
GENERAL INFORMATION

HISTORY OF MACON STATE COLLEGE

In October 1965, the Board of Regents adopted a resolution to establish a new unit of the University System of Georgia in the Macon area. This action recognized the growing population of Central Georgia and the need for a public institution of higher education.

Since Regents' policy requires that funds for site acquisition, development, and construction of buildings be derived from local sources, Bibb County civic and governmental leaders initiated a campaign to support the proposed institution. In May 1966, the voters in a county-wide election approved the issuance of \$4,500,000 in bonds to fund the new college. When the funds were secured, 167 acres of wooded land were selected in West Macon, a contract transferred authority to the Board of Regents for further development, and construction began. When it opened in fall 1968, Macon Junior College became the twenty-fifth institution in the University System of Georgia. Its charter class was 1,110 students.

In June 1987, the Board of Regents approved a name change to Macon College. The Regents expanded the mission of the College in 1996 to include technological and professional programs at the baccalaureate level, and the next year the institution was officially renamed Macon State College. The charter baccalaureate class graduated in May 1999 with degrees in Information Technology, Health Information Management, and Health Services Administration. Since that time programs in Business & Information Technology, Communications & Information Technology, and Public Service with a major in Human Services have been added. In April 2002, the Board of Regents approved the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, a "completion" degree program designed for registered nurses who want to complete a baccalaureate program.

Macon State College now serves several roles. It offers four-year programs, and it serves as a point of access for students entering the University System of Georgia. The College also prepares students for licensing in health professions which include Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, and Health Information Technology.

FACILITIES

Macon Campus Facilities

Building A

The Administration Building houses the Office of the President of the College, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Vice President for Fiscal Affairs, the Vice President for Institutional Advancement, and the Business Office.

Building B

This building houses the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, classrooms, and laboratories.

Building C

The Educational Technology Center is located in this building. The center has five computer classrooms.

Building D

The Nursing Program is housed in this building as are classrooms and laboratories.

Building E

This building houses the University System of Georgia Graduate Center, the Macon State College Wellness Center, the Macon State College Health Clinic, the Physical Education Offices, and the gymnasium.

Building H

This building houses the Division of Information Technology and the Health Sciences Program as well as classrooms.

Building K

This building houses the Division of Learning Support, Continuing Education, and a multi-purpose 227-seat auditorium with connections for 146 computers as well as classrooms.

Building L

The Macon State College Library is housed in the upper level of this building. The Academic Resource Center is located on the lower level and maintains over eighty computers for student use.

Building M

This building houses the Division of Social Sciences on the upper level as well as the Arts Complex. The Division of Humanities is located on the lower level as are the 224-seat Theatre and Box Office. There are also classrooms and a GSAMS (Georgia Statewide Academic and Medical System) room.

Building S

The Student Life Center houses the Admissions, the Registrar's, the Student Life, Veterans' Affairs, and the Student Government and Publications Offices on the lower level. The Division of Business and Economics is located on the upper level as are the Academic Advising Center, the Academic Testing Center, the Counseling and Career Centers, Disability Services, Financial Aid Offices, Student Support Services, and Veterans' Affairs. The bookstore, the cafeteria, the game room, cyber cafe, and honors study center are on the lower level.

The Charles H. Jones Building

The three-story Charles H. Jones Building, scheduled to open in 2004, will house the Division of Nursing and Health Sciences and the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. It will feature state-of-the-art instructional space and modern labs for nursing and other health sciences, biol-

ogy, chemistry, physics, and mathematics. The entire building will be wired for computer-assisted learning and distance education.

Houston County Facilities

The Robins Resident Center

This facility is located in Building 905 on the Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins. Macon State College provides programs and courses for civilian and military employees here.

Warner Robins Campus

This facility is located on Watson Boulevard in the city of Warner Robins near the Robins Air Force Base. At the Warner Robins Campus Macon State College offers courses and programs that lead to associate and baccalaureate degrees.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Numerous services are available to assist Macon State College students in becoming academically successful and in participating in co-curricular activities that are culturally, professionally, and personally enriching.

The **Academic Advising Center**, located on the second floor of the Student Life Center, offers academic advice to new students, students with Learning Support requirements, and students who have not declared a major. Students may make appointment with an advisor by calling (478) 471-2792.

The **Academic Resource Center**, located on the lower level of the Library Building, offers peer tutoring and computer-based tutorials which enhance classroom instruction. Laptop computers are also available for check-out by Macon State College students.

The **Bookstore** is on the lower level of the Student Life Center and sells textbooks, supplementary classroom material, MSC souvenirs, clothing, snacks, and beverages.

The **Cafeteria** is located on the lower level of the Student Life Center. Private dining facilities for campus groups are also available and may be reserved through the Continuing Education Office.

The **Career Center**, located on the second floor of the Student Life Center, assists student with career choices. Services include interest testing, computer-assisted guidance programs, career resource materials, workshops, and current job and labor market information. The center also provides information about internships, summer jobs, and co-op possibilities. The Career Center is part of the Counseling and Career Center, (478) 471-2714.

The **Counseling Center** offers individual and group counseling with a focus on academic, career, and personal issues. Referrals to off-campus providers and support groups are made as appropriate. The Counseling Center is part of the Counseling and Career Center, (478) 471-2714.

Disability Support Services coordinates the College's effort to ensure full access to all educational, cultural, and other programs for any qualified student with a disability. Students with visual, mobility, hearing, or learning disabilities as well as students with chronic health conditions are eligible for support. Services include priority registration, alternative testing, volunteer note takers and readers, and advocacy to resolve individual situations as well as information about community resources. Disability Support Services is part of the Counseling and Career Center, (478) 471-2714.

