Welcome
CUSTOMS 2023

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY. I AM true BLUE.
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You Can Do This!

- You have what it takes to graduate
- You have a 100% track record of getting through hard times
- You have lots of help
Not so Secret Secrets to Success

We know what successful students do:

• Maximize time spent on campus
• Connect
• Ask for help
Maximize time spent on campus

• Where do you live?
• Come for the day, not just for 1 class at a time
• Study on campus
• Eat on campus
• Hang out in the Student Union
• Use the Rec Center
Maximize time spent on campus

- Rec Center
• Get to know at least 1 person in each class
• Get to know your faculty members
• Join a student organization (or 2!)
• Attend at least 6 events in the 1st 6 weeks
Connect

The Sky's the Limit

Connection Point
Fall 2023

Middle Tennessee State University
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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

LIFE IS IN THE TRANSITIONS

Mastering Change at Any Age

Bruce Feiler

“One of those books that’s so profoundly aligned with the zeitgeist that you end up underlining the whole book. . . . Bruce Feiler is the perfect person to lead us on this journey.” —Arianna Huffington, Thrive Global
Connect

Convocation
August 26th at 2:00 PM
Murphy Center
Connect

Bruce Feiler
Convocation
Ask for help when you need it

Charlie and Hazel Daniels Veterans and Military Family Center

Counseling Center

Disability and Access Center

Your Pantry
Ask for help when you need it

Your Pantry
Speaking of help. . .

- Rave Alert4U: text, email and voice alerts to registered students. [https://www.mtsu.edu/alert4u](https://www.mtsu.edu/alert4u)
- Complete the Active Shooter on Campus training: RUN, HIDE, FIGHT on the website at [https://www.mtsu.edu/alert4u/active-shooter.php](https://www.mtsu.edu/alert4u/active-shooter.php)
- Think about your responsibility for your safety: walk with a buddy or Raider Patrol, be careful with social media.
MT One Stop

- Student Services & Admissions Center, 2nd floor
- MTOneStop@mtsu.edu
- https://www.mtsu.edu/one-stop/onestopcounter.php
Financial Aid

• Apply with the FAFSA as soon as it’s available (the earlier the better)
• Federal aid: federal rules
  Pell Grants and student loans
  You have to attend class until the end of the semester
• Remain eligible
  2.0 GPA
  Pass 67%
  Graduate in 180 credits or less
• CPoS (Coursework toward Program of Study)
• mtsu.edu/financial-aid
Withdrawing from MTSU

- Drop all your classes by August 27 = all tuition and fees removed
- September 10 = you owe 25%
- September 23 = you owe 75%
- After September 23 = you owe 100%

Remember, if you withdraw or stop attending, you can owe back some or all of your financial aid. Always go to class and talk to both your advisor and the MT One Stop if you are considering dropping or withdrawing completely.

https://mtsu.edu/registration/registration-guide.php
Common Questions

When will I get a bill?  
When is it due?  
What if financial aid covers it?  
What if it doesn’t?

July 14th  
August 14th  
Confirm  
Pay/Installment Plan

*If you have anything outstanding with financial aid or verification, go to the MTOS today!
Questions along the way

• Anything academic: Contact your advisor
  https://mtsu.edu/advising/

• Anything financial (or change in enrollment): MT One Stop
  Email: MTOneStop@mtsu.edu
  Virtual counter: www.mtsu.edu/one-stop/onestopcounter.php
Homework

Due before the fall semester begins:

• Talk with your homeowner's insurance agent about coverage for your personal possessions, on or off-campus.

• Make good health care decisions: Meningitis vaccine if living on campus. Consider getting the COVID vaccine.
More Homework

Join the appropriate Facebook group for you:

MTSU Class of 2027 (official)
MTSU Transfer Student Community
MTSU Parent and Family Association
Ask your Aunt Laurie!

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