

**Office of the Registrar**  
**Transfer Information**  
*for NCCCS Students*



Transitioning from a North Carolina Community College System institution can be both exciting and stressful. This information sheet is intended to help alleviate anxiety you may have about the transfer credit evaluation process and how your credits will apply to your degree.

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## How does the Transfer Evaluation Process Work?

- ECU will award all potential transfer credit from your previous institutions.
  - a. However, all students must meet the graduation requirements for ECU:
    - i. 50% of all courses must be completed at a senior institution
      - 1. This is generally 60 credits (*as most majors require 120 hours*)
    - ii. 25% of all courses must be completed at ECU
    - iii. 50% of the total hours for the major must be completed through ECU
- ECU transfers equivalent courses from institutionally accredited colleges or universities where a grade of "C-" or higher has been earned.
  - a. Transfer courses are not counted in your ECU GPA.
  - b. Transfer courses cannot be used for grade replacement.
- Course equivalencies are based on the subject, number of credit hours, and course description of the incoming courses. For a department to decide a course is a direct equivalent, it must have the same credit hours and cover the same material as the course offered at ECU.
  - a. General Education course equivalencies are determined by the Office of the Registrar.
  - b. Upper Level (Major) course equivalencies are determined by individual colleges/departments where the subject is taught.
- Once an official transcript is submitted to ECU, it is evaluated in the Office of the Registrar.
  - a. If you have been admitted, you will be able to see this evaluation immediately in PiratePort and within 24 hours in Degree Works.
  - b. If you have not been admitted, you can email [transfer@ecu.edu](mailto:transfer@ecu.edu) to ask for a copy of your evaluation.



## ECU Course Numbering

- **NCCCS transfer courses generally transfer as 1000 or 2000 level courses.**

This is because your major courses are often specialized and should be taken at ECU or a senior institution. There are, of course, exceptions to this, and we advise utilizing the [UNC System Transfer Guides](#), [the NCCCS CAA Transfer Course List](#), or the [ECU Course Equivalency Tool](#) to explore how your credits will transfer.

- Course levels reflect the increasing difficulty of a course, as well as whether that course is undergraduate, graduate, or doctorate level.

0001-0999 are Remedial Courses\*  
1000-1999 are Freshman Courses  
2000-2999 are Sophomore Courses  
3000-3999 are Junior Courses  
4000-4999 are Senior Courses

*\*Remedial courses allow you to build skills to be successful in college-level coursework, but they generally do not count toward your degree/major.*

### What do 1XXX and 2XXX mean?

- Courses where a direct equivalent cannot be granted will be given a 1XXX or 2XXX designation.
- These courses still count for general education or elective credits.
  - a. Once you are admitted, your advisor will work with you to submit a petition to have these courses count in specific areas, if applicable.
- As a North Carolina Community College student, we advise you keep all syllabuses from courses that you know will transfer as "XXX" electives. Each department may ask for a syllabus to determine a specific equivalency if you choose to ask for one.



## Transfer Credits and Financial Aid

ECU's Office of Student Financial Aid utilizes CPOS (*Curriculum Program of Study*) to check students' Financial Aid eligibility.

- a. Federal financial aid is only awarded for courses included in your program of study (major); CPOS will check your registration schedule each semester to ensure you are taking only classes that will count toward your degree.
- b. Why is this important for transfer students?
  - i. Because ECU awards all eligible transfer credit (vs. a *credit limit*), there is a possibility this will affect your "max time frame".
  - ii. Max time frame is 150% of a program's published length.
  - iii. Most ECU majors require 120 hours for completion. Therefore, 180 credits is the max time frame. Federal financial aid will only pay for credits up to 180 semester hours.
  - iv. Below is a table for your reference:

Number of Transfer Hours	Number of Hours Federal Financial Aid will pay for at ECU
60	120
65	115
70	110
75	105
80	100
85	95
90	90
95	85
100	80
105	75
110	70
115	65
120	60*

\*You must complete at least 60 hours at a senior institution; 25% of your courses must be completed at ECU.

