



orientation

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Summer 2024



Purpose of Our Meeting

Information we will cover:

- MSU Technology
- Academics
- Living on Campus
- Student Health & Well-Being
- Safety on Campus
- Employment & Financial Support
- Social & Recreational Opportunities
- Transitioning to MSU
- Q&A



How you can support & empower your student!

Student ID & Net ID

- Student ID (sometimes called MSU ID or GID) is a unique eight-digit number preceded by a dash. It follows the format **-02345678**.
- If you do not know your Student ID, you can find it on your acceptance letter or in MyInfo. Once you log in, click on the "Personal Information" tab and then click on the "View IDs" link.
- NetID is a unique seven-character identifier composed of a combination of letters and numbers. It follows the format **x99z999**.
- If you do not know your NetID, please follow the instructions on the Claim/Reclaim NetID webpage: <https://www.montana.edu/admissions/myinfo.html>



MSU Technology

MyInfo	CatsConnect	DegreeWorks	CatCourse	Brightspace by D2L
<p>Houses Admissions Checklist personal information, bill payment, timesheet and more. And their schedule by day & time!</p>	<p>Online Orientation!</p> <p>Also the system OSE uses to manage clubs, events, programs and more!</p>	<p>Placement Data! Advisor! Degree Plan! CORE! Final Grades! What If!</p> <p>Used throughout 4 years in college to help track and plan degree progress</p>	<p>Course Registration! CORE! Classes! Course Status and Instruction Modes!</p> <p>Adding & Dropping Classes after Orientation!</p>	<p>Enrolled courses! Professor communication! Assignment submission! Grades in classes!</p> <p>Classes update and change from semester to semester</p> <p>Encourage students to login as semester kicks off</p>

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

Academics at MSU

120 – 128 credits to obtain a degree

Credit Load

- A full-time course load is 12 credits. No cost 12-21!
- Freshmen 15
- 42 Upper Division Classes (300 level or above)
- 21-30 credits = Minor

Credit

- One credit = one hour of in-class time per week
- Recommended to study 2-3 hours outside of class for each credit you are taking.

Major Requirements (50%)

Electives (12.5%)

Degree

CORE 2.0 (25%)

Foundational/Pre-Requisites (12.5%)



Academics at MSU

Semester

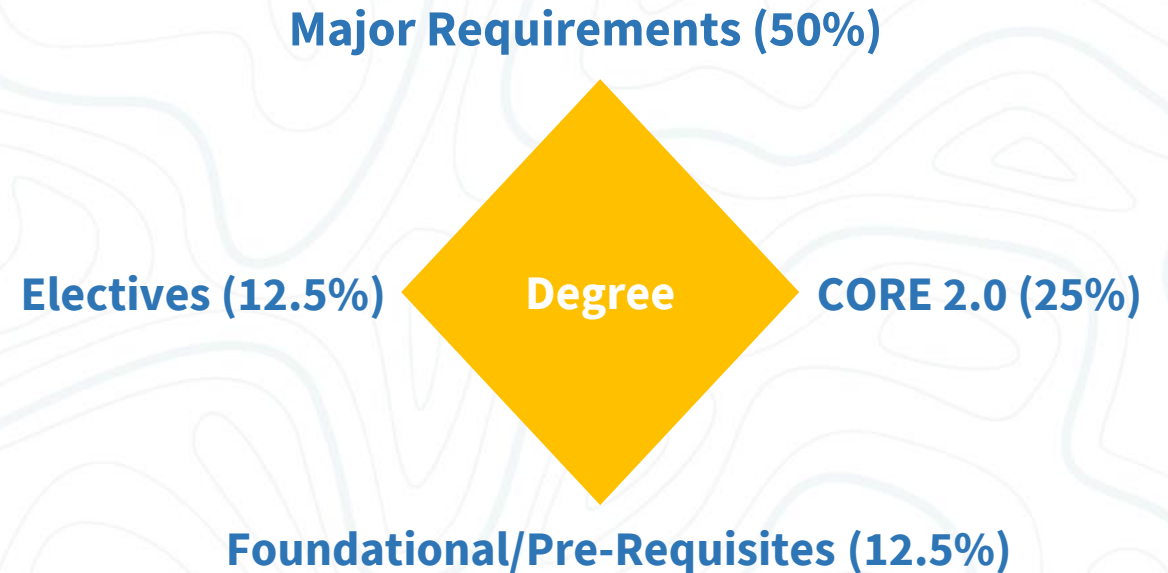
- Semester format = two semesters (Fall and Spring)
- Summer courses

