Congratulations on your admission to Eastern Connecticut State University!

Guide for First-Year Students
Fall 2014

Eastern Connecticut State University is a public university that feels more like a private liberal arts college. It’s a place where a love of learning is palpable — and the drive to make a difference is even more so. With every discovery and achievement, your life will become fuller, your abilities sharper and your world brighter.

This informational packet is offered to help you prepare for your enrollment at Eastern and help ensure a smooth transition to our university community. The checklist provided in this packet can be utilized to help you keep track of the steps in finalizing your enrollment.
Housing

Studies show that students who live on campus are more likely to get involved and learn valuable educational, social and leadership skills. Eastern offers residential alternatives to fit every student. That's why more than 2,700 students call the campus home. At Eastern, your residence is more than just a place to sleep—it's also an exciting, active community that will help promote your personal and academic growth. From “Dean’s Cup” competitions, to study sessions to hall government meetings, there are plenty of activities in which to get involved.

Three Easy Steps to Apply for Housing

1. Pay the non-refundable $250 housing deposit (in addition to the $200 tuition deposit).
3. Check your Eastern email account for updates on the status of your housing application (beginning April 15).

SOAR 2014

SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising and Registration) is an overnight orientation program in the summer designed to introduce all new first-year students to life on campus, while offering the opportunity to meet other incoming students and complete course registration for the fall semester. This two-day session is intended to promote academic success and individual development by introducing important information and resources available on campus and in the Eastern community. A parent orientation program is also included in day one of SOAR. Register for SOAR online at www.easternct.edu/orientation.

First-Year Experience

The First-Year Experience (FYE) is designed to assist all new first-year students in their transition to Eastern's campus. We encourage you to participate in the many FYE events and programs. In addition, students will sign up for FYI 100 in their first semester. In this 3-credit introductory course, students will gain the necessary skills of good scholarship and work closely and interactively in a small class with a faculty member, a peer mentor and fellow classmates. Becoming actively engaged in the campus community early in your college career will pave the way to a positive, enriching experience and completing your degree on time.

Create Personal Goals: Opportunities at Eastern

Eastern students produce award-winning documentaries, intern at Disney World, present undergraduate research at national conferences, study theatre in London, build and remotely control robots and conduct public health research in Nepal. As an Eastern student, you have the opportunity to participate in these experiences and more.

**Study Abroad**

Students have studied abroad in a number of countries including:
- Australia
- Ghana
- Bahamas
- Italy
- England
- Tahiti

Students can also participate in the National Student Exchange to study at universities across the United States and Canada.

**Internships**

Eastern students have completed internships at such organizations as:
- ESPN
- Connecticut Science Center
- United Nations
- Disney World
- Pratt and Whitney
- IBM

**Get Involved**

Explore the abundance of on- and off- campus activities, including:
- Community Service
- Intramural Sports
- Academic Clubs
- Special Interest Clubs
- Live Plays and Concerts
- Lecture Series
- Student Government
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<td><strong>Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).</strong></td>
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| File the FAFSA by date below in order to qualify for Eastern gift aid. For more information, visit [www.easternct.edu/finaid/](http://www.easternct.edu/finaid/) or call (860) 465-5205.  
**COMPLETE BY:** March 1, 2014 |

| **Complete Housing Application, if necessary.** |
| See page 2 for housing application instructions. Apply and pay housing non-refundable deposit as soon as possible as hall placement will be determined based on the date your housing requirements are fulfilled.  
**COMPLETE BY:** As soon as possible |

| **Submit your non-refundable deposit to the Bursar by May 1, 2014.** |
| Deposits must be submitted to reserve courses and residence hall space. The University reserves the right to return deposits received after enrollment capacity has been reached. Payable online at [http://eweb.easternct.edu](http://eweb.easternct.edu).  
Students living on campus: $450 non-refundable tuition and housing deposit.  
Students living off campus: $200 non-refundable tuition deposit.  
**COMPLETE BY:** As soon as possible, but no later than May 1, 2014 |

| **Activate and Monitor Your Eastern Email Account.** |
| Eastern email is the University's official means of communicating with students and, as such, will be used to convey important information now and throughout your career at Eastern (i.e. incoming student programs, housing, placement testing, financial aid and registration). Your username, email address and directions for activation are included in your letter of admission.  
**COMPLETE BY:** Immediately |

| **Reserve your mandatory SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising and Registration) date.** |
| Visit [www.easternct.edu/orientation/](http://www.easternct.edu/orientation/) and click on First-Year Students for detailed information and to register to attend a SOAR Session. Students must submit the non-refundable tuition deposit prior to reserving a SOAR date. See page 2 for a list of SOAR dates.  
**COMPLETE BY:** Immediately after submitting your tuition deposit |

| **Read about Eastern's Liberal Arts Curriculum.** |
**COMPLETE BY:** Immediately |

| **English and Math Placement.** |
| Visit [www.easternct.edu/advising/](http://www.easternct.edu/advising/) and click on Current Students for an explanation of your placement into English and Mathematics courses.  
**COMPLETE BY:** May 8, 2014 |

| **Complete the Freshman Preference Registration Process.** |
| Students who have submitted their non-refundable tuition deposit will be emailed their Freshman Preference Registration information in April and should complete placement requirements and register for fall courses as soon as possible.  
**COMPLETE BY:** As soon as possible after information is received |

| **Review and complete health forms and insurance waiver.** |
| Access “Five things you need to read,” health forms and insurance waiver online at [www.easternct.edu/health/](http://www.easternct.edu/health/).  
**COMPLETE BY:** June 1, 2014 |

| **Request that official transcripts be submitted.** |
| Make sure your final high school transcript and a transcript of any college-level classes taken during high school are submitted to the Office of Admissions as soon as possible.  
**COMPLETE BY:** June 1, 2014 |
March 1, 2014
File FAFSA before this date to qualify for Eastern gift aid ASAP
Submit $200 non-refundable tuition deposit and $250 non-refundable housing deposit (if residing on campus) no later than May 1, 2014

April/May 2014
Register for fall 2014 classes through Freshman Preference Registration

June/July 2014
Mandatory SOAR dates—see page 2 for dates and how to register

August 26, 2014
Freshman Move-In Day

August 26-27, 2014
Warrior Welcome

August 28, 2014
First Day of Classes

Contact Us:

Academic Services Center  Bursar’s Office  Orientation
(860) 465-4272  (860) 465-5255  (860) 465-0032

AccessAbility Services  Financial Aid/Scholarships  Registrar
(860) 465-0189  (860) 465-5205  (860) 465-5224

Admissions Office  Health Services  IT Help Desk
(860) 465-5286  (860) 465-5263  (860) 465-4346

Barnes & Noble Bookstore  Housing & Residential Life  VETS Center
(860) 465-5283  (860) 465-5297  (860) 465-0402