- c. If you have concerns about the number of transfer credits you have, please contact [crediteval@ecu.edu](mailto:crediteval@ecu.edu).
- d. For more information about CPOS, [click here](#).



## The Comprehensive Articulation Agreement

- The NCCCS and UNC System offices signed the [Comprehensive Articulation Agreement](#), creating an agreement for NCCCS courses approved under the CAA to transfer to UNC System universities.
- The CAA does not specify the subject or number those courses transfer as at the transfer institution.
- If you believe your credit evaluation does not represent the CAA, you can appeal.
  - a. Please begin by contacting [crediteval@ecu.edu](mailto:crediteval@ecu.edu) for a re-evaluation of credit.
  - b. If you still believe your credits are not representative of the CAA after Credit Eval's re-evaluation, you can begin the [appeal process](#).



### Important Information about Transfer of AP Credits

- Per UNC System policy, a score of "3" or higher on an AP exam will receive credit.
- To receive credit for your AP exams, you'll need to send your official AP scores from the College Board directly to ECU Undergraduate Admissions.
  - Instructions for submitting official transcripts can be found on the [Transfer Hub](#).
- Please note that your community college may give different course credit than ECU does. This is standard practice across both the NCCCS and UNC System, as each institution can make their own decisions about what transfers and how it transfers.
- To review how your AP exam will transfer to ECU, view [Placement Credit through Undergraduate Admissions](#).
- **Special note for English Language & Composition:** Students receiving a score of "3" on the AP English Lang & Comp exam may receive credit for ENG 111 and ENG 112 at their community college; however, ECU will only give credit for ENGL 1100 for a score of "3". Students seeking to get credit for both ENGL 1100 and ENGL 2201 need a score of "4" or "5" on the AP exam.



## Do I have to take a Foreign Language?

- Foreign Language is NOT a General Education requirement, or a requirement to apply for and be admitted to ECU.
- Most Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees DO require foreign language through level 4 to complete the major.
  - This requirement can be completed at a NCCCS institution.
  - Courses numbered 111, 112, 211, and 212 satisfy the four levels of foreign language.
    - For example, taking SPA 111, SPA 112, SPA 211, and SPA 212 at a NCCCS institution will complete the requirement for foreign language at ECU (for most majors).
- If your major requires language, you should start early to ensure you complete the requirement by the time you graduate.
- ECU offers the following languages:
  - French
  - German
  - Greek
  - Japanese
  - Latin
  - Russian
  - Spanish

You may need a placement test to determine your foreign language placement. Visit [www.ecu.edu/foreign](http://www.ecu.edu/foreign) for placement test information.



## What is General Education?

- The General Education program at ECU allows students to explore a broad range of subjects which will help them become “well-rounded,” by developing an understanding of aspects of the human condition that are not the primary focus of their major field of study.
- Most universities require a General Education core or program.
- At ECU, there are 7 competency areas under General Education:
  - Humanities and Fine Arts,
  - Natural Sciences,
  - Social Sciences,
  - Health Promotion and Health-Related Physical Activity,
  - Written Communication,
  - Mathematics, and
  - General Education Elective.
- Every ECU student must complete 40 hours of general education before graduation.
- **Students who complete an AA or AS (or AATP or ASTP) from a NCCCS institution may have their General Education waived, except for the following requirements:**
  - a. the Writing Intensive requirement (including ENGL 1100 and 2201)*
  - b. the Domestic and Global Diversity requirements*
  - c. the Health-Promotion and Health-Related Physical Activity requirements (unless the student takes HEA 110—then the requirement is waived)*
  - d. any Cognate, prerequisite, or major specific course requirement*
- There may be certain courses within the General Education Core that a certain major prefers or requires; these may be called Cognates or they may be prerequisites to apply for a major
  - a. These are noted as recommendations on [UNC System Transfer Guides](#).
  - b. Students who do not complete these recommendations may still transfer to ECU, possibly with Junior status, but will need to complete any prerequisite or cognate courses per a major’s admission standards.
- If you decide to transfer without completing your AA or AS degree, pay close attention to the courses you are taking at the community college as you will not qualify for a General Education waiver.
- At the end of this document, you will find the General Education competency areas and examples of courses, including any direct NCCCS transfer equivalencies.
- For more information about the General Education Waiver, visit ECU’s [Transfer Hub](#).





