience and were created by online students for online students.

Don't forget to also check out our online student services area at <http://www.ecu.edu/options/currentstudents.cfm>, for useful information and resources that can be used throughout the semester.

~Important Semester Dates~

January 8 – Classes Begin

January 14th – Last day for Late Registration

~Pirate Athletics~

Here you will find links to campus sports, Pirate Club, purchase tickets, radio and television broadcast info, history, records, traditions, and more. <http://www.ecupirates.com/>

~Campus News~

Visit the Campus News page for up to date East Carolina University headlines.

<http://www.news.ecu.edu/>



January 30-February 5 – Last week for Refund Period – See Schedule Below

February 19th – Last day for undergraduate students to drop

March 7-14 – Spring Break

March 15 – Classes Resume

March 22 – Registration for Summer Session and Fall 2010 begins

April 15 – Last day for graduate students to drop

April 26 – Classes End

~Tuition Refund Schedule For DE Classes~

- Through the first week of classes tuition will be refunded at 100%, less a \$25 processing fee for student's withdrawal.
- The second week of classes tuition will be refunded at 75%, less a \$25 processing fee for student's withdrawal.
- The third week of classes tuition will be refunded at 50%, less a \$25 processing fee for student's withdrawal.
- The fourth week of classes tuition will be refunded at 25%, less a \$25 processing fee for student's withdrawal.

Beginning with the fifth week of classes refunds will not be considered.

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