

Microsoft Multi-factor Authentication

for Students



Why?

Protects students from damage related to account compromises by requiring an additional layer of authentication known as **multi-factor authentication**.

Account Set up ¹

MMFA Sign Up

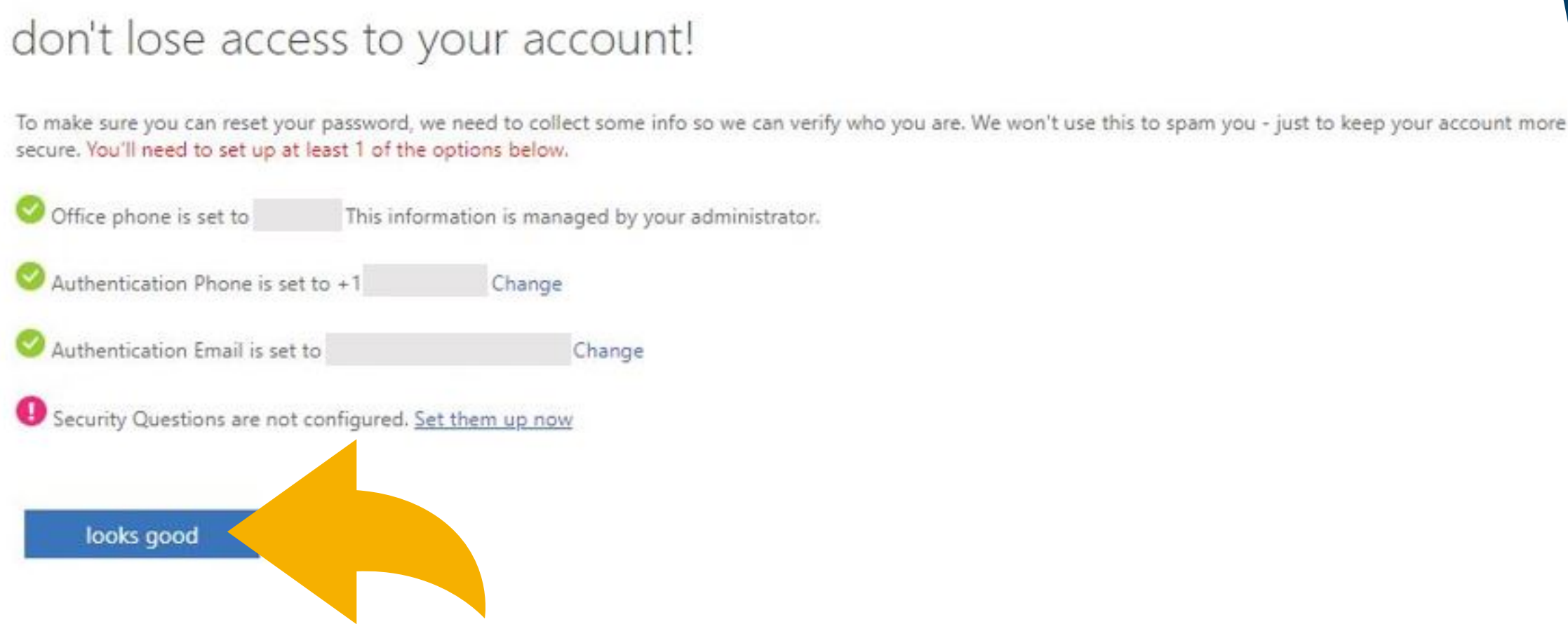
Begin by signing up for MMFA protection

Go to [MMFA Student Page](#) to Register

Ensure your Microsoft authentication password is active:

