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A GUIDE TO

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

BOZEMAN, MONTANA



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2024 ORIENTATION

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Name:

Phone:

Orientation Leader:

Orientation Leader's Phone:

Dear Incoming Student and Family Members,

Welcome to the Bobcat Family! We are excited and humbled that you have chosen Montana State University to continue your educational journey. We recognize that you have not only have chosen a school to attend but have chosen your new home for the next four years.

As an incoming Freshman student, you are entering a transformative and energetic new chapter of your life. The university experience is mind-opening and life-altering. Here at MSU, we are ready to support you in writing this next chapter. From discovering your passions and exploring new ways of thinking, to building your community of people and finding new hobbies and interests, please know that the MSU community is here to assist and cheer you on along the way.

The first step in this new chapter is our Orientation program which serves as the introduction to your collegiate experience. Orientation marks the beginning of your college career and provides you a glimpse into what your life will be like at MSU. We have a tremendous program in store for you, and we know from experience that our program will have a substantial impact on your success during the fall semester and your future as an MSU student.

It is our goal that by the time you leave Orientation, you have a foundational understanding of the university, degree requirements and expectations, services and resources available to you, and who can help support you throughout your four years. We also understand this transition can sometimes be overwhelming. **Our biggest piece of advice? Ask questions.** Being an MSU Bobcat means asking for help and supporting one another, and it's the only way we can address your uncertainty.

To the family members who have supported our new Bobcats up until this point—thank you for entrusting us with your student's education. We recognize at MSU that it is not just the student who is becoming a member of the MSU community, but also the parents and family members who have supported their student along the way. You have played a pivotal role in shaping and guiding your student up until this moment, but it doesn't end here! We encourage you to stay informed and get connected through our Bobcat Parent & Family Program.

Enjoy Orientation! We can't wait to see what you achieve here at Montana State.
Thank you and welcome home, Bobcats.

Sincerely,



Mike Ouert

Mike Ouert
Director of Admissions



Shannon Bangen

Shannon Bangen
Director of Orientation
Assoc. Dir. of Admissions



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Karlee Walker
New Student
Programs Coordinator



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New Student
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Raelyn Brown

Raelyn Brown
New Student
Programs Coordinator

The three pillars of the Orientation program are as follows

Enrollment

Orientation will serve as an extension of the recruitment process, ultimately reinforcing a student's decision to attend Montana State. Through introducing MSU history, traditions and campus life, students gain a better understanding of our mission and values.

Registration

Orientation will support students through their first registration experience by providing an opportunity to learn about and engage with registration resources, as well as an opportunity to complete course registration.

Retention

Orientation will aid the collective university effort of student retention and achievement by ensuring that students are fluent in MSU's "hidden curriculum" including university specific language, student success resources and supportive online tools.



Dear **Incoming** Student

Welcome to Orientation! This program represents much more than a summer camp — it marks the beginning of your college career and we recommend that you treat it as such. We have an excellent program in store for you, and we know from experience that our program will have a substantial impact on your success during the fall semester and your future as a Montana State University student.

As a participant of our Orientation program, we want to make sure you're aware of our community expectations:

1. It is expected that you will attend all sessions as directed by your Student Orientation Leader (OL). Your Orientation Leader is an experienced student who has a good academic record and has been given extensive training in the academic information you need to know. We encourage you to ask questions and learn as much as possible from your OL.
2. Orientation students are required to remain on campus throughout the duration of the program. We ask that you not leave campus to ensure that you get the most out of your time and the experiences that we provide while you are here. If you **MUST** leave campus, you are required to check in/out with your Orientation Leader before leaving and determine when you need to return for required meetings. If you leave campus at any time without permission before the program concludes, you are responsible for the consequences of the actions/decisions you choose to make on- or off-campus.
3. Getting enough rest during Orientation is essential for your success. The residence hall doors will be locked at 12:00am midnight each evening, and you are expected to check in with your Orientation Leader at that time if you haven't already done so.
4. Consuming alcohol under 21 years old, possession in the residence halls, possessing/using other illegal drugs, leaving after hours, returning late (after 12:00 midnight) or not returning at all are considered serious violations of University policy and your Student Orientation Leader will refer all violations to the Director of Orientation and/or the Dean of Students for appropriate action. Marijuana remains a controlled substance under federal law and as such, marijuana use or possession is prohibited across the entire MSU campus. This includes all open areas and buildings, such as the residence and dining halls.
5. Montana State University is a tobacco-free campus, which means the use of tobacco is prohibited on the MSU campus. For the purposes of this policy, "tobacco" is defined to include any tobacco product, including cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vapes, and all forms of smokeless tobacco.



6. Inform your Student Orientation Leader if you are injured, ill, or otherwise unable to participate in the program. All medical emergencies will be handled at Bozeman Health at your expense.
7. Campus recreation facilities are open for your use throughout your stay on campus. If you choose to participate in Campus Recreation events or services, you do so at your own risk and agree to abide by posted facility guidelines.
8. In the event of an emergency students will listen to their Orientation Leader and MSU staff regarding the appropriate response. Students must agree to communicate in a timely manner and respond promptly when instructed on next steps.
9. Your room will be used immediately by others following your departure. Please follow the proper check out procedures described by your Student Orientation Leader. You will be charged for lost (\$125) or damaged (\$75) keys as well as any damages to your room.
10. Students are held responsible for adhering to the regulations outlined in the Montana State University Residence Hall contract and the MSU Code of Student Conduct. Students are encouraged to review the Code of Conduct at: montana.edu/policy/student_conduct.

Failing to adhere to the above expectations can result in a wide range of disciplinary action, including a meeting with the Dean of Students and an immediate student conduct record, withdrawal from the Orientation program and/or the residence halls for the fall semester, and/or losing the privilege of early registration for classes. Please don't put yourself in the position to start a university discipline record during the Orientation program.

Following these community expectations will help to make the Orientation program an enjoyable experience for you, your future classmates and everyone else across campus who have dedicated their time and effort to your Orientation experience. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,


Shannon Bangen
Director of Orientation

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YOUR GUIDES TO EVERYTHING MSU

Orientation Leaders

Current MSU students here to guide you and answer any questions.



Reese Harnick
Business Marketing
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◀ OL Coordinators



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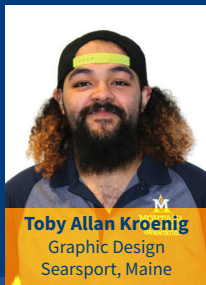
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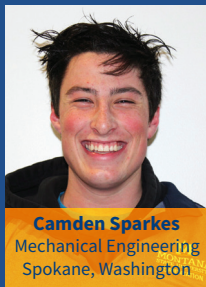
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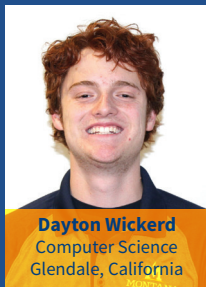
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250+ ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

- Agricultural Business** ●■
 - Agribusiness Management ○
 - Farm & Ranch Management ○
- Agricultural Education** ●
 - Broadfield Teaching †
 - Ag Comm., Leadership & Extension ○
- Animal Science** ●■
 - Equine Science ○
 - Livestock Management & Industry ○
 - Science ○
- Biotechnology** ●
 - Animal Systems ○
 - Microbial Systems ○
 - Plant Systems ○
- Cell Biology & Neuroscience** ●○
 - Biomedical Sciences ○
 - Pre-Health Professions ▼
- Economics** ●■
 - Economics Teaching †
- Environmental Horticulture** ●■
 - Environmental Horticulture Science ○
 - Landscape Design ○
- Environmental Sciences** ●○
 - Environmental Biology ○
 - Geospatial & Environmental Analysis ○
 - Land Rehabilitation ○
 - Soil Science ■
 - Soil & Water Sciences ○
 - Water Resources ■
- Entomology ■
- Financial Engineering** ●■
 - Genetics ■
- Microbiology** ●○■
 - Astrobiology ■
 - Environmental Health ○
 - Environmental Microbiology ○
 - Medical Laboratory Science ○
 - Pre-Medical Track ○
 - Pre-Veterinary Track ○
- Natural Resources & Rangeland Ecology** ●■
 - Rangeland Ecology & Management ○
 - Wildlife Habitat Ecology & Management ○
- Plant Science** ●
 - Crop Science ○
 - Plant Biology ○
 - Plant Biotechnology ○
 - Pre-Veterinary Certificate ▼
- Ranching Systems** ●
- Sustainable Food & Bioenergy Systems** ●
 - Agroecology ○
 - Sustainable Crop Production ○
 - Sustainable Food Systems ○
- Technology Education** ●
 - Industrial Technology ○
 - Technology Ed Broadfield Teaching ††

COLLEGE OF ARTS & ARCHITECTURE

- Architecture (Environmental Design)**¹ ●
 - Art** ●
 - Art Ed K–12 Broadfield Teaching ††
 - Art History ○■
 - Liberal Arts Studio ○
 - Fine Art** ●
 - Graphic Design ○
 - Studio Arts ○
 - Film & Photography** ●
 - Film ○
 - Photography ○
 - Integrated Lens-Based Media** ●
 - Music** ●■
 - Music Education** †
 - Music Technology** ●
- ¹Master of Architecture—three additional semesters

JAKE JABS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Business**² ●
 - Accounting³ ○■
 - Business Administration ■
 - Business Certificate ▼
 - Entrepreneurship & Small Business Mgmt. ■
 - Entrepreneurship Certificate ▼
 - Finance ○■
 - International Business ■
 - Management ○
 - Marketing ○
- ²M.S. in Innovation and Management one-year program
³Master of Professional Accountancy one-year program

KEY TO SYMBOLS

- Major
- Option within a major
- † Teaching major
- † Teaching minor
- Minor
- ▼ Special program
- ◆ 2-year degree
- ◆ 1-year certificate

