



Congratulations on your acceptance to East Georgia State College and welcome to Bobcat Nation! As an incoming **FIRST-YEAR, FRESHMAN, TRANSFER, TRANSIENT** or **POSTBACCALAUREATE** student, you'll need to complete the next steps for accepted students listed below. **If you have additional questions, please contact the Office of Admissions at 478.289.2017 or [admissions@ega.edu](mailto:admissions@ega.edu)**

## First Steps

**Complete these steps as soon as possible** after you've been accepted to East Georgia State so you'll be ready for the first day of classes.

### **1. Know your Username**

All accepted students are issued a myEGSC ID—a unique username that is used in a variety of ways. Please note your username can be recognized as the portion of your email address before the @ symbol. For example, if the email address is jsmith123@ega.edu then the username will be jsmith123.

### **2. Log into myEGSC portal**

myEGSC - the student portal that you'll use to log into pretty much everything and includes information about your student file, registration, financial aid, advisor, grades, and more. Explore and learn to navigate the portal so you will be familiar with its use.

### **3. Check your CatMail**

This is the official means of communication with students by various college departments (Business Office, FinancialAid, etc.) at the college, and it is important to check your e-mail account regularly.

### **4. Complete Online Orientation**

Our Orientation modules are an efficient, virtual introduction to life at East Georgia State. Once you complete virtual Orientation, you'll be prompted to complete a registration survey to assist in registration by our advisement team.

### **5. Complete First Year Training**

All first-time students, Dual Enrollment, and residential students must complete this course as it is designed to help students address critical life skills such as alcohol abuse and sexual assault prevention. *Located in D2L in myEGSC*

### **6. Submit your FAFSA Application**

Your application for financial aid can also verify your citizenship. East Georgia State College's Code is **010997**. This application will determine if you're eligible for all federal and state aid programs. You're encouraged to submit a FAFSA, even if you think you're not eligible for federal aid programs, as this application will review your eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship and other financial aid opportunities.

### **7. Apply for Housing (optional)**

The housing application is available only to students attending the Swainsboro campus. Housing priority will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **8. Verify Lawful Presence**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia requires all applicants provide East Georgia State College with specific documentation verifying his/her lawful presence in the United States. Students who are considered International or undocumented must submit a Lawful Presence Opt-Out form.

### **9. Verify Tuition Classification**

Please refer to your official acceptance letter. If you are classified as out-of-state and wish to receive in-state tuition, you must complete a Residency Correction form or appropriate waiver along with required documentation.

### **10. Take the Academic Placement Exam**

Students who do not meet the ACT/SAT minimum requirements are automatically placed in Learning Support co-requisite courses in English and Math. Students are strongly encouraged to take the Accuplacer to ensure proper academic placement. Exams must be taken prior to the start of the term and cannot be taken after enrolling in academic courses.

## Before Classes Begin

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### 11. Submit Required Immunizations

Immunizations are required for MMR, Tetanus/Diphtheria, Varicella and Hepatitis B. If you'll be living on campus, you must also obtain the Meningitis/Meningococcal (MENI) vaccine. Students who are enrolled in fully online distance learning programs are exempt from immunization requirements as long as they only enroll in fully online courses.

### 12. Activate CampusLogic

The Office of Financial Aid uses CampusLogic to assist students who are chosen for verification or have conflicting information on their FAFSA. **ALL** students must activate their account, even if they are not selected for verification. *\*FAFSA must be on file to complete this requirement*

### 13. Submit Prior Test Scores

If you have taken the ACT or SAT, the **AP**, **IB**, or **CLEP** please request a score report to ensure proper Academic Placement prior to registering for classes.

### 14. Review Financial Aid Award

Review your financial aid award in Bannerweb in the *Financial Aid* tab. You must accept/deny aid as needed. Check remaining balance due and pay your bill by the first day of class.

### 15. Authorize Fees

In order for your Financial Aid funds to be used to pay your Tuition and Fees or to be used in the bookstore (Book Voucher) you must "Authorize" East Georgia State College. Federal Aid and Hope Aid are authorized separately. If you elect not to let EGSC use your Financial Aid for tuition and fees, you will be required to pay out of pocket any tuition and fees owed by the fee payment deadline, or your courses will be dropped.

### 16. Complete the Student Financial Responsibility Agreement

Before you can register for classes, you will need to complete the Student Financial Responsibility Agreement, which acknowledges your understanding that you are responsible for the payment of all tuition, fees, and other associated costs. Please check your CatMail for instructions.

### 17. Upload Photo for CatCard

Your CatCard is your official student ID card and can be obtained after uploading an approved photo AND having class registration on your account. *\*Online only students are not required but are recommended to obtain a card. (If attending EGSC Statesboro or Augusta campuses, specific directions will be sent to you on how to obtain your Eagle ID and JagCard)*

### 18. Send Final Transcripts

Show all credits and the date of your high school graduation. Submit an official college transcript if you attended another university or college through a dual enrollment program with final grades posted.

### 19. Apply for VA Education Benefits

Military personnel, their spouses, and their dependent children may be able to receive military benefits to pay for their tuition at East Georgia.

### 20. Disability Services Notice

East Georgia works to accommodate students with disabilities. If you have a disability and require special services, please contacting the Office of Counseling and Disability Services by calling 478.289.2039.

### 21. NelNet Tuition Payment Plan

Students who have not received their financial aid by the first day of class or on move-in day, or those that that plan on paying out of pocket for their tuition are encouraged to register for the Nelnet tuition payment plan to prevent being dropped from their classes.

### 22. Get involved!

Familiarize yourself with our many [student clubs and organizations](#) on any of our three campuses before arriving. From chess and leadership to the performing arts and politics, there's a group for every interest.