Enrollment Services includes the Office of Admissions, the Office of Financial Aid, and the Office of the Registrar. The Admissions Office and the Financial Aid Office work cooperatively to admit students to Macon State College and to help them secure financial aid. The Registrar's Office maintains student records and coordinates registration. More specific information about Enrollment Services may be found in the Admissions and Student Finances sections of this catalog or by calling (478) 471-2031 or 1-800-272-7619 or by visiting www.maconstate.edu.

The **Macon State College Library** houses more than 83,000 volumes and 327 periodicals. It is also a participant in GALILEO, Georgia's statewide library information system. The Media Center is also located in the Library Building. More information about the Library is available by calling (478) 471-2709 or by visiting the Library's website at www.maconstate.edu/library/library.hum.

The Student Life Program serves the needs of a diverse student body by providing quality programs designed to complement instructional experiences by creating caring campus communities, encouraging mutual respect and understanding, promoting personal, academic, and professional development, providing for the general welfare of students, and serving as student advocates. The Student Life Program provides students with opportunities to interact with faculty, staff, and other students outside the classroom. Students can build networks of support that will sustain them through a challenging collegiate experience. Student Life also provides students with opportunities to develop positive leadership skills. A wide range of activities is offered: intramural athletics; the campus newspaper, *The Matrix*; the student literary magazine, *Fall Line Review*; Health, Wellness, and Recreation Program; the Impromptu Players, student and community actors; the Honors Program; the MSC Chamber Singers, and others. Additional information is available by visiting the Student Life Office (S-167), calling (478) 271-2710, or visiting the Student Life website at www.maconstate.edu/studentlife.

Student Support Services improves the retention and graduation rate of low-income, first-generation students. The program provides supportive services and workshops in basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics. Participants receive tutoring, personal and financial aid counseling, and academic advising. To be eligible for the Student Support Services Program, students must be enrolled in the College, must come from a low-income family, qualify as a first-generation college student, or have a learning disability. Additional information is available by calling (478) 471-5356.

Veterans' Affairs

Macon State College is approved for the educational training of veterans and other eligible persons as follows:

1. Pre-approved veterans with service-connected disabilities.
2. Students with VA educational eligibility under the Montgomery/GI Bill.
3. Certain eligible spouses and dependents of veterans who are totally and permanently disabled as a result of military service, those who died while in the military, or those whose death resulted from a military-connected disability.

Veterans and other eligible persons interested in obtaining educational benefits must meet all applicable requirements for admission as outlined in this catalog; moreover, students who are certified to receive VA educational benefits will be governed by the same academic policies, rules, and regulations as stated in the *Macon State College Catalog* and in the *Macon State College Student Handbook*. The Office of Veterans' Affairs provides the following services:

1. Certifying persons for the receipt of VA educational benefits.
2. Monitoring class attendance and academic progress and reporting exceptions to the Veterans Administration.
3. Providing academic advising and tutorial referral service.

Students who attend the College under the Montgomery/GI Bill are required to pay College tuition and fees as regular students, since VA benefits are paid directly to recipients according to the following scale:

- full benefits for students carrying 12 or more semester credit hours;
- three-fourths benefits for students carrying 9-11 semester credit hours;
- one-half benefits for students carrying 6-8 semester credit hours;
- and according to program regulations for students carrying less than 6 semester credit hours.

Additional information concerning application procedures and VA educational benefits may be obtained from the Office of Veterans Affairs, which is located in the Student Life Center. The telephone number is (478) 471-5366.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Continuing Education services provide the public with personal enrichment workshops and short-term courses for which continuing education credits may be awarded. Through this service, the College also provides facilities and administrative services which enable statewide organizations and other units of the University System of Georgia to host seminars and meetings.

Educational Technology Training Center

The Educational Technology Center, working with the College's Division of Information Technology, provides quality training for educators and technology personnel in the school systems. The Center assists teachers as they implement newly acquired technology in the classrooms.

The Institute for Information Management

The Institute for Information Management reflects part of the core mission of Macon State College by providing professional education and serving as an economic development resource for Central Georgia. It coordinates specialized instruction for the region with a focus on the courses, software, and certification opportunities that will help business and industry maintain a competitive edge in the new economy. As part of MSC's Division of Information Technology, the Institute is helping to create and maintain a pool of skilled, knowledgeable workers who are college educated and technologically proficient.

Intellectual Capital Partnership Program: ICAPP

In 1999, Macon State College became the fourth University System institution to participate in ICAPP, a state-funded economic development incentive program that allows Georgia colleges and universities to hire instructors, renovate facilities, and buy the technology necessary to customize education programs for companies that need more knowledgeable workers in order to grow.

Macon State College Alumni Council

The overall purpose of the Macon State College Alumni Council is to select and promote activities designed to strengthen and enrich the educational and co-curricular programs of Macon State College so that the College may make a maximum contribution to the economic, social, cultural, and spiritual life of the region. Membership is open to all alumni of the College. Additional information on the Alumni Council is available in the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, or by calling (478) 471-2732.

Macon State College Foundation

The Foundation was established in 1970 to assist the college in achieving the highest quality possible in all of its programs through sponsorship of student scholarships, encouragement of faculty development, and support of other related activities.

The current Macon State College Foundation's Board of Trustees is comprised of community leaders from diverse backgrounds whose primary mission is to generate financial support for the College. The funds these volunteers secure go toward faculty/staff development, needed equipment and materials, endowed chairs, special projects, and scholarships.