NORM ASBJORNSON COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

- Biological Engineering** ●
 - Biomedical Engineering** ●■
 - Chemical Engineering** ●
 - Civil Engineering** ●
 - Land Surveying ■
 - Computer Engineering** ●■
 - Computer Science (STEM interest)**⁴ ●■
 - Computer Science Teaching †
 - Data Science ■
 - Interdisciplinary Option ○
 - Professional Option ○
 - Computer Science (Arts, Humanities or Business interest)** ●■
 - Construction Engineering Technology** ●
 - Electrical Engineering** ●■
 - Optics & Photonics ■
 - Environmental Engineering** ●
 - Financial Engineering** ●■
 - Industrial & Mgmt. Systems Engineering**⁵ ●
 - Engineering Management ■
 - International Engineering Certificate ▼
 - Mechanical Engineering** ●
 - Aerospace ■
 - Building Energy Systems ■
 - Engineering Management ■
 - Materials ■
 - Mechatronics ■
 - Mechanical Engineering Technology** ●
 - Military Air & Space Studies—AF ROTC** ▼
 - Military Science—Army ROTC** ▼
 - Military Science** ■
- ⁴M.S. in Computer Science one-year program
⁵M.S. in Industrial & Management Engineering one-year program

MARK AND ROBYN JONES COLLEGE OF NURSING

- Nursing** ●

HONORS COLLEGE

- Directed Interdisciplinary Studies** ●
- Honors Baccalaureate Degree ▼

UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

- Leadership Fellows Certificate ▼
- Undergraduate Scholars Program ▼
- University Studies ▼
- Health Professions Advising Program ▼



◀ Browse our 250+ areas of study
montana.edu/academics

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Community Health ●

Food & Nutrition ●

- Dietetics ○
- Nutrition Science ○

Hospitality Management ●

- Food Enterprise ○
- Lodging & Facilities Management ○
- Restaurant Management: Farm-to-Table ○

Human Development & Family Science ●○

- Child Development ○
- Human Development ■
- Personal & Consumer Finance ■

Kinesiology ●

- Exercise Science ○
- Health & Fitness ○

Sustainable Food & Bioenergy Systems ●

- Agroecology ○
- Sustainable Crop Production ○
- Sustainable Food Systems ○

Gerontology Certificate ▼

Life Scholars Program ▼

(Teaching)

Early Childhood Education (*preschool-grade 3*) T

Elementary Education K–8 T

- Early Childhood ○
- Mathematics ○
- Reading K–12 T
- Science Education ○
- Special Education ⁶ ○

Family & Consumer Sciences Education T T

Health Enhancement K–12 (*Health & PE*) T

- Coaching ■

Secondary Education T

- Agricultural Ed Broadfield Teaching T
- Art Education K–12 Teaching T T
- General Science Broadfield Teaching T
- Biology Teaching T T
- Chemistry Teaching T T
- Computer Science Teaching T
- Earth Science Teaching T
- Economics Teaching T
- English Teaching T
- French K–12 Teaching T T
- German K–12 Teaching T T
- Government Teaching T
- History Teaching T T
- Mathematics Teaching T T
- Music Education T
- Physics Teaching T T
- Reading K–12 T
- Social Studies Broadfield Teaching T
- Spanish K–12 Teaching T T
- Special Education ⁶ ○
- Technology Ed Broadfield Teaching T T

⁶Some Special Education classes are completed at other Montana University System institutions

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE

(Humanities and Social Sciences)

American Studies⁷ ●

Anthropology ●■

Asian Studies ●■

Economics ●■

- Economics Teaching T

English ●

- English Teaching T
- Literature ○■
- Writing ○■

Financial Engineering ●■

History ●○■

- History Teaching T T
- Museum Studies ■
- Science, Environment, Technology & Society ○

Liberal Studies ●

- Environmental Studies ○
- Global Health ■
- Global & Multicultural Studies ○
- Global Studies ■
- Quaternity ○
- Sustainability & Environ. Stewardship ■

Modern Languages & Literatures ●

- China Studies ■
- French & Francophone Studies ○■
- French K–12 Teaching T T
- German Studies ○■
- German K–12 Teaching T T
- Hispanic Studies ○■
- Japan Studies ■
- Latin American & Latino Studies ○■
- Spanish K–12 Teaching T T

Native American Studies ■

Philosophy ●■

Political Science ●○■

- Government Teaching T
- Pre-Law ▼

Psychology ●■

Sociology ●■

- Criminology ○
- General Sociology ○

Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies ■

⁷ M.A. in American Studies—one-year program

(Math and Natural Sciences)

Biological Sciences (Ecology) ●

- Biology Teaching T T
- Conservation Biology & Ecology ○
- Fish & Wildlife Ecology & Management ○
- Organismal Biology ○

Chemistry ●■

- Biochemistry ○■
- Biochemistry Pre-Med Track ○
- Chemistry Professional ○
- Chemistry Teaching T T

Earth Sciences ●

- Earth Science Teaching T
- Geography ○
- Geology ○
- GIS/Planning ○■
- Paleontology ○
- Snow Science ○
- Water Resources ■

Genetics ■

Mathematics ●○■

- Applied Mathematics ○
- Mathematics Teaching T T
- Statistics ○■

Physics ●■

- Astronomy & Astrophysics ○
- Physics Interdisciplinary ○
- Physics Professional ○
- Physics Teaching T T
- Materials ■
- Optics & Photonics ■

GALLATIN COLLEGE MSU

Gallatin College MSU offers general and transfer education, along with one- and two-year workforce degrees and certificates.

Associate of Arts ◆

Associate of Science ◆

- Pre-Healthcare Option ○

Aviation ◆

Aviation Electronics Technology ◆

- Bookkeeping ◆
- Business Management ◆
- Carpentry ◆
- CNC Machining Technology ◆

Culinary Arts ◆

Drafting and CAD Technology ◆

- Healthcare Administrative Professional ◆

HVAC ◆◆

Interior Design ◆

IT Computer Network Technology ◆◆

IT Cyber Security Information Assurance ◆◆

- Medical Assistant ◆
- Medical Laboratory Assistant ◆
- Phlebotomy ◆

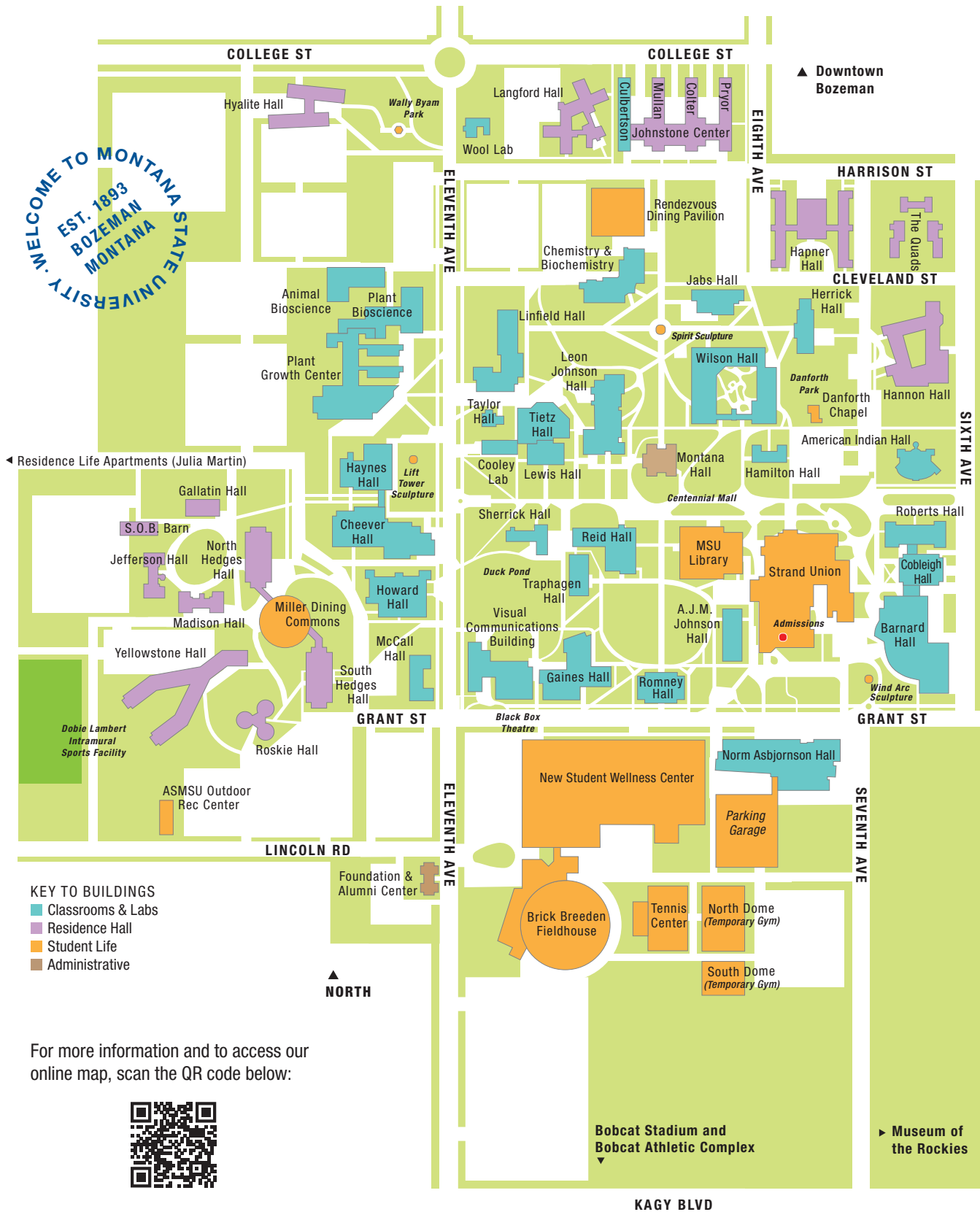
Photonics & Laser Technology ◆

- Welding Technology ◆
- Dual Enrollment for High School Students ▼



Interested in pre-med?
MSU offers a pre-med intake advising program to help you choose a major and prepare for medical school, along with pre-med tracks within the microbiology and chemistry majors.