Course

- 100 – 400 level
- Zero level courses count towards full-time status, housing, and scholarship eligibility but students do not earn college-level credit and not considered in one's GPA

Academic Standing

- 2.0 cumulative GPA or higher
- Below 2.0 = probation / suspension



CORE

**Why do we have CORE?
What is its importance?**

- **10 Categories**
- **Categories may be built into student's curriculum**
- **Must receive a C- or better in a CORE class**
- **Students may be exempt from a CORE course if they have college-level credit**

CORE Categories	Classification
US – University Seminar	Foundation
W – Writing	Foundation
Q – Quantitative Reasoning	Foundation
D – Diversity	Foundation
CS – Contemporary Issues in Science	Foundation
IA – Inquiry Arts	Ways of Knowing
IS – Social Science	Ways of Knowing
IH – Inquiry Humanities	Ways of Knowing
IN – Inquiry Natural Science	Ways of Knowing
R – Research & Creative Learning	Ways of Knowing

https://www.montana.edu/msu-core/msu_core_courses.html



College-Level Credit

Advanced Placement (AP)	International Baccalaureate (IB)	Credit from an MUS School	Credit from an Out-of-State School
Must take AP exam	HL vs. SL	Common Course Numbering System	Direct equivalents or electives
3 or better	4 or better on HL	Official transcript sent to Admissions	Official transcript sent to Admissions
4 or better in English Lang / Comp	Do accept some SL	Transfer Equivalency Guide	Transfer Equivalency Guide
More credit may be earned in some cases for higher exam scores	More credit may be earned in some cases for higher exam scores	Can count towards CORE – Not always	Can count towards CORE – Not always
Can count towards CORE	Can count towards CORE		

<https://www.montana.edu/admissions/transferring-credit/>

Academic Assistance

- Writing Center
- Math & Statistics Center
- Departmental Help Centers
- Smarty Cats Tutoring
- Professors/TAs/GAs
- Study Groups
- Advising Commons
- And more!



Smarty Cats

TUTORING BY APPOINTMENT NOW AVAILABLE
FOR A VARIETY OF COURSES!

\$2/session • 5 sessions for \$10

For more information visit www.MSUSmartyCats.com
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Questions Before We Move On?



Living on Campus

Move In: August 18-19



- Required for first year unless exempt
- Must sign-up for a Move-In time
- CatCard Access
- Resident Advisors & Community Directors
- Expectations and requirements
- Request changes and work with RA to manage living environment
- Make sure student continues to check preferred email address (MyInfo)

What to Bring?



In room you will find extra long twin bed (regular twin beds in Quads & Roskie Hall), closet, trash can, desk and chair.

- Desk Items
- Shower Items
- Laundry Items
- Linens
- Appliances
- Miscellaneous: Decorations, TV, games, shelving, etc.

You can ship items in advance!

https://www.montana.edu/housing/halls/moving_in.html



Dining on Campus

- Miller Dining Complex & Rendezvous Dining Complex
- 5-day or 7-day meal plan
- CatCash
- Can eat in either dining hall - unlimited!
- Nutritionist & Dietary Restrictions
- Sustainability
- Events and themed-meals
- Commuter plan!



Questions Before We Move On?



Student Health & Well-Being

Student Health Partners

1. Medical Services (including Pharmacy)
2. Dental Services
3. Counseling & Psychological Services
4. Office of Health Advancement

Medical Services

- Acute and ongoing health care
- Includes immunizations, women's health care, dietitian, X-rays, general care and more

Pharmacy

- Transfer prescription and pick it up right on campus!

