Welcome to the Fall 2013 edition of D-ECU News - the newsletter that will keep you informed of university news, resources, and announcements that affect the distance education community. This newsletter is powered by Emerging Academic Initiatives.

~Distance Education Student Cards~

The Distance Education Student Card grants access to ECU computer labs and allows you to check out books from the ECU libraries. It also allows you access to the libraries of our 16 sister institutions. Distance Education Student Cards are now mailed by request only. You can request your card for the fall semester of 2013 by clicking here. The card includes your ECU ID number (Banner ID), along with a place for your signature. The card is included in letter form; you just detach it from the bottom of the letter. 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 Card is valid for one semester only, and must be requested each semester. If you have already requested your card, please do not do so again. The site that you register for the card uses secured encryption technology to protect the data you send.

~ECU Distance Education Proctoring Center~

The ECU DE Proctoring Center (DEPC) http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/deproctoring/ is an approved site in the UNC Online Proctoring Network. This site serves distance education students who need to take proctored exams, and faculty members who need to set up proctored exams for distance education courses. It serves faculty and students throughout the UNC system. All exams require prior scheduling through the UNC Online network website. Information about the UNC Online Proctoring Network is available at http://online.northcarolina.edu

How do students log into the UNC proctoring services?

- Visit http://online.northcarolina.edu
- Select ‘Login’ (located on the upper right side of the page)
- Choose your university and enter your campus credentials (the same user ID/password you use to access your university email account)
- Distance Education course/exams for scheduling will be posted in ‘My Dashboard’

For more information on how to schedule an exam, you can click this link for a tutorial http://www.slideshare.net/UNCOnline/unc-online-updated.
~Distance Education Orientation Site~
For any unanswered questions that you may have regarding Distance Education, please visit our DE Orientation Site here. It will answer a lot of questions, and direct you to many helpful sites. (Site currently being updated)

The ECU DE Proctoring Center is located at Arlington Crossing, 1914 Arlington Blvd, in Greenville, North Carolina (beside the K&W Cafeteria). The ECU DEPC is housed within the Office of Emerging Academic Initiatives.

Parking is FREE and spaces are available in front of the building, with overflow parking behind the building.

Proctoring services provided by the ECU DE Proctoring Center are free of charge. Some proctoring sites in the UNC network charge testing fees. Any fees associated with the proctoring service you choose, you (the student) are responsible for paying.

~Live DE Student Forum~
Our next forum will be held Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:00 pm, via Centra. Our topic of discussion will be: *The Distance Education Proctoring Center.*

You will hear from the experts in this field, and be able to ask any questions you may have. A detailed email will be sent, so be on the lookout for this information. (These forums are not mandatory, and are based on the information that you have asked us to provide you as a DE Student.)

~ECU Libraries – Connecting with DE Students~
ECU Libraries welcomes incoming and returning distance learning students for the Fall 2013 Semester. The faculty and staff of ECU Libraries are committed to providing distance learning students with research materials and services of the same exemplary quality as those provided on campus. The libraries offer a wide array of resources and services uniquely designed to facilitate research and learning from a distance and ensure an optimal educational experience.

If you are an East Campus student (Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business, Education, Fine Arts & Communication, Health & Human Performance, Human Ecology, or Technology & Computer Science), please visit the Joyner Library website. The services available to DE students include:

- **Ask a Librarian**, a service that allows students to communicate directly with library staff through a number of mediums
- **Interlibrary Loan** for acquisition of materials not held by ECU Libraries
- **Document Delivery** for the delivery of research materials to your home or email address
- **Research Guides**, such as **Library 101** and **Graduate 101**, designed to provide an independent, comprehensive guide to the research process.

Additional information about DE resources offered through Joyner Library can be found on its **Distance Education** webpage. Tamara Rhodes is your new Online Learning Librarian, dedicated to providing library services for distance learning students. Feel free to contact her with any questions about library resources.

If you are a West Campus student (College of Allied Health, College of Nursing, Brody Medical School or School of Dental Medicine), **Laupus Health Sciences Library** provides many of the same services as Joyner. For more information, please visit the **Laupus Library Homepage**, or if you have any specific questions, **contact the liaison** for your subject.

Additional inquiries can be directed to:

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~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/](http://www.ecupirates.com/)

~Campus News~
Visit the Campus News page for up to date East Carolina University headlines. [http://www.ecu.edu/cs-admin/news/](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-admin/news/)
For East Campus:
Joyner Library Research Desk
askref@ecu.edu
252-328-6677
1-866-291-5581 (toll-free)

For West Campus (Division of Health Sciences):
William E. Laupus Library
(252) 744-2230
1-888-820-0522 (toll-free)
Contact Us

~Important Dates for Fall 2013~

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