



The Path to Success



1. Connecting Through Communication

- Face-to-Face : Faculty and staff that are happy to assist you in any way possible
 - Instructors: Build a relationship with your instructor.
 - Counselor: Schedule an appointment with your advisor anytime to discuss your schedule, major, or future plans.
- Electronic Communication
 - Leo – Leo serves as the student portal where you can access your email. This is also where you can view your grades, schedules, financial information, and transcripts.
 - E-Mail – This is the primary method of communication among EMCC students, faculty, and staff. Make sure you log-in often to receive the latest updates. It is a good idea to set up email on your phone.
 - CANVAS – This is the portal that you can access class notes, class quizzes, online classes, homework, and grades.
 - ROARcast – For emergency announcements. Instructions to set this up will be in packet.
 - WTOK/WCBI – WTOK and WCBI are the TV channels EMCC will notify if the campus must close.
- Social Media
 - Facebook/Twitter/Instagram – We always post the latest news and updates about EMCC. Like East Mississippi Community College on Facebook and Follow us on Twitter @emccinfo/ Instagram @emccig.

TIP: Check EMCC email at least once a day

2. Branch Out and Get Involved on Campus

- There are various clubs and activities to join at EMCC.

Art Club	Drama Club	Skills USA
Turf Club	Quiz Bowl	Student Ambassadors
Baptist Student Union	Collegiate DECA	Student Government Association
Radio Broadcasting	Phi Beta Lambda	Student Practical Nursing Association
Concert Choir	Phi Theta Kappa	Student Voices
National Technical Honor Society	Mississippi Association of Student Nurses	Association of Information Technology Professionals
E-Sports Club	Gay-Straight Alliance	

- To find out more information visit the Dean of Students Office.

TIP: Join at least one organization the first semester of your freshman year

3. Student Success

- Reading your schedule
 - MW = Class on Monday and Wednesday
 - TTH = Class on Tuesday and Thursday
 - M, T, W, TH, or F = Class only meets once a week
 - Building names and room numbers are listed on the schedule next to each class
 - Academic Advisor's Name is also listed on your schedule.
 - An "E" after the section number indicates that an electronic book is available for the class.
 - A designation of "VG", "VS", etc. indicates that the section is virtual or online.

TIP: Invest in a planner and get organized

- Grade Point Average (GPA)
 - Financial Aid – Specifics for maintaining awards. Visit www.eastms.edu for complete information on all our awards programs.
 - ✎ ACT scholarship with score of 20-28 – Maintain 2.50 GPA and successfully complete 15 semester hours. Failure to meet requirements will result in probation or suspension.
 - ✎ ACT scholarship with score of 29+ - Maintain 3.00 GPA and successfully complete 15 semester hours. Failure to meet requirements will result in probation or suspension.
 - ✎ Valedictorian/Salutatorian scholarship - Maintain 3.00 GPA and successfully complete 15 semester hours. Failure to meet requirements will result in probation or suspension.
 - ✎ Students who are placed on scholarship probation are given the following semester to revive their GPA and/or maintain the hours requirement before the scholarship is lost. If the GPA and/or hours requirement is not met after one semester the scholarship is completely lost.
 - ✎ Tuition Assistance scholarship - Maintain 2.50 GPA and successfully complete 15 semester hours. There is no probationary semester for Tuition Guarantee. The scholarship is lost if requirements are not met.
 - ✎ Pell Grant, Student Loans, Federal Work-study – Progress is checked after the spring term. A 1.50 GPA for freshmen and a 2.00 GPA for sophomores is required. Failure to meet the 2.00 requirement results in suspension. Students can submit a written appeal for a suspension status that is due to extenuating circumstances, such as, illness, death of a relative, etc.
 - Phi Theta Kappa (3.25) – Students who achieve a 3.25 GPA one semester will be invited to join Phi Theta Kappa (PTK). Once a student is inducted, he/she must maintain a 3.25. PTK is an honor that is rewarded in the form of a scholarship at the several Mississippi universities. Please contact the university directly for additional information regarding scholarship amounts.

TIP: Start Strong!

- Absences
 - Dropped after 5th absence for most classes. Career/Technical and Manufacturing programs have their own absence policy.
 - Three tardies equal 1 absence.
- Withdrawing
 - Withdrawal's and Add/Drops can be initiated in the Counseling Center
 - ✎ Add/Drop of a class can be done within a short window at the start of semester classes
 - ✎ Withdrawals can effect Financial Aid and also cause accumulation of a bill in the Business office.
 - ✎ W = Withdraw without penalty by a certain date
- **Calendar of important dates – Reference our Calendar or Orientation Resources on the website at www.eastms.edu for important deadlines. (Add/Drop dates, financial aid deadlines, withdrawal dates, graduation, etc.)**

4. Student Services

- Tutoring – free tutoring is available on campus in math, English, and some sciences.
 - Visit our Writing Center for assistance with any English or compositional assignment. Math and science tutoring may be offered. NETTUTOR – Free online tutoring through the eLearning office Tip: Don't be afraid to ask teachers for help. Study groups are very helpful.
- Accessibility Support Services and Accommodations – You must self-identify for accommodations.
 - On the GT Campus, Communiversity or Lion Hills, please contact Dr. Melanie Sanders, Dean of Students at msanders@eastms.edu or 662-243-1979.
 - On the Scooba Campus, please contact Renyetta Johnson at rjohnson@eastms.edu or 662-476-5088
- Career Services – www.eastms.emsicc.com
- Library – Students have the availability to use the copy machine, study, research, and check-out books in the campus library. ID is required for book check-outs. Students may check-out books for a 2 week period. Students will be charged 0.25 cents per late day.
 - Hours: 7:30 am-8:30 pm Monday – Thursday; 7:30 am-4:30 pm Friday; Closed on Weekends
 - Get ID made in the library (must be finalized in the business office)
 - Replacement fee for a lost ID IS \$5.00
 - Make sure your ID is with you at all times
- Bookstore
 - Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday – Thursday; 7:30 am-3:00 pm Friday

Tip: Take advantage of help early on

5. Taking Care of Business

- Lion Central
 - Update personal/emergency information to your student record, such as address, personal email address, phone number etc....

- Any transcripts or ACT scores can be submitted
- Transfer transcripts you might have will need to be sent so credits can be transferred in. financial aid
- Begin the process of changing a major
- You will apply for EMCC graduation through your LEO portal but any question regarding graduation can be answered in Lion Central
- You can request an EMCC transcript be sent to yourself or another institution at www.getmytranscript.com.
- Everything dealing with Financial Aid (FAFSA, MTAG, Scholarships) all happens in Lion Central. A student must maintain full-time status (at least 12 hrs. for federal money; at least 15 hrs. for State Aid & EMCC scholarships)

Tip: Deadlines are important! Pay attention to dates.

- Business Office
 - Finalize – This means all fees are paid and you have received an official copy of your schedule.
 - Decals – Decals are \$15.00 and must be placed on the bottom left corner of the back glass.
 - Purchase meal plans and make payment on account.
- Parking – Students will be issued parking citations for:
 - Parking in an illegal zone (i.e. faculty/staff lots, grass, handicap lots, and in front of gates)
 - Displaying a decal improperly
 - Speed limit is 10mph
 - Additional restrictions do apply so we encourage you to read the Traffic Regulations on page 258-9 of the Student Handbook located in the back of the college catalog found online at www.eastms.edu