Montana State University



For more information and to access our online map, scan the QR code below:



For more information
 1-888-MSU-CATS · 406-994-2452
admissions@montana.edu
montana.edu



Building Abbreviations

MSU uses the following building abbreviations across our campus.

Code	Building Title
ABB	Animal BioScience Building
AIH	American Indian Hall
AJMJD	Arthur J.M. Johnson Hall
APSHER	Anna Pearl Sherrick Hall
BARNAR	Barnard Hall (Formerly EPS–Engineering Physical Science)
BB	Bridger Bowl
BBFH	“Brick” Breeden Fieldhouse
BBX	Black Box Theater
BZNOTB	Old Terminal Building, Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport
BZNSUM	Summit Aviation (490 Wings Way, Belgrade, MT 59714)
CBB	Chemistry/Biochemistry Building
CHEEVE	Cheever Hall
COBLEI	Cobleigh Hall
COOLEY	Cooley Laboratory
CTGS1	Campus Temporary Gym Structure North
CTGS2	Campus Temporary Gym Structure South
CULBER	Culbertson Hall
GAINES	Gaines Hall
GCE	Gallatin College East Campus (705 Osterman Drive, Bozeman)
GCN	Gallatin College North Campus (Bozeman High School)
HAMILT	Hamilton Hall
HARRIS	Harrison Hall
HAYNES	Haynes Hall
HERRIC	Herrick Hall
HOR	Horticulture Farm
HOWARD	Howard Hall
HP5L2	Highland Park 5 Level 2 (WWAMI)
HSB	Health Sciences Building
JABS	Jabs Hall
LEWIS	Lewis Hall
LIN	Linfield Hall
LJH	Leon H. Johnson Hall
MARSH	Marsh Research Laboratory
MBB	Molecular Bioscience Building
MCCALL	McCall Hall

Code	Building Title
MHFC	Hosaeus Health & Physical Education Complex
MILPAV	Miller Livestock Pavilion
MOR	Museum of the Rockies
MTHALL	Montana Hall
NAH	Norm Asbjornson Hall
OUTREC	ASMSU Outdoor Rec Building
PBB	Plant Bioscience Building
PGC	Plant Growth Center
REID	Reid Hall
RENNE	Renne Library
ROBERT	Roberts Hall
ROMNEY	Romney Gymnasium
SHC	Swingle Student Health Center
SUB	Strand Union Building
TAYLOR	Taylor Hall
TIETZ	Tietz Hall
TRAPHA	Traphagen Hall
VCB	Visual Communications Building
WILSON	Wilson Hall
WOOL	Wool Laboratory

Residence Hall Abbreviations	
AQUAD	Atkinson Quadrangle Residence Halls
COLTER	Johnstone Center, Colter Wing
GALLAT	Gallatin Hall
HANNON	Hannon Hall
HAPNER	Hapner Hall
JEFFER	Jefferson Hall
LANGFO	Langford Hall
MADISO	Madison Hall
MULLAN	Johnstone Center, Mullan Wing
NHEDGE	North Hedges Hall
PRYOR	Johnstone Center, Pryor Wing
ROSKIE	Roskie Hall
SHEDGE	South Hedges Hall
YELLOW	Yellowstone Residence Hall

MSU IS MONTANA'S PREMIER UNIVERSITY

Enrollment

16,978

UNDERGRAD GRADUATE
14,631 2,057

Representing all 50 states and all of Montana's 56 counties

Demographics

49% RESIDENT | **51%** NONRESIDENT

More Montanans are enrolled at MSU than at any other university in the state.

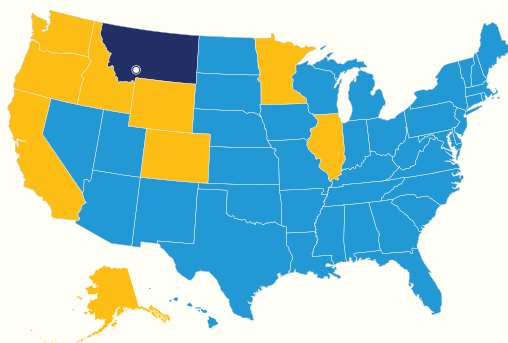
Academic scores

26.0 AVG ACT

1173 AVG SAT

3.54 AVG GPA

MSU does not require ACT and/or SAT for admission.



Top 10 Home States

Montana	6,874
Washington	1,646
Colorado.....	1,517
California.....	1,337
Minnesota	654
Oregon	559
Idaho.....	421
Alaska	360
Wyoming.....	195
Illinois.....	186

Fall 2022 enrollment figures



No. 1 choice of Montana's top high school students.

In 2023, 72 percent of students who received the Montana University System Honors Scholarship chose to attend MSU, more than all other campuses in the state combined. The scholarship goes to the top high school scholars from across the state.

MSU attracts and produces top scholars



STEM powerhouse

MSU ranks among the top 3 universities in the West, after Stanford and Cal Tech, in recipients of the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship for students in math, science and engineering. With 86 Goldwater scholars, MSU is tied with Yale for tenth among all universities and ranks among the top four public universities in the nation. —2023

Top U.S. institutions for Goldwater Scholars

(Math, Science & Engineering)

- 1 Harvard (111)
- 2 Princeton (105)
- 3 Stanford (104)
- 4 University of Chicago (97)
- 5 Duke (94)
- 6 University of Michigan (92)
- 7 Cal Tech (91)
- 8 Illinois Urbana-Champaign (88)
- 9 Johns Hopkins (88) *Tied*
- 9 Penn State (87)
- 9 Washington Univ. St. Louis (87)
- 10 **Montana State (86)**
- 10 Yale (86) *Tied*
- 11 Mass. Institute of Technology (85)

MSU student recipients of major scholarships

(As of 2023)

- 15 Boren Scholars
- 40 Fulbright Grantees
- 2 Gates Cambridge Scholars
- 86 Goldwater Scholars
- 2 Marshall Scholars
- 11 Newman Civic Fellows
- 11 Rhodes Scholars
- 15 Rhodes Finalists
- 5 Schwarzman Scholars
- 18 Truman Scholars
- 11 Udall Scholars



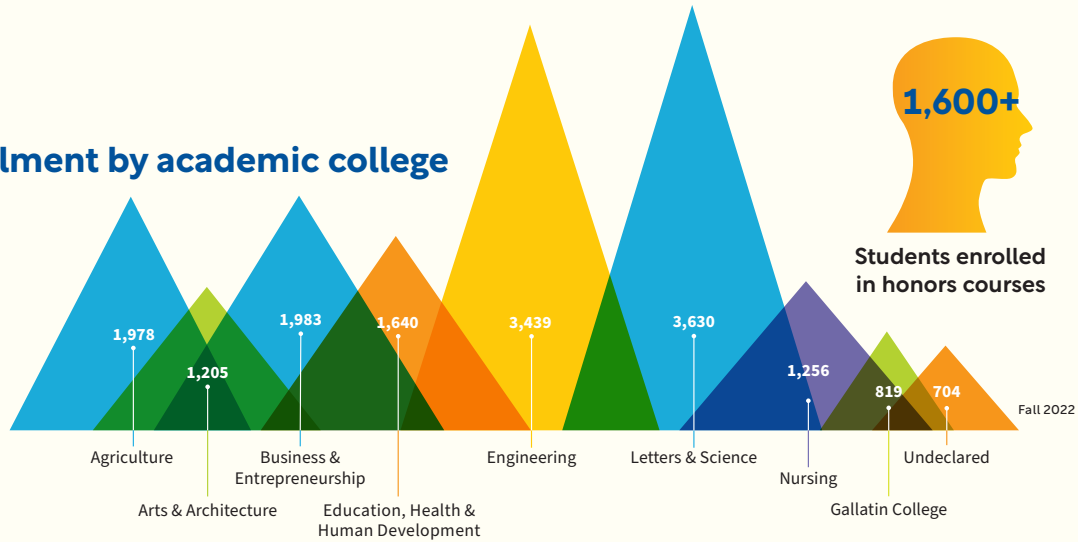
Last year alone, eleven MSU students earned grants from the National Science Foundation to continue their research and education.

Enrollment by academic college



580

student veterans enrolled at MSU



Montana's research leader

MSU students have access to unique and exciting research opportunities that provide real, hands-on experiences. With over \$200 million devoted to research last year alone, MSU is Montana's research leader.

—2022



Top university in Montana

Niche.com ranks MSU as the top university in the state, the top college campus in Montana, and among the top 20 percent of public universities in the country. —2023



Globally recognized

MSU is ranked among the top 4 percent of universities in the world, the top 175 colleges in the U.S. and the No. 1 university in Montana.

—Center for World University Rankings, 2022-23

MSU
OFFERS
MORE THAN
250
ACADEMIC
PROGRAMS

Bozeman is...

a four-season outdoor adventure hub and a fun, friendly place to live.

There's always something new to explore in Bozeman. See your favorite band perform live at the Rialto or grab a bite to eat at one of our many downtown restaurants featuring bison burgers, ramen, artisan pizza and more. Enjoy live performances at the Ellen or meet up with friends for an indie film at the Emerson Center. Whatever your interests, you'll never run out of adventures.

Best Place

Time magazine named Bozeman as one of the **World's Greatest Places** in 2023, noting that the town packs a "warm Western welcome," along with a global dining scene and boundless opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors.

80+ miles of trails in town

Bozeman's ever-expanding Main Street to the Mountains trail system links the city to the surrounding mountains.



Bozeman at a glance

Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport

is Montana's busiest airport, with coast-to-coast nonstop service to 24 destinations.



