

Welcome Out of State Pirates!



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Out of State Students

Approximately 21% of ECU's incoming class is typically from out-of-state. While ECU draws students from all across the United States, the majority of out-of-state students come from Virginia, New Jersey, and Maryland.



Local Airports

- Pitt-Greenville Airport (PGV) is located 2 miles from campus with service by American Airlines. All flights connect through Charlotte, NC. ECU will provide shuttle services to and from PGV airport during normal operating hours.
- Pro Tip: Make sure you search PGV or Greenville, NC (not Greenville, SC).
- Raleigh Durham International Airport (RDU) is 95 miles from campus. ECU transit hosts shuttles during major breaks for a fee.



Amtrak

- Amtrak connects in Wilson (WLN) (38 miles) and Rocky Mount (RMT) (48 miles).
- The Amtrak Throughway Bus Shuttle travels between Greenville (G.K. Butterfield Transportation Center, .5 mile from campus) and the Wilson, NC (WLN) Amtrak train station and is included in the cost of the ticket.



Bus Services

- The Greyhound station is located at the G.K. Butterfield Transportation Center, located .5 miles from campus.
- MegaBus leaves from Durham and Fayetteville with various stops including Charlotte, Atlanta, New York, Richmond, Washington, DC, Philadelphia, and more.



Shuttle Services



ECU Transit provides connection services for students traveling to and from Raleigh-Durham International Airport, Pitt-Greenville Airport and Rocky Mount / Wilson Amtrak stations!

- <https://transit.ecu.edu/airport-shuttles/>
- <https://transit.ecu.edu/rdu-shuttle/>

Tips and Tricks

We asked some of our out of state students to share some advice for students (and family members) who are joining Pirate Nation from outside of NC.



Making Friends:



Be Patient



Talk to everyone in your residence hall!



Get social!



Tips and Tricks

If you don't bring a car to school: Amtrak trains are a good alternative.

Another alternative is to make friends with someone who lives close to you at home. My roommate and I traveled the 7 hours back and forth together all the time!

Carpooling works really well! If you make other friends from out-of-state, it makes getting home (and back to ECU) easier.

I typically would ride home for breaks with one of my friends' families, and then my family would drive us back to campus.

Southern hospitality is also very common at ECU and your North Carolina friends may even ask you to come home with them for a break!

My freshman roommate would often bring me home-cooked meals from her family if she went home for the weekend.



Tips and Tricks



New Environment

- Keep an open mind!
- The best advice I can give is to really immerse yourself in the culture of NC. What really made me feel at home was allowing myself to be open to new things.



Home

- Call your parents!
- My parents would send a small care package once a month, and my family/extended family would take turns writing me letters every week in addition to phone calls!



Get Involved

- Follow your instincts.
- Start researching ECU's student organizations and see which ones sound interesting to you



What to Bring

- Bring decorations that remind you of home.
- Pack smart!



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