Mission
As a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina, Elizabeth City State University offers baccalaureate, professional, and master’s degrees for a diverse student body. Our mission is to promote economic, social, and environmental progress for the people of northeastern North Carolina, the state, and the nation.

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About ECSU
On March 3, 1891, Hugh Cale, an African-American representative in the N.C. General Assembly from Pasquotank County, sponsored House Bill 383, which established a normal (teaching) school for “teaching and training teachers of the colored race to teach in the common schools of North Carolina.” The bill passed, establishing a normal school for teachers and laying the groundwork for the Elizabeth City State University we know today.

Today, with 22 undergraduate and 4 graduate programs of study, ECSU offers degrees in aviation and natural sciences, business and economics, teaching and administration, visual and performing arts, mathematics and computer science, social and behavioral sciences and other select professional and pre-professional areas.

Located in the historic Albemarle region of northeastern North Carolina, Elizabeth City is a waterfront community located at the narrows of the Pasquotank River near the world-renowned Outer Banks beaches. Also nearby is the Hampton Roads area of southeastern Virginia, which includes the resort cities of Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg, and historic Jamestown and Yorktown.

Rankings
- Ranked #1 among baccalaureate colleges by Washington Monthly (2012-2015)
- Ranked #1 institution on the Best Value Schools website for “The 100 Most Affordable Small Colleges in America 2015”
- Money magazine and Essence ranked Elizabeth City State University as one of the top 15 HBCUs in the nation
- U.S. News and World Report’s 2016 edition of Best Colleges ranked ECSU #2 on its list of Top Public Schools (Regional Colleges in the South)