FOUNDED 1864	AVERAGE SNOWFALL 83.5"	ELEVATION 4,793'
POPULATION 54,539	MEDIAN AGE 28.2	COLLEGE DEGREE OR HIGHER 63.8%
AREA TRAILS 100+	NEARBY WILDERNESS AREAS 1.8 million acres	AREA RIVERS Gallatin Madison Yellowstone

Mountain ranges visible from Bozeman



Big Belt Mountains ▲ 9,504'
Bridger Range ▲ 9,665'
Gallatin Range ▲ 10,154'

Spanish Peaks ▲ 11,015'
Tobacco Roots ▲ 10,604'
▲ highest visible peak

MSU Lingo

Academic Advising A one-on-one advising relationship in which students are guided in decisions they will need to make through their college career. Required once a semester, academic advising can guide students through the goal setting and decision making process. All students are assigned an advisor in their home department.

Academic Advising Center (AAC) MSU's place for general academic advising, the AAC is open to all students Monday–Friday from 8–5. The AAC is the perfect place to go when you have questions about courses, majors and interests. *Located in 130 Gaines.*

Add/Drop Form MSU's form that allows students to add or drop a course in which they are enrolled.

Add/Drop Rules A student may add a class online using MyInfo within five class days of the semester's start. A student may add a class with instructor approval within 10 class days of the semester's start. A student may drop a class online using MyInfo within 10 days of the semester's start. A student may drop a class with advisor approval within 15 days of the semester's start.

Advanced Placement (AP) A form of coursework that students may bring in to their college career from high school, allowing them earned credits if the transfer equivalency applies to MSU standards. See Student Booklet or speak to the Office of Admissions to ensure scores are transferred.

Allen Yarnell Center for Student Success (AYCSS) AYCSS is comprised of the Office of Student Success, Career, Internship & Student Employment Services and the Office of Financial Education. The over-arching goal of the Center is to advance student retention and graduation outcomes by providing access, resources, solutions and expertise to promote student success through career maturity, learning support, engagement and financial acumen. *Located in SUB 177.*

Bobcat 4x4 Summer Sessions MSU's new summer school format that helps students catch up or get ahead in their degree. Classes meet four days a week for four weeks, with fast-paced courses in an immersive environment.

Brightspace by D2L (formerly Desire2Learn) A learning platform in which students can look at online coursework for the classes they are enrolled in during the semester.

CatCourse MSU's tool for creating a personalized course schedule.

CLEP Exam An exam that can shorten your path to a college degree by allowing you to earn college credit for subjects you already know. It can also assist students in taking advanced courses. Provided through MSU Testing Services with a fee of \$100.

Common Hour Exam Common hour exams are given during the semester for multi-section courses, and generally take the place of one class meeting.

CORE 2.0 A great way to explore interests, Core 2.0 represents MSU's interdisciplinary general education requirements.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CPS) A free confidential service for MSU students who seek out help. The professional staff at CPS provides group and individual counseling, outreach and prevention and consultation to parents, faculty, staff, students and others in our community. *Located on the 2nd floor Swingle Building.*

Course Registration Number (CRN) Unique five-digit number that is assigned for each class at MSU.

Dean of Students Office Working with and for students to ensure student success and adherence to community and academic standards. *Located in SUB 174.*

DegreeWorks Software resource that allows students to map out their four year degree plan.

Duo Security A form of two-factor authentication that uses an app on a mobile device, phone call, passcode or token to verify login. Once students have received a class schedule, they will be prompted the next time they log in to authenticate their login through Duo Security. More information is available at: www.montana.edu/uit/duo

EdReady An online math readiness tool that is available for free to students who plan on attending MSU. Through EdReady, students can be placed into an initial math placement level. If you want to revisit the possible gaps in your math knowledge, become better prepared for college math or haven't taken math recently, then EdReady may be right for you. For details, go to montana.edu/edready.

Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL) The MSU Greek community prides itself on more than 100 years of tradition and excellence in which service and philanthropy plays a large role. *Located in SUB 174 (Dean of Students Office).*

Gallatin College At Gallatin College MSU, our mission is to provide an accessible student-centered education that supports individuals' personal and professional goals and enhances Montana's economy. *Located in 101 Hamilton Hall.*

Generated Identification Number (GID) Also known as your Student ID or MSU ID number. Randomly generated eight digit number, following the format -01234567, or -02#####, assigned to each student upon their admission to MSU.

Holds Holds (financial, academic, etc.) may be placed on your record preventing you from registering for courses, ordering transcripts or other activities. You may check for holds in the Student Services section of MyInfo.

International Baccalaureate (IB) A form of coursework that students may bring in to their college career from high school, allowing them earned credits if the transfer equivalency applies to MSU standards. Speak to the Office of Admissions to ensure scores are transferred.

Math and Statistics Center The MSC is a drop-in tutoring center supported by student fees from the courses we tutor. Stop in for brief help in the math courses you are taking. *Located in Romney Hall.*

MSU Alert A notification system to deliver critical information to MSU students in the event of an emergency.

MSU Bookstore Browse the store for a variety of items such as MSU Bobcat fan gear, art supplies, school supplies, technology and, most importantly, text books for the upcoming semester. *Located in the basement of the SUB.*

MyInfo An online portal in which students can find information about their progress and status at MSU.

navMSU A smartphone app and online platform that helps you navigate your college experience. Stay organized and connected on important tasks like scheduling meetings with your advisor so you can register for classes, or get notifications and to-do lists to avoid missing deadlines.

NetID Unique seven character ID used to access various campus resources. Combination of letters and numbers following the format x99p999.

Office of Financial Aid This office is here to assist and guide students with the funding of their educational experience with services ranging from help with the FAFSA to how student aid is awarded. *Located in 21 Montana Hall.*

Office of Student Engagement (OSE) Facilitates student engagement opportunities for MSU students through a variety of programs, events, services and activities. This office includes ASMSU student government, student organizations and campus programs and events. *Located in SUB 221 and 222.*

Parts of a Degree At MSU, there are four separate parts to an earned degree, including degree or major requirements specific to each major, CORE 2.0 classes from 10 different categories, supportive or prerequisite classes that further your degree and elective classes.

RAWR Form A student's Registration Advising Written Report allows them to register during orientation. It contains vital information such as student identification number (GID) and registration codes.

Registrar's Office This office plans and conducts student registration, maintains and updates academic records, interprets and applies policies and delegates information for graduation. *Located in 101 Montana Hall.*

Strand Union Building (SUB) The student hub; home to a variety of student services that are essential to an MSU college career.

University Health Partners Following an integrated, collaborative model, University Health Partners unites the components of the health and well-being for MSU students including prevention, health promotion, public health, medical services, dental services and counseling and psychological services. Offices that fall under this department include Medical Services, Dental Services, Office of Health Advancement and Counseling & Psychological Services. *Located in Swingle Hall.*

University Withdrawal Students can complete a university withdrawal with the Registrar's Office if they wish to withdraw from **all** of their current academic semester courses. *Located in 111 Montana Hall.*

University Information Technology (UIT) The campus department responsible for maintaining all technology systems, including MyInfo, DegreeWorks and D2L. They also provide password and software support for students. *Located in Commons of Renne Library.*

The Voice Center An office on campus that is dedicated to spreading knowledge of sexual and domestic violence. *Located in Room 370 of the Strand Union Building.*

WebCAPE Computer Adaptive Placement Exam for students to be placed into a language class. It costs \$10 to take. Student will not receive college credit for taking the exam. See montana.edu/ml/placement.html for more information. *Located in Modern Languages, 117 Gaines Hall.*

Withdrawal A student can withdraw from just one of their classes after the last add/drop day with advisor approval. A "W" will appear on their academic transcript. *Located in 111 Montana Hall.*

Writing Center Writing Center tutors meet individually or in groups with student writers of all abilities and backgrounds at any stage in their writing processes — from invention to revision. *Located in Romney Hall.*



Incoming College-Level Credit

Please visit montana.edu/admissions/transferring-credit (QR) for additional details.

At Montana State University, incoming students have many opportunities to earn credit for coursework completed in high school. We accept Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams with qualifying scores, as well as college-level coursework from a regionally-accredited college or university. Explore your options below.

Advanced Placement (AP) Credit

The AP equivalency guide is available at montana.edu/admissions/ap/ap.pdf. Most exams require a score of 3 or better to count toward college credit. Please note that some courses require a score of 4 or better. In addition, more credit may be earned in some cases for higher exam scores.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Credit

The IB equivalency guide is available at montana.edu/admissions/ib/ib.pdf. Most exams require a score of 4 or better to count toward college credit. Please note that some courses may be brought in at the “Standard Level” (SL) while others require the “High Level” (HL) exam. In addition, more credit may be earned in some cases for higher exam scores.

Dual-Enrollment from a Montana University System (MUS) institution

The Transfer Equivalency Guide is available at montana.edu/admissions/transferring-credit/#dual-enrollment. The MUS practices Common Course Numbering which means students can easily transfer courses between institutions. If a course has a particular name at one institution, you can assume it fulfills the course of the same name at another MUS school (if offered). Remember to send an official copy of your transcript to the Office of Admissions to receive official credit for your coursework. If you have questions, please contact us at admissions@montana.edu.

Dual-Enrollment from a non-MUS/out-of-state institution

The Transfer Equivalency Guide is available at montana.edu/admissions/transferring-credit/#dual-enrollment. MSU can count college-level coursework from any regionally-accredited college or university toward a student’s degree. Please note that courses you have taken may not show up on the transfer equivalency guide; this means that we have not previously seen a student transfer in to Montana State with those courses. Remember to send an official copy of your transcript to the Office of Admissions to receive official credit for your coursework. If you have questions, please contact us at admissions@montana.edu.

FAQS

Am I a freshman or a transfer student?

Any student who has attempted 12 or more college-level credits from a regionally accredited institution **after graduating from high school** is classified as a transfer student. Freshman and transfer students should submit all official transcripts/scores to MSU for evaluation.

How should I have my transcripts sent?

Please request official transcripts to be sent directly from all institutions you have attended.

- Send by mail to: MSU Admissions, PO Box 172190, Bozeman, MT 59717-2190.
- Send by email to msuadmissionstranscript@sympa.montana.edu.

