

# East Carolina University®

A young man and woman are smiling and leaning on a brick wall. The woman is wearing a yellow t-shirt with a graphic of glasses and a watch. The man is wearing a striped long-sleeved shirt and sunglasses. In the background, there is a large brick building with a covered walkway and a person walking in the distance under a clear blue sky.

Tomorrow starts here.

2009 New Student Orientation  
REGISTRATION BROCHURE

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# Congratulations on choosing East Carolina University!

First Year Center

**WELCOME TO ECU!** Your first few days on campus can feel a little overwhelming; you're encountering new people, strange terms, and unfamiliar campus buildings and resources. Attending **New Student Orientation** is the first step to your success at ECU because it is specifically designed to introduce you to your university.

This is the start of a new chapter in your life. You now have the chance to work harder, learn more, and have more fun than you've ever had before. It all begins with New Student Orientation, which is offered in two-day sessions that take place throughout June and July. All new students are encouraged to attend a session, and we welcome parents or other family members to come as well.

New Student Orientation is a fast-paced, comprehensive program. You will have a chance to see what life is like at ECU. You will have the opportunity to become prepared for your academic life. You can register for classes, take a placement test, and learn about the many academic and student-success resources designed to help you make the most of your first year. Also, you'll learn more about the university, meet many of your classmates, and sample the food.

If you have questions, run into problems, or have any concerns, please contact the First Year Center. You can reach us at 252-328-4173 or e-mail us at [orientation@ecu.edu](mailto:orientation@ecu.edu). And once you arrive in the fall, remember that the First Year Center is here to help you succeed in your first year on campus!

Sincerely,

Karen Smith  
Associate Director, First Year Center/Orientation

## Registration for New Student Orientation

There are eight different New Student Orientation sessions throughout June and July. Sessions are on a first-come, first-served basis, and sessions do typically close. There are two ways to register for an orientation session.

**To register online:** You can register online with a credit card at [www.ecu.edu/fyc](http://www.ecu.edu/fyc). You will need your Pirate ID (your three initials, birth month and birth day, ex. JLL0901) and your password. The default password is "\$" followed by the ECU ID that was mailed to you shortly after your admission. The ECU ID begins with a "B" and is followed by eight numbers. After completing the online registration, you will receive a confirmation and parking pass that you should print off and bring to orientation.

**To register by mail:** Fill out the attached form, which includes selecting your top three choices of dates to attend orientation. Mail the registration form with a check or money order. It should be postmarked 10 days before the requested orientation session so that we have adequate time to prepare for your arrival. You will receive a date confirmation and parking pass within 10 days.

## New student orientation session dates are:

- June 15-16** Monday and Tuesday
- June 17-18** Wednesday and Thursday
- June 22-23** Monday and Tuesday
- June 29-30** Monday and Tuesday
- July 6-7** Monday and Tuesday
- July 8-9** Wednesday and Thursday
- July 15-16** Wednesday and Thursday
- July 20-21** Monday and Tuesday

## ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

Orientation begins with check-in between 8:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. on Day One (see below for more information about check-in). You will receive a detailed schedule at check-in; however, see the back page for an overview of the orientation days. Campus tours will only be offered during check-in, so check in early if you would like a tour. Day One will include the mathematics placement test, as well as presentations and small-group discussions designed to help you learn about ECU. Day One activities will end about 10:00 p.m.

The second day will begin around 9:00 a.m. This day will be filled with preparation for your first semester schedule followed by registration.

*You must attend both days of orientation to be eligible to register for classes.* You will meet with an advisor and register for classes during the afternoon of Day Two. Registration should be completed by 5:00 p.m. Please plan travel arrangements accordingly. Advisors will not be available to meet with students before the registration time.

## HOUSING

Female and male students who stay in a campus residence hall during orientation will stay in separate air-conditioned rooms in Fletcher Residence Hall. The cost of \$24 includes linens, a pillow, towels, and soap. You should bring an alarm clock. Housing assignments and key pick-up will take place after you have checked in for orientation at West End Dining Hall.