## What are Attributes?

- Attributes are course designations noting the *type* of course.
- All General Education courses have a *type* related to their competency area.
- General Education courses are marked in the [Undergraduate Catalog](#) as

HU for Humanities,  
FA for Fine Arts,  
SC for Natural Sciences,  
SO for Social Sciences,  
HL for Health Promotion,  
EX for Health-Related Physical Activity,  
EN for Written Communication, or  
MA for Mathematics.

## What are Additional Requirements for Degrees?

- Most baccalaureate programs have additional requirements besides General Education, Major, and Minor fields.
- **In the current Undergraduate Catalog, every ECU graduate must complete two, 3-hour diversity courses, one in Domestic Diversity, and one in Global Diversity.**

Courses meeting the diversity requirements will be marked as:

DD for Domestic Diversity or  
GD for Global Diversity.

- **Every ECU graduate must complete four writing intensive courses. This requirement includes ENGL 1100 (ENG 111) and ENGL 2201 (ENG 112), as well as one writing intensive course in their major, and an additional course marked as writing intensive.**

Courses meeting the writing intensive requirements will be marked as:

WI for Writing Intensive.

- At the community college, you will complete ENG 111 and 112, which will complete 2 of the 4 Writing Intensives.
- You do not need to worry about the Domestic Diversity, Global Diversity, and Writing Intensive requirements until you transfer to ECU, though some courses in the NCCCS will transfer with those attributes. This is noted under the course options.



## General Education Competency Areas

Here are the 7 competency areas under General Education:  
 Humanities and Fine Arts, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Health Promotion and Health-Related Physical Activity, Written Communication, Mathematics, and General Education Elective.

**Remember, if you graduate with your Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Arts Teacher Preparation, or Associate in Science Teacher Preparation from a North Carolina Community College, your General Education requirements are waived with the exception of the restricted areas. *More information can be found on [ECU's Transfer Hub](#).***

<p><b>Mathematics</b> GE: MA</p>	<p>3 semester hours required</p> <p>At the community college, you may pick MAT 143 or higher to meet this requirement. MAT 171 is generally recommended, but some majors will have a higher requirement. You can view this in the <a href="#">Undergraduate Catalog</a>.</p>
<p><b>Written Communication</b> GE: EN</p>	<p>ENGL 1100 (ENG 111) and ENGL 2201 (ENG 112) are both required to satisfy the Written Communication competency area.</p>
<p><b>Health Promotion and Health-Related Physical Activity</b> GE: HL GE: EX</p>	<p>A minimum of three (3) hours are required to graduate.</p> <p><b>HEA 110 from the community college will waive this requirement, transferring as both HLTH 1000 &amp; KINE 1000.</b></p> <p><i>If you take PED 110 or 111, you will need additional HLTH courses when you transfer, but you will still receive credit for those courses.</i></p>
<p><b>Humanities and Fine Arts</b> GE: HU GE: FA</p>	<p>Nine (9) hours of HU and FA combined are required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must have at least one HU course and one FA course.</li> <li>The 3<sup>rd</sup> course can be a HU or FA.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Social Sciences</b> GE: SO</p>	<p>Nine (9) hours are required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must pick from two different disciplines (subjects).</li> <li>Note: <b>History is not always considered a Social Science at ECU as it is in the NCCCS.</b></li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Click here</a> to go directly to Social Science course options.</p>
<p><b>Natural Sciences</b> GE: SC</p>	<p>Seven (7) hours of Natural Science courses are required.</p> <p>Some majors require specific courses not on the list. Consult the Undergraduate Catalog, or the BDP for your major, for major specific courses.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here</a> to go directly to Natural Science course options.</p>
<p><b>General Education Elective</b></p>	<p>Pick an additional three (3) hours from a course designated as HU, FA, MA, SC, or SO.</p>