



Frequently Asked Questions

Frequently used acronyms:

SCOE = Spadoni College of Education

PPTE= Professional Program in Teacher Education

CCU= Coastal Carolina University

How can I know which transfer courses will be accepted into Coastal?

Please refer to the Coastal Carolina's Admission's webpage at <http://www.coastal.edu/admissions/> for information about transfer credits. Once you are accepted and have made arrangements to attend CCU, the Admissions Office will evaluate all of your previous college credit and AP credit. They will determine how much credit you will be bringing into CCU. Transfer credit information can also be found in the CCU academic catalog.

Please remember that there is a difference between the courses that transfer into CCU and the courses that are applicable towards your major and degree program. Please contact your advisor if you have specific questions.

How can I find out who my advisor is?

You can locate your advisor by checking on your WebAdvisor account. <https://webadvisor.coastal.edu/>

What other information can I find on WebAdvisor?

WebAdvisor can provide information regarding your course schedule, the courses that you have already completed, your cumulative GPA, registration for courses, and much more. The Registrar's Office webpage provide detailed information about WebAdvisor and also has a tutorial.

Do I have to take the Math Placement Test?

Yes- all incoming freshman and transfer students are required to take a placement test. You can take the placement test online through the Learning Assistance Center:

<http://www.coastal.edu/acadsupport/ptest.html>

What is the Praxis I?

Praxis I tests are state-required exams in reading, writing, and math which students must take and pass before they are admitted into the PPTE. Students can take this exam as many times as allowed per the ETS (Praxis I) organization in order to obtain the minimum passing scores. There are two ways to take the Praxis, either computer-based or paper-based. Students are encouraged to take these tests as soon as possible.

Does everyone have to take the Praxis I tests? Is there an exemption rule?

New SC state legislation now allows students to be exempt based on SAT or ACT scores.

Students with an 1100 or higher on the OLD SAT test or with a 1650 or higher on the NEW SAT tests are exempt from taking Praxis I for admission into the teacher education program.

Students with a 24 or higher Composite Score on ACT are exempt from taking Praxis I for admission into the teacher education program.

Do I have to meet with my advisor to be able to register for courses?

Yes, you are required to meet with your academic advisor every semester (fall & spring). During this meeting your advisor will remove the registration hold placed on your account every semester by the registrar's office. This will allow you to register when your assigned registration time begins. It is the student's responsibility to understand the program requirements and stay current regarding any changes occurring within the program.

Advising in the fall will allow students to register for spring classes. Advising in the spring will allow students to register for May-mester, Summer I, Summer II, and Fall courses.

What do I do if a class I need is already full?

There are several steps students can take if they want to register for a class that is already full. First, students who are currently enrolled should make every attempt to make their advising appointment as early as possible during pre-registration.

However, if you have followed all appropriate steps and the course is still full, these steps may help:

- Continue to check on WebAdvisor throughout the pre-registration period. Student schedules change often and courses are continually opening and closing.
- WebAdvisor registration will close at the end of pre-registration period so that tuition bills can be mailed out. Students will then have a deadline for payment to be submitted. Students who fail to pay on time will be dropped from all courses.
- WebAdvisor registration will reopen after this period for additional registration and add/drop. Many closed courses open up during this period.
- Continue to check the course throughout add/drop and until classes start.
- If the class is still full when classes begin, go to class on the first day (prepared to attend the whole class period) and speak to the professor. Politely ask the professor if they will let you add the course. Adding you is completely up to the professor's discretion. Classes are often limited by classroom size, available desks and equipment.
- If the instructor agrees to let you into the closed course, they will need to sign off on the "Special Permission to Enroll in Course(s)" form. Once your instructor has signed the form, make sure that you get all other required signatures and then take the form to the registrar's office. They will register you for the course.

When is tuition due?

Refer to the Bursar's webpage: <http://www.coastal.edu/bursar/> for deadlines.

When does advising and registration start?

Refer to the university academic calendar located on the Registrar's webpage: <http://www.coastal.edu/registrar/>

Declared education students will be sent advising information to their student email accounts at least one week before the advising period starts.

Can courses from the University Core Curriculum area also be used to fulfill Foundation requirements?

Yes, some courses from the core area can be used to fulfill Foundation requirements. Please refer to your program tracking sheet for specific courses which count in both places.

What is the difference between declaring my major in education and being accepted into the PPTE?

Students declare their major either prior to entering into CCU or during their academic career as freshman or sophomores. However, all education majors must still apply and complete all requirements to be accepted into the PPTE.

Since students not admitted into the PPTE cannot take upper level education courses listed as part of their "major" requirements, it is in the student's best interest to apply and fulfill all PPTE admission requirements as soon as possible.

What do I do if I don't have the required 2.5 GPA?

The SCOE advising office recommends that students retake courses where they have received either a C or lower in order to increase the GPA, as this is the quickest way to increase a GPA. Students are urged to repeat D's and F's first. CCU allows students 13 hours "free" repeats. After the 13th hour is repeated or if there are no C's or lower to repeat, students are advised to take fewer courses per semester in order to make A's and B's.

It is in your best interest to take fewer classes (12 hours) and make a better grade, rather than take a large load of course work (15 hours or more) and make C's. Please refer to the CCU catalogue for more information regarding the repeat policy.