How will my credits transfer to MSU?

Eligible credits will transfer as direct equivalents to MSU courses or as elective credit with or without CORE. A course must be at least two semester credits and have a grade of C- or higher (with no pass/fail grading) to count for MSU CORE.

What if I am waiting for final transcripts or test results and they are not yet on file with MSU?

If you have an unofficial copy of transcripts or test scores available to you, we encourage you to reference these materials when you meet with an advisor. Please have official copies sent as soon as possible.

What qualifies for transfer credit?

- All undergraduate college-level credits from regionally accredited institutions.
- Dual-enrollment credits earned and posted on a college (not high school) transcript.
- Credits earned from Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) scores, which must be sent directly from the testing agency.
- Credits that apply to an AAS degree (maximum of 30 elective credits).
- Military credits (maximum of 30 elective credits).

Course Placement

Where do I go to login and access the following course placement assessments?

You can access the math, writing, and language placement assessments as part of your online pre-Orientation pathway in the CatsConnect platform. **All students must have a math and a writing placement in order to register for classes.**

Math Placement

Why do I need math placement?

All students, regardless of major, must meet the Quantitative Reasoning (Q) general education requirement in order to graduate; plus, many courses at MSU require mathematics prerequisites. MSU wants to place you in courses in which you will succeed. MSU offers many options to meet the Quantitative Reasoning (Q) requirement, but which is best for you will depend on your math placement and the math courses required by your major.

Do I have to take the EdReady Initial Math Placement?

Yes. Unless MSU received your official ACT, SAT or AP/IB test scores at least one day before your in-person Orientation session. For those registered for Orientation session 4 (August 18–20), you must take EdReady Initial Math Placement by July 10, unless you have sent your official test scores by that date. If we do not have your test scores on file by your in-person Orientation session or July 10 (whichever is first), you are required to take the EdReady Initial Math Placement.

What if I took a college-level math course?

Take the EdReady Initial Math Placement anyway to ensure that your placement reflects your current math skills. If you haven't already, you must also have an official transcript sent to MSU showing successful completion of the college math course. Upon evaluation of the transcript, MSU will update with your highest math placement.

What math course is required for my major?

You can look up which math course is required or recommended for your major on this webpage: www.montana.edu/advising/toolkitresources/majors-required-by-math.html

What if the results of my EdReady Initial Math Placement don't confirm that I'm eligible for the course I want to take? Can I retake it?

No, but you can work up in placement. The Initial Math Placement works by assessing your current knowledge and identifying gaps. After you take it, you are encouraged to continue to work in the EdReady system through your study path. Your study path guides you in independent mathematics learning and review. You can advance a math level if you successfully complete your study path by August 13.

Writing Placement

Why do I need writing placement?

All students, regardless of major, must meet the Writing (W) general education requirement in order to graduate. To receive Writing (W) CORE credit, students must place out of Writing (W) CORE or take either WRIT 101 or the WRIT 101/001 co-requisite. WRIT 101/001 co-requisite provides supplemental instruction in reading and writing to support success in WRIT 101 assignments. Some students will start with WRIT 080 to ensure they are confident and prepared for the work in WRIT 101. WRIT 080 provides support in sentence level and paragraph writing, reading strategies, and introductory research skills.

Do I have to take the Writing Qualtrics assessment?

Yes. Unless MSU received your official ACT, SAT or AP/IB test scores at least one day before your in-person Orientation session. For those registered for Orientation session 4 (August 18–20), you must have a writing placement by July 10, unless you have sent your official test scores by that date. If we do not have your test scores on file by your in-person Orientation session or July 10 (whichever is first), you are required to take the writing Qualtrics assessment.

What if I took the ACT/SAT or took a college-level writing course?

If MSU has received your official ACT, SAT, or AP/IB test scores by your in-person Orientation session, MSU, MSU can use this information to place you into the following courses. More details available on our writing placement webpage: www.montana.edu/english/core-writing/writing_placement.html.

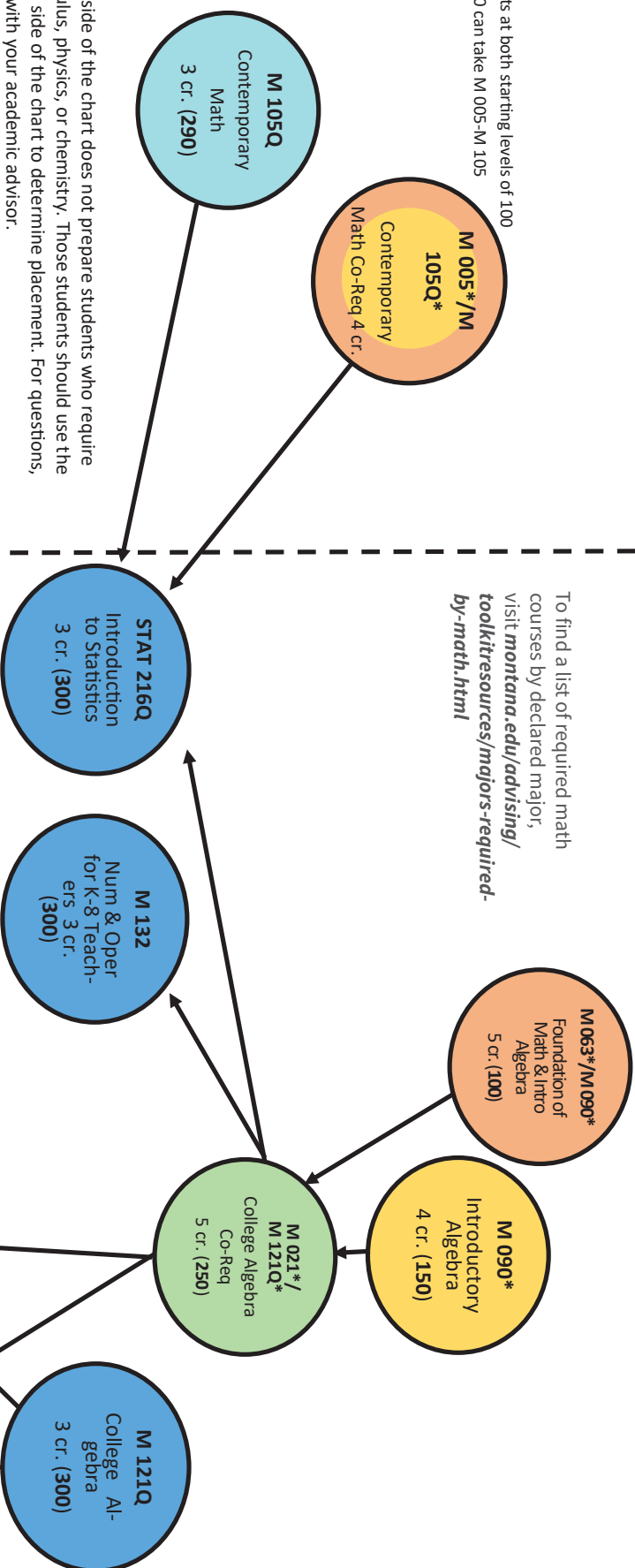
Language Placement

If you have taken the AP or IB exam, *or* took a dual enrollment college credit course in high school, *or* grew up speaking the language at home, please see the Modern Languages department in Gaines 117 regarding your placement.

Students who have had at least one year of a language within the last five years must both take the WebCAPE exam and see Modern Languages (Gaines 117) for an oral proficiency interview and placement. Instructions and more information can be found at: <https://www.montana.edu/ml/placement.html>.

Mathematics Prerequisite Flowchart

Students at both starting levels of 100 and 150 can take M 005-M 105



To find a list of required math courses by declared major, visit montana.edu/advising/toolkitresources/majors-required-by-math.html

This side of the chart does not prepare students who require calculus, physics, or chemistry. Those students should use the right side of the chart to determine placement. For questions, talk with your academic advisor.

What is my starting level?

	100	150	250	290	300	400	500
ACT alone	Below 17	17	21	22	23	25	27+
SAT alone	Below 460	460	530	540	560	590	640+
ACT and HS GPA		15-16 & 3.0+	20 & 3.5+	21 & 3.5+	21-22 & 3.5+	23-24 & 3.7+ & HS Precalc or Calculus	
SAT and HS GPA		380-450 & 3.0+	520 & 3.5+	530 & 3.5+	530-550 & 3.5+	560-580 & 3.7+ & HS Precalc or Calculus	
EdReady Placement	See Placement tab in DegreeWorks	See Placement tab in DegreeWorks	See Placement tab in DegreeWorks	See Placement tab in DegreeWorks	See Placement tab in DegreeWorks	See Placement tab in DegreeWorks	See Placement tab in DegreeWorks

* Indicates the class is being taught through Gallatin College

Writing Placement Levels at MSU

Level 100

ACT English Language :0-15
ACT Combined English/Writing: 0-15
ACT Writing Subject: 3-4
ACT Writing Subscore: 3-4
ACT English 0-15
SAT Writing/Language: 10-18
Qualtrics Survey : 0-37 pts

WRIT 080

Level 200

ACT English Language: 16-17
ACT Combined English/Writing: 16-17
ACT Writing Subject: 5-6
ACT Writing Subscore: 5-6
ACT English: 16-21
SAT Writing/Language: 19-24
Qualtrics Survey: 38-73 pts

WRIT 001/WRIT 101W

Level 300

ACT English Language: 18+
ACT Combined English/Writing: 18+
ACT Writing Subject : 7-10
ACT Writing Subscore: 7-10
ACT English: 22-27
SAT Writing/Language: 25-37
Qualtrics Survey: 74-111 pts

WRIT 101W

Level 400

ACT Writing Subject: 11+
ACT Subscore Writing: 11+
ACT English: 28+
SAT Reading/Writing: 750+
SAT Writing/Language: 38+
SAT Essay Total: 22+
SAT Essay Writing: 7+
AP English Lang/Comp: 4
IB English A: Lang & Lit HL: 3
HS GPA 3.9 or higher

Exempt from W Core

Essential Elements of a Montana State University Education

The MSU Core

The MSU Core Curriculum integrates education in communication, thinking and problem solving, and local and global citizenship with knowledge and experiences in the natural, social and mathematical sciences, the arts, and the humanities. The MSU Core Qualities deepen the experience of the MSU undergraduate education, enhance health and well-being, enrich disciplinary pursuits, and establish MSU's graduates as lifelong learners and engaged citizens.