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 introduction to college life. However, students who choose not to stay on campus during orientation can stay in a local hotel.

We cannot provide on-campus housing for any family members. A list of Greenville hotels may be found at [www.visitgreenvillenc.com/lodging.asp](http://www.visitgreenvillenc.com/lodging.asp).

If you will be traveling a considerable distance to ECU, students can make arrangements to stay in the campus residence hall as an early arrival. You will be charged \$24 for housing (includes linens, a pillow, towels, and soap) for each night you stay in campus housing. You will include the additional \$24 per night in your registration fee. The First Year Center will contact you to make arrangements for early arrival.

## PARKING

Parking on campus is very limited, and all vehicles parked on the ECU campus must display a valid parking permit. You will receive a special orientation parking permit and your confirmation after you register for orientation. Be sure to bring the permit with you to orientation. This permit will allow you to park in the Gold lot at Minges Coliseum/Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium and use ECU Transit services for transportation to and from orientation events. This free shuttle runs throughout the day and will say "orientation" on the marquee. You may be able to move your car to an on-campus parking lot after 5:00 p.m. each day.

## ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN

You and your family members will check in for orientation at the West End Dining Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. on the first day of your session. All orientation participants—students and family members—must check in to pick up orientation materials. Students staying on campus will pick up their residence hall keys after checking in for orientation. Bring your luggage to check-in.

Make sure you bring a valid driver's licence or state-issued ID card, passport, or military ID to receive your ECU I Card.

“ Even though I've been to ECU many times, orientation helped me become more familiar with the ins and outs of campus. ”

## COST

The fee is \$100 for students, which includes an ECU I Card, all activities, program materials, and meals (two lunches, one dinner, one breakfast). Unfortunately, financial aid does not cover the cost of orientation.

There is an additional \$24-per-night charge for students who would like to stay in a campus residence hall during orientation. Linens, a pillow, towels, and soap are provided.

## FAMILY PROGRAM

We encourage parents and family members to attend orientation. The family program runs at the same time as the student program but with different formats. Family programs will cover topics such as helping students through their first year of college, financial aid and paying tuition and fees, life on campus, academic policies, campus resources, and more. Family members and students will be together for some sessions and for dinner and evening activities.

The cost of the family program is \$85 for the first family member and \$30 for each additional member. This includes all activities, program materials, a family guidebook, and meals (two lunches, one dinner, and a reception). There is no orientation fee for children under the age of 17 who attend the family program; however, meals are not included and no child care will be provided.

Unfortunately, we cannot provide housing for parents or family members.

## HONORS PROGRAM AND EC SCHOLARS

Students enrolled in the Honors program should attend an orientation session on June 15–16, June 17–18, or July 15–16. Students who are EC Scholars should attend the June 17–18 program. Please note that these orientation sessions are not exclusive to Honors program students or EC Scholars and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. If you cannot attend your designated session(s), please contact the Honors program office at 252-328-6373 or at [honors@ecu.edu](mailto:honors@ecu.edu). If you are an EC Scholar and cannot attend on the designated date, contact Dr. Michael Brown at 252-328-4170 or [brownmi@ecu.edu](mailto:brownmi@ecu.edu).

## TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer students with fewer than 30 semester hours *at the time of acceptance* will attend one of the orientation sessions listed in this brochure. Transfer students with more than 30 semester hours will attend a separate orientation program that will be held in July. You should receive a brochure about this program in the mail. If you have any questions, please contact the First Year Center.

As a transfer student, you must bring your ECU evaluation of credits with you to orientation in order to register for classes. Have your transcripts sent to the admissions office; please allow enough time for them to be evaluated. If you do not receive your final transcript in time for orientation, please bring final grade reports and course descriptions with you.



## PLACEMENT TESTS

Placement tests ensure that you start your courses at the correct level. The mathematics placement test will be administered during orientation in June and July. Please read below to determine if you are required to take placement tests.

