1. Create Your Student Account
Log in to SWORDS, Middle Georgia State's Student Web Organized Records & Data System. You can use SWORDS to register, view your schedule, drop/add classes and check your financial aid status.

To log in initially:
- Enter your email username (example: jane.smith) and your email password
- OR
  Enter your Middle Georgia State ID (begins with 983) as the username along with your 6-digit Banner PIN as the password. For initial login, all PINs have been set to your 6-digit birthdate (MMDDYY).

- When finished, click Login.

2. Apply for Financial Aid
Or, check your status.
- Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be your most critical step to realizing your dream of earning a degree.
  NOTE: It can take up to eight weeks to complete the financial aid process.

- If you have not yet applied for financial aid, go to mga.edu/financial-aid and follow the steps listed under "Application Process." List Middle Georgia State's code - 001581 - on your FAFSA and your information is automatically submitted to us.

- If you have applied for financial aid, check your record to review your award or to make sure you've submitted all the documents necessary to complete your file. You can check your record through your new Middle Georgia State SWORDS account. Review SWORDS instructions on Financial Aid’s web page if you need assistance.

3. Look Up Your MGA Email
Look up your email account so you will get all your messages from Middle Georgia State.
- Go to Email link at the top of mga.edu
- Go to Account Lookup
- Click on Look Up Your New Email

4. Understand Our Residence Life Requirement
The requirement applies to students who are not 21 or older by the first day of classes for the term of enrollment and who do not live with their parents, legal guardian or spouse in the following counties: Bibb, Bleckley, Crawford, Dodge, Dooly, Houston, Johnson, Jones, Laurens, Macon, Monroe, Peach, Pulaski, Telfair, Treutlen, Twiggs, Wheeler, Wilcox and Wilkinson.

Students with the residency requirement are required to sign a housing contract and live in a residence hall. Examples of exemptions include online-only students, students with children and full housing. For more information, including student housing locations, contracts, fees and application process, go to mga.edu/why/housing
5. Sign Up for Orientation
   Sign up for new student orientation, which is a requirement to register for classes:
   mga.edu/orientation

6. Review Deadlines
   Review Middle Georgia State's academic calendar, which lists important dates and deadlines such as fee payments, when classes begin, residence hall move-in days and more:
   mga.edu/academics/calendars

7. Take Care of Final Details
   Be sure to provide immunization records, final academic transcripts or other outstanding documents to the Office of Admissions.

8. Finalize Payment
   Go to mga.edu/bursar to pay your tuition and fees by the published deadline dates. Hang on to that Higher One card. You'll need it.

9. Equip Yourself
   As the semester approaches, you'll need to get your:
   • Student ID card at mga.edu/card
   • Parking decal at mga.edu/police
   • Textbooks (and MGA swag) at mga.edu/campus-store

10. Attend Class on the First Day
    All students need to be registered prior to the beginning of classes. Middle Georgia State students are expected to attend class beginning with the first class date.

11. Get Involved
    Middle Georgia State has a wide range of extracurricular, recreational and sports activities outside of the classroom.

HOW CAN WE HELP?
If you need help, ASK!
Check out ask.mga.edu for answers to frequently asked questions.

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