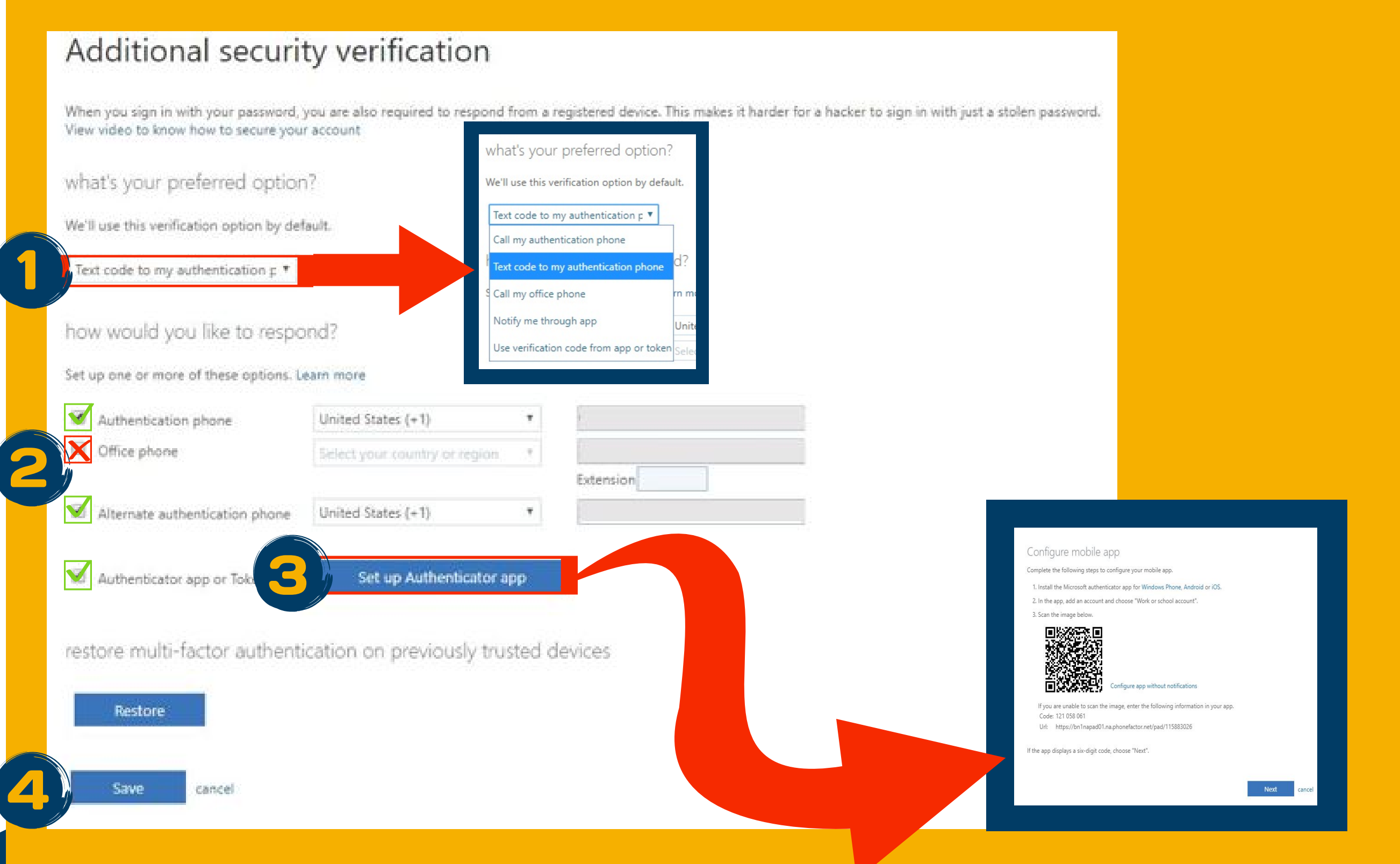
Check Your [Microsoft Password Settings](#)

2 Verify your authentication contacts.



You **cannot** use your @bears.edu email as an backup or authentication email.

Go to <https://aka.ms/MFASetup>



Note

The purpose of MMFA is protect your account by verifying your information **BEFORE** you login to UNC accounts; therefore you cannot use UNC accounts as additional security verification.

1. We'll use this verification option by default.

First, you will need to choose which verification method you would prefer to receive notifications. You may choose between text codes, a phone call, or notification through the app.

2. How would you like to respond?

Then, you will need to check the box (or boxes) of your preferred contact method. This should correspond to step one.

- You can choose to receive authentication via cell phone - please include your cell number.
- You can also choose a backup number (in case you don't have access to your cell phone).
- OR, you can choose to use the app to receive authentication notifications.

3. Setup Authenticator app

If you choose to use the authenticator app as a method of verification, you will need to set up the app on your phone or tablet. The authenticator set up will give you a QR code. Use your phone's camera to scan the code.

4. Save

Save your settings to make them effective. You can also "restore" your preferences to reset your settings.

4 Verification Code

When you attempt to access UNC websites from an off campus location, you will receive an authentication prompt. If you have completed your verification setting, you will receive a code in the manner you specified. After entering your code, you will be allowed to access your accounts as usual.

