

# Microsoft Multi-Factor Authentication

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## About

- All students are required to set up Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), also known as two-step verification.
- This is an extra step of verification when using your Seneca username and password to log into Seneca systems.
- For example, to access Microsoft Office 365 (such as Outlook, your Seneca student email), Learn@Seneca (Blackboard courses), Student VPN, and several academic services.

## How it works

- MFA works by requiring something else, beyond just a password, to prove that you are who you say you are. This helps to prevent hackers from gaining access to your account.
- In addition to your password, your account will be protected by “something else you have,” such as verification from another device (mobile phone or tablet).
- Please follow instructions below for setting up your Microsoft MFA.

## Step 1 – Download Microsoft Authenticator mobile app

- The app can be used on mobile devices such as a smartphone and tablet.
- Download and install “Microsoft Authenticator” app from the [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#).

## Step 2 – Set up Microsoft Authenticator

- To set up, please have your computer and secondary device ready (such as mobile phone or tablet).

- [Follow written instructions](#) or watch video below:



## Frequently Asked Questions

For a complete list, please visit [MFA FAQs](#).

### General

- [Can I opt out?](#)
- [I don't always have internet access, can I still use the Microsoft Authenticator app?](#)
- [I don't have a smartphone, how can I verify?](#)
- [I don't have other devices, can I verify with my home phone?](#)

### Troubleshooting

- [I am locked out](#)
- [I lost or broke my phone](#)
- [My phone number changed](#)

- Verification codes are not being sent to my device

For technical support, [contact ITS](#)

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