MSU Core Qualities

MSU graduates are effective communicators

who use written, spoken and visual communication to create meaning, build relationships, foster understanding and persuade.

MSU graduates are thinkers and problem solvers

who reason using relevant evidence gathered through scholarly, disciplinary and interdisciplinary methods.

MSU graduates are local and global citizens

who demonstrate effective strategies to listen and respond to others.

The MSU Core Curriculum is a series of ten Perspectives courses that expose students to the diversity of knowledge and methods that provide a foundation for life-long learning and integrate the teaching of all three of the MSU Core Qualities through course content.

Where can I find answers to my questions about the MSU Core Curriculum?

- Visit www.montana.edu/msu-core/index.html
- See your academic advisor
- Contact Advising Commons at www.montana.edu/advising
130 Gaines Hall
406-994-3532
advising@montana.edu



Core Perspectives

University Seminar (US)

Written Communication (W)

Quantitative Reasoning (Q)

Diversity (D)

Contemporary Issues in Science (CS)

Research and Creative Experience (R)

Inquiry Arts (IA)

Inquiry Humanities (IH)

Inquiry Social Science (IS)

Inquiry Natural Science (IN)

Academic Advising

Academic Advising Mission

Academic Advising at MSU is a collaborative process between students, faculty and professional advisors designed to empower students to discover who they are as learners, where their academic interests lie, and how their University experience will shape their lives.

Academic Advising at MSU

At MSU, we believe that academic advising is a critical component of a student's university experience. Advising teaches students how to navigate their academic journey and take ownership of their college experience. Academic advisors are guides, mentors and educators who encourage personal development and lifelong learning, and who share information about curricula, resources and engagement opportunities. Students who engage in the advising process regularly will benefit from the guidance and support of their advisor.

Student Learning Outcomes

Through your active participation in academic advising, you will:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of academic requirements, policies and procedures
2. Identify academic and personal goals
3. Create a plan to meet your goals
4. Gather and evaluate information to make informed decisions

Advising Commons Diversity

The Advising Commons at MSU strives to foster a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment for students, staff, faculty and community members as a part of MSU's land-grant mission. We are dedicated to supporting underserved and underrepresented populations and we believe that every person deserves a safe working, learning and living environment. At the heart of our commitment to creating a vibrant and welcoming culture, we expect and respect diversity. Through active listening we commit to recognizing and understanding students intersecting identities and positionality to better support students' unique and diverse individual needs. We believe this is an ongoing and evolving process to continue to better serve our students and prepare them to be successful in a diverse world. We intentionally continue to engage in ongoing dialogue so that we are prepared to thoughtfully respond to the evolving needs of our students.

For more information on Diversity and Inclusion at Montana State University, please visit www.montana.edu/diversity.

Student and Advisor Advising Responsibilities

Student Responsibilities

You are expected to take ownership of your university experience.

1. Engage in the advising process.
 - a. Meet with your academic advisor at least once a semester.
 - b. Be honest and keep an open mind.
 - c. Ask questions when something isn't clear.
 - d. Discuss goals, interests, strengths, values and challenges.
 - e. Get to know your advisor.
2. Adhere to MSU policies and deadlines.
3. Learn and follow the degree and curricular requirements of your chosen major.
 - a. Proactively monitor your progress toward graduation through DegreeWorks.
 - b. Check your grades and academic standing at the end of each semester.
 - c. Confirm your registration and course schedule each semester.
4. Prepare for your advising meetings.
 - a. Review DegreeWorks prior to advising meetings.
 - b. Create a list of questions and topics to discuss.
 - c. Identify courses for future semesters.
5. Follow up on advisor recommendations.
 - a. Utilize MSU's many resources to assist in meeting goals.

Advisor Responsibilities

You can expect your advisor to

1. Engage in the advising process.
 - a. Get to know you.
 - b. Actively listen to your ideas and concerns.
 - c. Guide you as you develop short- and long-term goals and create your plan to meet these goals.
 - d. Review advising notes from prior conversations before or during advising meetings.
 - e. Share accurate and timely information to assist in your decision-making process.
 - f. Refer you to appropriate campus resources.
 - g. Document advising conversations in DegreeWorks.
 - h. Provide recommendations, but expect and encourage you to make your own decisions.
2. Be knowledgeable about academic policies, procedures and deadlines.
3. Maintain student confidentiality as specified by university policy and mandated reporting requirements.
4. Facilitate your understanding of the nature and purpose of your curriculum and a university education.
5. Use advising and registration tools.
6. Review first-semester registration.
7. Hold regular advising hours and communicate method of scheduling meetings.
8. Follow up with advisees as appropriate.



MSU Technology & Class Registration

Students use their Net ID to access all MSU technology systems.

MyInfo

Houses Admissions Checklist personal information, bill payment, timesheet, student schedule by day and time, and more.

CatsConnect

Online Pre-Orientation as well as the system OSE used to manage clubs, events, programs and more.

DegreeWorks

Used throughout your college career to help track and plan degree progress.

- Placement Data
- Advisor
- Degree Plan
- CORE
- Final Grades
- What If

CatCourse

- Course Registration
- CORE
- Classes
- Course Status and Instruction Modes
- Adding and dropping classes after Orientation

NavMSU

Download the App by searching “Navigate Student” in the App Store or visit montana.edu/navmsu.

- Schedule appointments with your advisor
- Map
- Major Exploration
- See schedule of classes

Brightspace by D2L

Students have access once they are enrolled in classes and have a class schedule, encourage students to login as semester kicks off as classes update and change from semester to semester.

- Enrolled courses
- Professor communication
- Assignment submission
- Grades in classes

Duo

A two-factor authentication that uses an app on a mobile device, phone call, passcode or token to verify the person logging into your account is actually you. Students will be prompted once they are enrolled in classes and have a class schedule. Download the app and learn more at montana.edu/uit/duo/.

University Information Technology

UIT Service Desk 406-994-1777 • helpdesk@montana.edu • montana.edu/uit/servicedesk

UIT Service and Support Portal Renne Library, 1st floor Suite 115G • Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

Student ID

Your Student ID (sometimes called MSU ID or GID) is a unique eight-digit number preceded by a dash. It follows the format -02345678. Your Student ID is used to keep track of your records and progress within the university.

NetID

Your NetID is a unique seven character identifier composed of a combination of letters and numbers. It follows the format x99z999. If you lost your NetID or need to change the password, you can reclaim your NetID at www3.montana.edu/netidclaim. You will use your NetID to log in to all MSU lower case technology systems on campus.

Registering with CatCourse

1. Start at montana.edu/myinfo.
2. Log in.
3. Enter your NetID in the username box.
 - a. If you have not claimed your NetID: _____
4. Enter your MyInfo password in the Password box.
 - a. If you have logged in before, you created this password previously.
 - b. If you have forgotten your password, click Reset Your Password on the right-hand side of the page, and follow instructions accordingly.
5. Student Services > Registration > CatCourse > Select the term.
6. Add Course to select your courses. Note: you can search and select courses from Subject or by CORE category.
 - a. Click Add Course after reviewing the course description and prerequisites.
 - b. After all courses are added, click Save and Close.
7. Click Add Break to enter times that you do not wish to take classes.
8. In your list of courses, review course specific information by clicking on Options
9. Click Generate Schedules to see your schedule options based on your courses and desired breaks.
10. Click Shuffle to see a variety of schedule possibilities.
11. To view schedules, you can:
 - a. Hover over the magnifying glass to preview a schedule.
 - b. Check up to four boxes to Compare schedules side by side.
 - c. Click View on a specific schedule to see full details.
12. Once you have viewed the schedule you wish to register for, click Send to Registration Cart.
13. Enter your Alternate/Advisor PIN.
14. Register.

Tips to reduce the number of schedules:

1. De-select multiple sections or select a specific section through the Options view.
2. Lock a specific section of a course using the padlock icon when you are looking at a particular schedule. Once a course is locked the schedule results are narrowed to be compatible with the locked selection(s).

To change your course schedule after you register:

1. Click on "Add/Drop Classes" from the MyInfo Registration menu under Student Services.
2. From Current Schedule, find the course you want to drop and select "Drop on the Web" from the pull down menu. Then click "Submit Changes."
3. Enter CatCourse again. To eliminate courses already on your list of courses, uncheck the box next to that course, or delete it altogether by clicking the "X" next to the course. If you still have remaining courses in your Registration Cart, those courses will be listed on the CatCourse homepage under Registration Cart. You must de-select any courses remaining in your Registration Cart if you do not wish to include them in new schedule generations.
4. Proceed with steps 9–14.

Registering with CatCourse Visual Guide



Claim your NetID

- Once you are on the MyInfo log in page, click on **Claim/Reclaim your NetID**. Enter your student ID number. This number may be found on your acceptance letter, and is formatted as follows: **-01234567**. Be sure to include the dash when entering your ID number.
- When prompted, enter your date of birth.
- The site will provide you with your NetID. It is formatted as follows: **x99p999**. Please write your NetID down before proceeding.
- Select the **Self-Service Password Portal** link below your NetID.
- Click on the blue **Go to Password Portal** button.
- Select the **New User Setup** option in the self-service dashboard.
- Configure your profile and set a secure password of your choice.

Log in to MyInfo

- Start by visiting the **MyInfo** log in page. If you have not claimed your NetID at this point, please select the **Claim/Reclaim your NetID** option.
- Choose the **Log in to MyInfo (NetID)** option.
- Enter your NetID in the username box, and your password.
- You should now have access to your MyInfo dashboard. To access your admissions checklist, select the **Undergraduate Admissions Checklist** option.



