

# Welcome

## CUSTOMS 2024



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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 will 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**

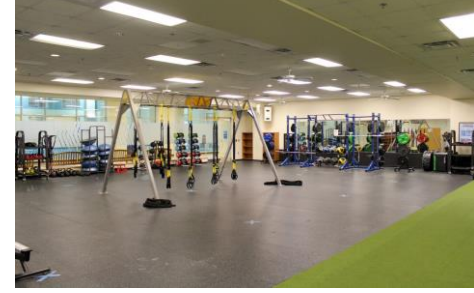
# Maximize time spent on campus

- 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



# Connect

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 6 weeks



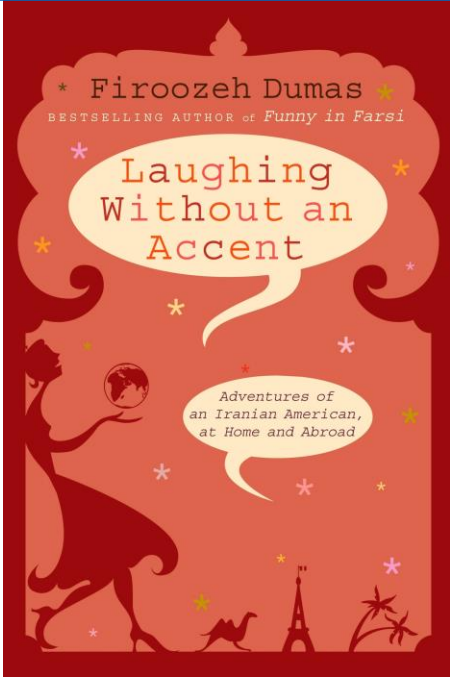
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FALL 2024 **▶** *now streaming*





# Connect



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## Convocation

August 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM  
Murphy Center

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**Firoozeh Dumas**





Provost's Picnic to follow!

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# 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



# MT One Stop



- Student Services & Admissions Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- [MTOneStop@mtsu.edu](mailto: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](https://mtsu.edu/financial-aid)



# Withdrawing from MTSU

- Drop all your classes by August 25 = all tuition and fees removed
- September 8 = you owe 25%
- September 21 = you owe 75%
- After September 21 = 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?**

July 12<sup>th</sup>

**When is it due?**

August 12<sup>th</sup>

**What if financial aid covers it?**

Confirm

**What if it doesn't?**

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](mailto:MTOneStop@mtsu.edu)  
Virtual counter: [www.mtsu.edu/one-stop/onestopcounter.php](http://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.
- Be sure to set up your Student Pin and PIE partners on Pipeline!!

# More Homework

- Rave Alert4U: text, email and voice alerts to registered students.  
<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>
- Think about your responsibility for your safety: walk with a buddy or Raider Patrol, be careful with social media.

# Still More Homework

Join the appropriate Facebook group for you:

MTSU Class of 2028 (official)  
MTSU Transfer Student Community  
MTSU Parent and Family Association

Ask your Aunt Laurie!

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