

## Academic Calendar for the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Terms

The academic calendar for the FALL 2020 term includes the following:

- **Full Term 8/10 – 11/25** (15 weeks)
  - Classes, including final exams, will conclude prior to the Thanksgiving break.
  - Classes will be delivery in-person and online for the full 15 weeks.
- **Two 8-week sessions** (8W1 & 8W2)
  - Classes will be scheduled in person and online.
  - A Fall Festival day is scheduled between the final exam day for 8W1 and the first day of 8W2 (09/30).
- **Commencement date is TBD.**

### FALL 2020 CALENDAR

Fall 2020	AUGUST				SEPTEMBER				OCTOBER				NOVEMBER				
	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	
Full Session (15 weeks) (8/10 - 11/25)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
	FDOC 08/10				State Holiday 09/07			FALL FESTIVAL 09/30			LDWD 10/19				EXAMS start 11/19	EXAMS end 11/25	
1st 8-week Block (8W1) (08/10 - 9/29)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8									
	FDOC 08/10				Holiday 09/07		LDOC 09/25	8W1 EXAMS 09/28-29									
2nd 8-week Block (8W2) (10/1 - 11/18)									1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
									FALL FESTIVAL 09/30				LDWD 10/30			LDOC 11/16	
									FDOC 10/01						8W2 EXAMS 11/17-18		

Full Session	FDOC = First Day of Classes
First 8-week block	LDWD = Last Day to Withdraw
Second 8-week block	LDOC = Last Day of Classes

## Academic Calendar for the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Terms

The academic calendar for the **SPRING 2021** term includes the following:

- **Full Term 01/19 – 05/06** (15 weeks)
  - Classes will be scheduled in-person and online for the full 15 weeks.
- **Two 8-Week Sessions (8W3 & 8W4)**
  - Classes will be scheduled in person or online.
  - A Spring Festival day is scheduled between the final exam day for 8W3 and the first day of 8W4 (03/10).

### SPRING 2021 CALENDAR

Spring 2021			FEBRUARY				MARCH					APRIL				MAY
	18	25	1	8	15	22	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3
Full Session (15 weeks) (01/19 - 05/06)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	EXAMS end 05/06
	State Holiday 01/18							SPRING FESTIVAL 03/10		LDWD 03/25	State Holiday 04/02				LDOC 04/27	
	FDOC 01/19														READING DAY 04/28	
1st 8-week Block (8W3) (01/19 - 03/09)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8								
	State Holiday 01/18							LDOC 03/08								
	FDOC 01/19				LDWD 02/17			8W3 EXAMS 03/08-09								
								SPRING FESTIVAL 03/10								
2nd 8-week Block (8W4) (03/11 - 04/30)								1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
								SPRING FESTIVAL 03/10								LDOC 04/27
								FDOC 03/11			State Holiday 04/02	LDWD 04/12				READING DAY 04/28
																8W4 EXAMS 04/29-30

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### Credit Hour Definition Policies

East Carolina University (ECU) policy follows the federal definition of a credit hour, the SACSCOC credit hour policy, and [UNC-SO Policy 400.1.6](#), which requires that all UNC system campuses schedule a minimum of 750 minutes of instructional time per credit hour. [ECU REG02.07.01](#) requires a minimum of 2,250 minutes of instructional activity for a three-credit, hour lecture class. As a matter of practice, campuses generally schedule classes that exceed this minimum number of contact minutes. A brief review of course scheduling across our campuses revealed slight variances in minimum contact minutes in excess of 2,000 minutes and whether the 120-minute final exam is included in the minimum contact minutes. Campuses should conduct a review to ensure their modified schedules are in compliance with university policy. At a minimum, a clause may be added to ECU's Credit Hour Definition Regulation that states, "during a state of emergency, the closing of a campus, or other extraordinary circumstances for a prolonged period that affects an entire campus, the minimum number of contact minutes may be reduced to 2,250 minutes or the equivalent amount of instruction and studying that includes a final exam of no more than 120-minutes. In person instruction may be supplemented with online instruction and/or additional instruction beyond the scheduled class meetings."

Below is a matrix that represents the **minimum** number of contact minutes each week, based on the number of credit hours per class if not satisfied through another equivalent means.

	15 Weeks			8 Weeks		
Weeks	1 SCH	2 SCHs	3 SCHs	1 SCH	2 SCHs	3 SCHs
Week 1	50	100	150	94	188	282
Week 2	50	100	150	94	188	282
Week 3	50	100	150	94	188	282
Week 4	50	100	150	94	188	282
Week 5	50	100	150	94	188	282
Week 6	50	100	150	94	188	282
Week 7	50	100	150	94	188	282
Week 8	50	100	150	94	188	282
Week 9	50	100	150			
Week 10	50	100	150			
Week 11	50	100	150			
Week 12	50	100	150			
Week 13	50	100	150			
Week 14	50	100	150			
Week 15	50	100	150			
<b>Total Contact Minutes*</b>	750	1500	2250	752	1504	2256
<b>Minimum Required Contact Minutes</b>	750	1500	2250	750	1500	2250

\*These are total contact minutes which would include face-to-face and online.