Registration to Graduation

Degree Requirements

To successfully earn a degree from Montana State University, you must satisfy all departmental (major courses and electives) and university (a minimum of 42 upper division credits, a minimum of 120 credits, a minimum GPA of 2.0 and a minimum of 30 core credits, one class in each competency area) requirements. Please note that some departments have stricter requirements than the university; for example, you might need to earn a C, not a C-. Zero level courses count towards full-time status, housing, and scholarship eligibility but students do not earn college-level credit and it is not considered in one's GPA. You can find a complete list of degree requirements in the catalog at catalog.montana.edu.

Grades

Grades of C- or better are required to satisfy CORE, university and departmental requirements. Grades of D, D- and D+ may count toward the overall 120 credit minimum to earn a degree from MSU. Check with your department for details. Some degrees have a higher minimum grade requirement for degree specific courses. A complete list of definitions of course, credit, credit load, curriculum, semester and grades can be found in the Curriculum, Enrollment and Graduation section of the catalog: http://catalog.montana.edu/curriculum-enrollment-graduation/#Credits_and_Grades

Add/Drop Process

During your time at MSU, you are going to need to add or drop a class. The Registration Handbook and the Registrar's Office website are the tools you'll need to know when you can add or drop with or without a grade. Here are the general deadlines. Be sure to investigate the details each semester.

Last Day to Add Online	Last day to add a class	Last day to drop online	Last day to drop w/o a W Grade	Last day to drop with a W Grade
5th day of class	10th day of class	10th day of class	15th day of class	60th day of class

Add/Drop schedules and deadlines (last day to add/last day to drop without a grade, etc.) are published each semester on the Registrar's Office website: montana.edu/registrar.

Code of Conduct

Students are essential members of the MSU community and are expected to uphold and abide by certain standards of conduct that form the basis of the Code of Student Conduct. The student conduct process at MSU is an educational and developmental process that balances the interests of individual students with the interests of the academic community. Students can learn more at montana.edu/knowyourcode.

Required Online Education — AlcoholEdu, Haven and Transit

As part of our comprehensive prevention program for new students, Montana State University requires all incoming students to complete AlcoholEdu for College, Haven and Transit. These online courses will empower you to make well-informed decisions about issues that affect your college years and beyond.

You will receive an email prompting you to log in when the courses open for you. Please ensure your preferred email address is listed in your MyInfo student information. If you have any questions about the programming that we offer, please feel free to contact the MSU Prevention Staff at preventionedu@montana.edu. For more information about the programs and the company that administers the programs, please go to everfi.com.

Academic Calendar

Fall 2024

Classes Begin

Labor Day Holiday
no classes, offices closed

Veterans' Day Holiday
no classes, offices closed

Fall Break

Last Day of Finals

Commencement

August 21

September 2

November 11

November 25–29

December 12

December 13

Spring 2025

Classes Begin

Martin L. King Day

Presidents Day
no classes, offices closed

Spring Break
no classes, offices open

University Day
no classes, offices closed

Last Day of Finals

Commencement

January 14

January 20

February 17

March 17–21

April 18

May 8

May 9

Summer 2025

May 4x4 Begins

June 4x4 Begins

July 4x4 Begins

Last Day of Classes

May 19

June 16

July 14

August 8

Fall 2025

Classes Begin

Labor Day Holiday
no classes, offices closed

Veterans' Day Holiday Observed
no classes, offices closed

Fall Break

Last Day of Finals

Commencement

August 20

September 1

November 11

November 24–28

December 11

December 12

course bulletin

A Student's Guide to Coursework and Curriculum

catalog.montana.edu

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Academic Programs

Discover MSU's 250+ academic options, available through eight distinct academic colleges on our campus.

Course Descriptions

Learn more about the different courses offered on our campus, including learning objectives and strategies.

Academic Calendar

Explore MSU's academic calendar, including school holidays, unique programming, campus events and more.

Fee Payment Process

Register for classes

Log into MyInfo to view web bill

- montana.edu/myinfo
- Log into MyInfo
- Electronic Billing and Payment
- Select Term

Receiving Financial Aid?

YES ←

Aid will show as a credit on your web bill. If your aid is not reflected on your bill, verify with Financial Aid Office that all necessary steps and appropriate forms are completed. The Financial Aid office is located in 21 Montana Hall, 406-994-2845. You may also view unsatisfied financial aid requirements in MyInfo.

Is aid greater than amount due on your web bill?

zero or credit account balance

YES ←

Confirm your bill by:

1. Clicking on the **confirm** button at the bottom of your web bill in MyInfo before the deadline.
2. Email to studentaccounts@montana.edu
3. Mail
4. Fax
5. Payment Drop Box

→ **NO**

Can the bill be paid in full?

YES ←

NO →

Pick up Tuition Payment Plan application at:
Student Accounts Office,
121 Montana Hall

or

Online at
montana.edu/ubs/studentaccounts/defpay.html

Submit your completed form to the Student Accounts Office.

Pay fees, balance of fees or first installment of tuition payment plan by the deadline using the following method of payment:

- **Credit Credit** (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express) online or in person
- **Check**
Payment Drop Box, in person or mail
- **Cash**
In person

Expecting a Refund? Sign up for Direct Deposit!

Log in to MyInfo and select Electronic Billing and Payment.

Go to Student Accounts for more info: montana.edu/ubs/studentaccounts

Student Accounts

Where do I find my student bill?

MSU uses a paperless billing system. To view your web bill, log in to your MyInfo account, montana.edu/myinfo, and select Electronic Billing & Payment.

I've been told to "confirm" my bill; what does this mean and how do I do it?

Confirming your bill lets the university know you have reviewed your bill for accuracy and that you are attending the semester billed. After reviewing your bill:

- If you have a balance due, you must pay your entire bill or sign up for a tuition payment plan and make the first payment by the published deadline in order to be confirmed.
- If you have a zero balance or a credit is due to you, you must click on the **Confirm** button at the bottom of your web bill by the published deadline.

A \$40 Late Fee will be assessed to all students who have not paid/confirmed their bill by the deadline.

When do I need to pay/confirm my bill?

Fall 2024 Bill Confirmation (Tuition & Fee Payment) Deadlines

Registered on or before July 31, 2024	Confirm bill (pay all charges) by August 9, 2024 to avoid a \$40 late payment fee.
Registered on or after August 1, 2024	Confirm bill (pay all charges) by August 28, 2024 to avoid a \$40 late payment fee.

*All students must take some kind of action to be confirmed by **September 11, 2024** to avoid possible cancellation of classes and an additional \$40 late fee.*

Spring 2025 Bill Confirmation (Tuition & Fee Payment) Deadlines

Registered on or before December 31, 2024	Confirm bill (pay all charges) by January 10, 2025 to avoid a \$40 late payment fee.
Registered on or after January 1, 2025	Confirm bill (pay all charges) by January 21, 2025 to avoid a \$40 late payment fee.

*All students must take some kind of action to be confirmed by **February 4, 2025** to avoid possible cancellation of classes and an additional \$40 late fee.*

Do you offer tuition payment plans?

Yes. If you are unable to pay your full account balance by the due date, you can complete a tuition payment plan application online at montana.edu/ubs/studentaccounts/defpay.html and make monthly payments. There is an application fee, but no interest is charged.

I'm expecting a financial aid refund.

Do you offer direct deposit?

Yes. To enroll, log in to MyInfo, select Electronic Billing & Payment and click on QuikPay. In QuikPay select **Manage Refunds**, and then edit your refund method.



Student Accounts

121 Montana Hall • 406-994-1991 • studentaccounts@montana.edu • montana.edu/ubs/studentaccounts

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Diversity and Inclusion Student Commons (DISC)

The mission of the MSU DISC is to increase understanding, promote inclusion, and inspire critical thinking about diversity, as well as to provide support for those who identify with a wide range of diverse identity groups. The DISC offers a wide variety of programs to help develop greater community connections on campus. These programs include the All-Inclusive mentoring program (AIM), Diversity and Inclusion Ambassadors (DIAs), MSU Safe Zone and Sustained Dialogue.

406-994-4701 • diversity@montana.edu • montana.edu/studentdiversity

Gender Inclusive Housing

MSU is dedicated to creating an inclusive community that embraces a rich mix in the composition of its student body, staff, and faculty. Gender-Inclusive housing started as a pilot program during the 2018–2019 academic year that allows students to live in a suite regardless of their sex or gender identity. Students who choose this living arrangement may be in a suite with other students who identify as any gender.

406-994-2661 • krcarlson@montana.edu • montana.edu/housing/halls/diversity.html

Veteran Services

Montana State University believes that in providing access to quality education for all veterans. Each year, Veteran services works with hundreds of veteran students to help them achieve their academic goals. The Veteran Support Center is available to all veterans of the U.S. military, eligible dependents, and members of the Selected Reserve who receive Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) educational benefits. In addition to certifying eligible recipients for veteran educational benefits, the Veteran Support Center staff will help you select the right program for you, make sure you understand your rights and responsibilities under DVA regulations, and provide information and referral services.

406-994-3661 • vets@montana.edu • montana.edu/veteran

American Indian/Alaska Native Student Success Services(AIANSSS)

AIANSSS serves approximately 700 MSU American Indian/Alaska native students by offering services such as advocacy and support, networking with various American Indian student organizations, Native American studies academic advising, use of the American Indian student support center, tutoring, counseling, and referrals, emergency loans, and connection to other campus and community resources and supporters. MSU's brand new American Indian Hall is a campus home for our native students, a place to share meals and meet other students from similar backgrounds.

406.994.4880 • lisa.perry@montana.edu • montana.edu/native

MSU Safe Zone

The Safe Zone program, a joint effort between DISC and counseling & Psychological Services, works to deliver educational trainings and increase awareness of LGBTQ+ identity and allyship. It is our belief that promoting a campus environment that is more accepting and inclusive is beneficial to the growth and development of the MSU community as a whole. The Safe Zone symbol identifies MSU members who can provide a safe place to talk about issues that impact LGBTQ+ individuals, connect them to additional resources when needed, and support the diversity that LGBTQ+ individuals add to the community.

