

Thursday, May 14th

# Packing Up Pre-Arrival Session

## Graduate Course Enrollment Tools and Technology



# Session Logistics



Please introduce yourself in the chat! This has helped past groups make connections with other new students.



You can submit your questions through the Q&A (Question and Answer) feature and we will answer as many as we can during the Q&A portion of today's session.



You can use the thumbs up feature to upvote questions your peers have asked. This will make it easier for panelists to see and more likely that you will hear a response.



A recording of this session will be posted on our Packing Up webpage.

# Our Panelists

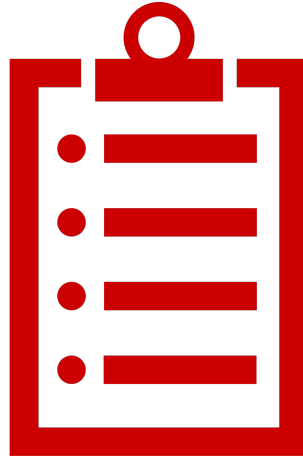
## Graduate School

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## Office of International Services

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# Course Enrollment Terminology



# General Terms

## Academic advising

Process to receive professional advice on course enrollment to ensure degree requirements will be met and that students are setting themselves up for success

## Enrollment/registration

Words often used interchangeably when discussing course selection; “enrolling in a course” “registering for a course”

## Degree requirements and electives

A set of required courses (and other qualifications) needed to complete your degree, electives are courses you can choose from as part of degree requirements

## Waitlist

A list maintained in MyPack Portal for those students waiting to enroll if seats open for a class that is currently full

## Audit

Permission to attend and participate in a class without earning a grade or credit hours. Graduate students can take 1 free audited course a term (excluding summer). Pre-approval to take a course for audit is required from the course instructor & advisor.

## Academic calendar > census date & drop/revision deadline

Pre-determined dates for various course enrollment functions; census date indicates the last day to add a course or drop a course without a “withdrawal” notation on your transcript; drop/revision indicates the last a schedule revision can be made without receiving permission from the academic department & Graduate School

# People

## Academic advisor

Staff or faculty member assigned the role of providing academic and course enrollment advice to students; it may be your DGP or another faculty member within your academic department or in the case of a thesis student, your faculty advisor

## Director of Graduate Program (DGP)

Designated faculty member charged with program or department oversight, including communication to students, advising, student interaction, and program development and evaluation

## Graduate Service Coordinator (GSC)

Designated Staff member that provides administrative support to students, DGP, and the Graduate School

# Tools & Resources

## [MyPack Portal > Enrollment Wizard](#)

System located within MyPack Portal to successfully enroll in courses each semester

## [Graduate Planner and Degree Audit](#)

Document created between student and academic department/advisor that plans anticipated coursework (and dissertation details, if applicable) for successful degree completion

## [Syllabus](#)

Document prepared by course instructor that outlines individual course expectations, policies, due dates/deadlines, and more

## [Course Catalog](#)

Complete listing of all courses offered at NC State throughout the academic year

# Course Enrollment Logistics



Who do I contact to determine what classes are recommended for my first semester?

How do I register for classes?

What are the minimum and maximum number of credit hours allowed for international graduate students?

Are there any resources to learn more about a course and its content before I register?

What should I do if a course I want to take is already full?

Am I allowed to enroll in classes outside of my academic department?

What does it mean to audit a course? Do I get any credit for auditing a course?

Will any additional classes be added for Fall 2026 from what I currently see being offered?

What is the deadline to enroll in classes for  
Fall 2026?

Do I have to wait to get my visa before enrolling in courses?

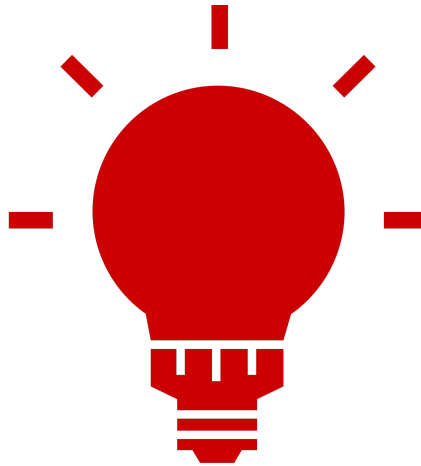
What should I do if I am still on the waitlist for a class I want when the Fall semester starts?

Can I make changes to my course schedule  
after the Fall 2026 semester starts?

Does course enrollment have an impact on the possibility of receiving an RA or TA in the future? Do professors prefer students who have taken their courses?

Can you talk more about the Degree Audit?  
Who needs to complete that, when should it  
be completed, and how is it submitted?

# Course Enrollment Advice



**Allow for your adjustment to the US, and particularly US academic culture, during your first semester**

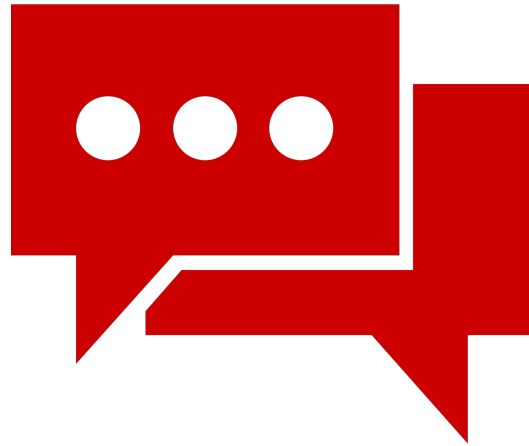
This may mean not enrolling beyond the full-time requirement your first semester or avoiding 700-level courses as a Master's student

**Seek professional staff/faculty advice on your course enrollment from within your academic department**

**Consider listed pre-requisites before enrolling in a course**

**Ask for help if you need it!**

# Question and Answer



# Important Sites

**Packing Up Pre-Arrival Webpage**

[go.ncsu.edu/packingup](https://go.ncsu.edu/packingup)

**Student Services**

[studentservices.ncsu.edu/academics/courses/course-registration/](https://studentservices.ncsu.edu/academics/courses/course-registration/)

**NC State DGP Directory**

[grad.ncsu.edu/about/people/dgp/](https://grad.ncsu.edu/about/people/dgp/)

**NC State Graduate Services Coordinators**

[grad.ncsu.edu/about/people/gsc/](https://grad.ncsu.edu/about/people/gsc/)

# Upcoming Important Dates



**On-Campus Housing Move-in for Fall 2026**

**August 11, 2026**

**Fall 2026 International Student Orientation**

**August 12, 2026**

**Fall 2026 Graduate Student Orientation**

**August 14, 2026**

**First Day of Classes Fall 2026**

**August 17, 2026**

**Tuition and Fee Payment Deadline**

**August 21, 2026**

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# Get Connected



## Packing Up Pre-Arrival Series

Our next session will be Tuesday, May 19th from 8:30am to 9:30am Eastern Time. We will discuss how to find an hourly on-campus job at NC State as many students use their campus income to support their cost of living.

Registration will be live in 1 hour.  
[go.ncsu.edu/packing-up-registration](https://go.ncsu.edu/packing-up-registration)

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