### Mathematics

Students who score 540 or above on the mathematics portion of the SAT or who score 400 or above on the SAT Level IIC achievement test in mathematics are not required to take the mathematics placement test. You may bring a basic four-function calculator to use on the test. *Scientific and graphing calculators are not permitted.* Sample test questions may be found online at [www.ecu.edu/math/mathplacement.html](http://www.ecu.edu/math/mathplacement.html).

### Foreign Languages

If you studied a foreign language in high school, you are encouraged to take a foreign language placement test. Spanish, French, and German placement tests can be taken online at [www.ecu.edu/foreign/flrc/placement-plain.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/foreign/flrc/placement-plain.cfm). Placement tests for other languages can be arranged by contacting Jason Walker at [walkerj@ecu.edu](mailto:walkerj@ecu.edu).

“ I feel orientation was very effective in preparing me for what to expect in college. ”

## DATE CHANGES

Because of the limited number of students who can be advised adequately on a given day and the need to have accurate information when you arrive, it is important that you attend on the dates confirmed for you. There is a \$15 administrative fee if you change dates; requests to do so must be received in writing one week in advance of your confirmed session date.

## FINANCIAL AID AND TUITION BILLS

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](http://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. E-Bills will be delivered to student e-mail addresses and authorized users' designated e-mail accounts in July, after you register for classes at orientation.

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## What to Bring to Orientation

Be sure to bring the following items:

- A valid driver's license, state-issued ID card, passport, or military ID
- Nongraphing calculator (Scientific and graphing calculators *may not* be used on the math placement test.)
- Alarm clock (if staying in the residence hall)
- Comfortable clothes and shoes
- Swimsuit and gym clothes (for free time in the Student Recreation Center)
- Umbrella
- Sweatshirt or sweater (Sometimes air conditioning is too much of a good thing.)
- Backpack or bookbag



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“ Orientation answered many of my questions about class schedules and campus living. This program is very beneficial. ”

## Highlights of **New Student Orientation**

### **DAY ONE**

Check-in for orientation and the residence halls  
*(Campus tours will be available during check-in.)*

Welcome

Academic sessions

Small-group meetings

Placement test

College life

Entertainment and campus life information

### **DAY TWO**

Advising

Class registration

*A complete schedule will be provided at check-in.  
 Subject to change.*



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## REGISTRATION

You can register with a credit card online at [www.ecu.edu/fyc](http://www.ecu.edu/fyc). If you register online, you do not need to complete this form. Complete this form and return it with your check or money order, payable to East Carolina University, for the total amount of the program. Please print the student's ECU ID on the check or money order.

Send to Orientation Registration, Cashier's Office, Old Cafeteria Complex, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858-4353.

The registration form should be postmarked 10 days before the requested session.

Student's full name \_\_\_\_\_

ECU ID\* B 0 \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Cell number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Male       Female

I/We would like to attend the New Student Orientation program in the following order of preference. (Please refer to dates listed inside.)

First choice \_\_\_\_\_

Second choice \_\_\_\_\_

Third choice \_\_\_\_\_

### Reservation fees

#### STUDENT

Orientation Student Fees (\$100) \_\_\_\_\_

Staying in the residence hall (\$24) \_\_\_\_\_

Any additional nights? (\$24) \_\_\_\_\_  
If arriving early

Total student fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### PARENT

First Family Member (\$85) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Family Members (\$30) \_\_\_\_\_

Total family fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My family member would like to receive a PDF newsletter from the First Year Center and other e-mails pertinent to my student.  Yes  No

If yes, parents/family e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

If you mail in your registration, you will receive a confirmation notice within 10 days of returning the form. Because of the limited number of students who can be advised adequately on a given day and the process of having correct information available when you arrive, it is imperative that you attend on the date confirmed for you.

## [www.ecu.edu/fyc](http://www.ecu.edu/fyc)

The New Student Orientation program will assist you in making the transition to college and provide you valuable information about academic and student support services.

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 for Disability Support Services at 252-737-1016 (voice/TTY).

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Date received \_\_\_\_\_

Entered by \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmed by \_\_\_\_\_

Date confirmed \_\_\_\_\_

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## Orientation Information Inside