406-994-4531 • hill@montana.edu or lgbtq@montana.edu • montana.edu/safezone

Diversity Student Unions

Montana State University has a variety of student organizations celebrating diversity including the Black Student Union (BSU), Asian Interracial Association (ASIA), Fuerza LatinX, International Student Organization (ISO), Out in Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (oSTEM), Queer Straight Alliance (QSA) African Student Organization (ASA), American Indian Council (AIC) and Jewish Student Association (JSA). View a full list of our student organizations at the URL below.

406.994.2933 • engagement@montana.edu • montanastate.campuslabs.com/engage

Health & Wellness

Counseling & Psychological Services (CPS)

CPS provides individual, group, and couples confidential counseling to both undergraduate and graduate students as well as offers workshops and trainings. We also offer same day walk in appointments to students who need immediate support, as well as Let's Talk drop-in consultations throughout the week where making an appointment is not necessary. Please go to our website for more information about scheduling and for self-help resources.

406-994-4531 • montana.edu/wwwcc

Dental Services

MSU Dental Services' experienced staff is ready to care for your dental needs. Services include routine cleanings, scaling and root planning (deep cleaning), In-office and take-home Fluoride treatments, radiographs to assess cavities and wisdom teeth, tooth colored resin fillings for cavities and broken teeth, crowns. Other services can be explored upon consultation.

406-994-2314 • dental@montana.edu • montana.edu/dental

Medical and Pharmacy Services

Staffed by licensed and registered medical professionals, Medical Services provides acute and ongoing health care for current MSU students. Full-service amenities include acute care, continuity care, on-site lab, x-ray and pharmacy. Pharmacy sells prescription and over-the-counter medication and provides education on prescribed drug use. The pharmacy fills prescriptions from SHP providers as well as prescriptions from other providers licensed in the US. Prescription transfers are also accepted.

406-994-2311 • studenthealth@montana.edu • montana.edu/health/medical.html

Office of Disability Services

The Office of Disability Services strives to help students with disabilities reach their personal best. This is accomplished through providing reasonable academic accommodations, connecting students to other campus resources, and promoting self-advocacy skills. The Office of Disability Services' purpose is to provide access to all college programs, services, and activities for students with disabilities.

406-994-2824 • disabilityservices@montana.edu • montana.edu/disabilityservices

Office of Health Advancement (OHA)

Office of Health Advancement educates, empowers, and energizes the MSU community to thrive through a balanced lifestyle. OHA promotes generalized well-being by educating on topics such as sexual health, nutrition, physical activity, stress management, as well as the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. OHA addresses primary health and safety risks specific to the college population by applying evidence informed and collaborative prevention strategies.

406-994-4380 • healthadvancement@montana.edu • montana.edu/oha

Campus Recreation

Campus Recreation promotes and supports opportunities for students to get active. MSU offers more than 27 club sports, intramural sports and activity courses for credit (ACT). MSU also provides the Outdoor Recreation Program as the hub for all things outdoors including clinics, outdoor trips, safety courses, rentals and more.

campusrec@montana.edu • 406-994-5000 • montana.edu/campusrec

Safety & Support

Safe Cats App

Safe Cats is MSU's campus sponsored safety app that is available for free in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. The app features multiple services including an emergency button to dial 911, safety escorts, anonymous police reporting, action directions for emergencies and location sharing services.

406-994-2121 • montana.edu/police/safe_cats.html

CARE Program – Office of Dean of Students

The CARE program is an anonymous wellness tip line reviewed on a weekly basis by the Dean of Students office. If you are concerned about the welfare of someone affiliated with MSU and this is a non-emergency, we encourage you to complete a CARE Referral. Sometimes people cannot or will not ask for support, so informing us of your concern may be a critical factor in getting them the support they need. The CARE Referral provides a simple way for members of the university community to express concern about a person by submitting an online form and connecting them to resources. Once a CARE Referral is made, it is reviewed and appropriate action is taken, if necessary.

406-994-2826 • deanofstudents@montana.edu • montana.edu/deanofstudents/care

Student Code of Conduct – Office of Dean of Students

The purpose of the Student Code of Conduct is to establish community standards and procedures necessary to maintain and protect an environment conducive to learning and in keeping with the educational objectives of the University. The expectations identified in MSU's policy represent a reasonable regulation of student conduct to help facilitate these standards. The Student Code of Conduct and any conduct related questions may be answered through the MSU Dean of Students Office.

406-994-2826 • deanofstudents@montana.edu • montana.edu/knowyourcode/index.html

Safety in the Dorms: University Student Housing (USH)

MSU is committed to providing a safe living environment for all residents. USH has taken many proactive steps to ensure every student feels safe and secure. These measures include 24/7 locked residence hall only accessible by cat card, fire sprinklers and smoke/fire detection systems in all halls, trained residence advisors (RAs) assigned to each floor and consistent front desk attendants. For more information please refer to the MSU student code of conduct.

406-994-2661 • Housing@montana.edu • montana.edu/housing/halls/handbook.html

Montana State University Police Department (UPD)

The mission of the MSU Police Department is to provide students, faculty, staff and visitors a safe and secure environment for living and learning. In addition to crime reduction services, officers also offer services such as weapon storage and safety escorts.

406-994-2121 • Chief of Police – mstanley@montana.edu • montana.edu/wwwmsupd

MSU Alert

All students, faculty and staff are automatically enrolled into MSU Alert. MSU Alert notifies the MSU community of emergency notifications, timely warnings and public safety advisories. These notifications can be sent in the form of an email, an automated phone call and a text message. Parents and family members are also eligible to register.

406-994-2121 • montana.edu/msualert

Annual Security Reports

The Annual Security and Fire Safety Report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by MSU; and on public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from, the campus.

406.994.2030 • Chief Compliance Officer – justin.arndt@montana.edu • montana.edu/clery/reports/index.html

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Campus Resources

Academic Support

Academic Advising Center • 406-994-3532 • montana.edu/universitystudies/advising

Math and Statistic Center • 406-994-3601 • math.montana.edu/undergrad/msc

Writing Center • 406-994-5315 • montana.edu/writingcenter

General

Ask Us Info Center • 406-994-INFO • montana.edu/askus

ASMSU • 406-994-2933 • montana.edu/asmsu

Cat Card Office • 406-994-CARD • montana.edu/catcard

Dean of Students • 406-994-2826 • montana.edu/deanofstudents

Financial Aid • 406-994-2845 • montana.edu/financialaid

MSU Bookstore • 406-994-2811 • msubookstore.org

Office of International Programs • 406-994-4031 • montana.edu/international

Registrar's Office • 406-994-6650 • montana.edu/registrar

University Student Housing • 406-994-2661 • montana.edu/housing

Testing Services • 406-994-6984 • montana.edu/testing

University Police • 406-994-2121 • montana.edu/police

Student Support & Involvement

Office of Student Engagement • 406-994-2933 • montana.edu/engagement

Allen Yarnell Center for Student Success • 406-994-7627 • montana.edu/aycss

Career, Internship & Student Employment Services • 406-994-4353 • montana.edu/aycss/careers

Office of Student Success • 406-994-7627 • montana.edu/aycss/success

Office of Financial Education • 406-994-7627 • montana.edu/aycss/financialedu

Return to Learn • 406-994-2824 • montana.edu/returntolearn

MSU Library • 406-994-3139 • lib.montana.edu

Office of Disability Services • 406-994-2824 • montana.edu/disabilityservices

Veteran Services • 406-994-3661 • montana.edu/veteran

Honors College • 406-994-4110 • montana.edu/honors

Student Accounts • 406-994-1991 • montana.edu/ubs/studentaccounts

Diversity & Inclusion Student Commons • 406-994-4701 • montana.edu/studentdiversity

Native American Student Success Center • 406-994-4880 • montana.edu/aiansss

Health & Wellness

Counseling & Psychological Services • 406-994-4531 • montana.edu/counseling

Dental Services • 406-994-2314 • montana.edu/dental

University Health Partners • 406-994-2311 • montana.edu/health

VOICE Center • 406-994-7069 • montana.edu/voice

Women's Center • 406-994-3836 • montana.edu/women

Prepping for Fall

MONTANA STATE



MSU Fight Song

*Stand up and cheer,
Cheer long and loud for dear
Montana STATE!
For today we raise
The Blue and Gold to
wave victorious!
Our sturdy band now
is fighting
And we are here to
win the fray
We've got the **VIM!**
We're here to **WIN!**
For this is dear
MONTANA STATE!*

MSU Debut

MSU Debut is a collection of co-curricular events and activities at the beginning of each semester with the goal of engaging students and showcasing the best of our campus community. This series of events equips students for a successful transition to Montana State University, empowers them to contribute to the Bobcat community, and fosters inclusion, integrity and belonging.

- M Photo
- MSU Debut Concert
- Paint the M
- Cataplooza
- and more!

www.montana.edu/msudebut/

New Student Checklist

- Purchase a parking permit
- Register my bike with University Police
- Join the Class of 2028 Facebook page
- Download the Safety Cats App
- Upload Cat Card photo to the GET App
- Register for all Fall 2024 classes
- Log into D2L
- Send final transcripts and AP/IB Scores
- Know where to buy books for classes
- Look for on-campus employment
- Pay/Confirm your Fall 2024 bill or request a tuition payment plan
- Complete the Alcohol EDU, Sexual Assault Prevention and Transit education
- Have your parents join the Parent & Family Association

Suggested Items to Bring



My First Semester

Freshman Year

Course 1:

Course 2:

Course 3:

Course 4:

Course 5:

Course 6:

Back up classes:

The CORE I am fulfilling is:

My recommended math class (if needed):

I need to follow up on:

My advisor approved the following:



Course Catalog

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2024-2025

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