Dental Services

- Includes cleaning, emergency treatment, fillings, crowns, mouth guards and more



Student Health & Well-Being

Counseling & Psychological Services

- One-on-one sessions, crisis intervention, connection spaces, online self-help resources, trainings and more

Office of Health Advancement

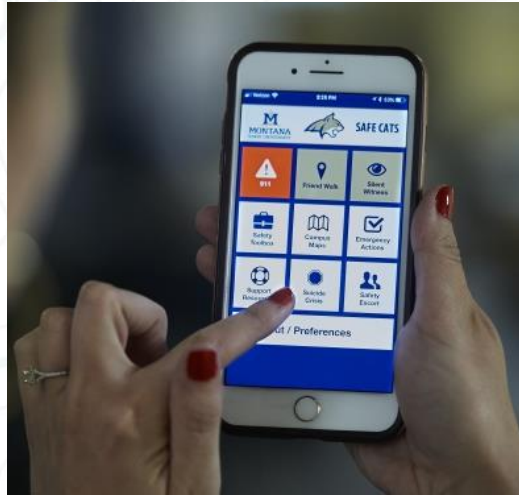
- Wellness Coaching, Center for Students in Recovery, Travel Medicine, Bounty of the Bridgers Food Pantry, Voice Center, and more

Insurance

- Students may either stay on a family plan or elect MSU health insurance



Safety on Campus



The **Safe Cat App** allows students to emergency dial 911, make anonymous reports, share location with friends, request an escort, and more!



The **MSU Alert system** is in place to notify students and families of any note-worthy activity on campus. This includes emergency notifications, public safety advisory and timely warnings.



MSUPD is located seconds from campus. They host trainings, workshops, manage MSU's crime report, and act as an ongoing resource for making students feel safe and comfortable on campus.

Safety on Campus

Additional Campus Resources:

Residence Hall 24 Hour Lock-down

Properly trained Resident Advisors on each floor

Police Escorts

Well-lit campus

Silent Witness Program

CARE Program



Questions Before We Move On?



Employment & Financial Assistance

AYCSS

- Career, Internship & Student Employment Services
- Hire A Bobcat
- Don't have to qualify for work-study to be employed!

Internships & Post-Grad Employment

- Career Fair
- Career Coaching
- Connect students with employers



<http://www.montana.edu/aycss/careers/hire-a-bobcat/>



Employment & Financial Assistance

Tuition Payment Plans

- Student Accounts Office
- Pay 3x throughout semester

Financial Education Office

- Financial Coaches
- Help with financial aid, budgeting, loan management and more!

Cat Scholarships

- <https://montana.academicworks.com/>
- Apply for scholarships after Freshman year



Bill Confirmation

All Students must confirm their bill (pay fees) by the fee payment deadline. All students must take some kind of action to be confirmed by the 15th day of classes each semester to avoid possible cancellation of classes and an additional \$40 late fee.

There are three ways to confirm your bill:

1. If all costs are paid by you, you will need to pay all fees (or set up a payment plan) by completing one of the following:
 - Credit Card or check online via MyInfo
 - Mailing a check and/or money order to MSU Student Accounts
 - In-person at the cashier window in Montana Hall
2. If a portion of your costs are paid from other sources (financial aid, athletics, etc.) you will need to pay the remaining balance by completing one of the steps above.
3. If all costs are paid from other sources (financial aid, athletics, etc.) you still must confirm you bill.

More Information: <https://www.montana.edu/financialaid/confirm.html>



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15th Day of Class for Fall 2024: September 10

Registered on or before July 31, 2024	Confirm bill (pay all charges) by August 11, 2024 to avoid a \$40 late payment fee
Registered on or before August 1, 2024	Confirm bill (pay all charges) by August 25, 2024 to avoid a \$40 late payment fee

More Information: <https://www.montana.edu/financialaid/confirm.html>

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Social & Recreational Opportunities

Nearly 300 clubs and organizations on campus

- Greek Life, Music Ensembles, Student Government, Service Organizations, Career Development, Art and more

Community Engagement

- Service Saturdays, BreaksAway Trips, Can the Griz
- Community Organization List

Campus Events & Programs

- Concerts, Magic Shows, Procrastinator Theater, Cataplooza and more

Associated Students of MSU (ASMSU)

- Student Government



Social & Recreational Opportunities

Division 1 Athletic Program

- 14 NCAA Division 1 sports & NIRA Rodeo
 - Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Spirit Squad, Tennis, Golf and more
- Free tickets for students

Club Sports

- ~30 club sports
 - Including Ultimate Frisbee, Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Polo, Rugby and more

Intramural Sports

- ~30 intramural sports
 - Including volleyball, ping pong, e-sports, basketball, soccer, softball and more



Outdoor Rec Opportunities

The Outdoor Rec Center on MSU's campus dedicated to providing outdoor recreation opportunities and education to all members of the MSU community

Experiential Education

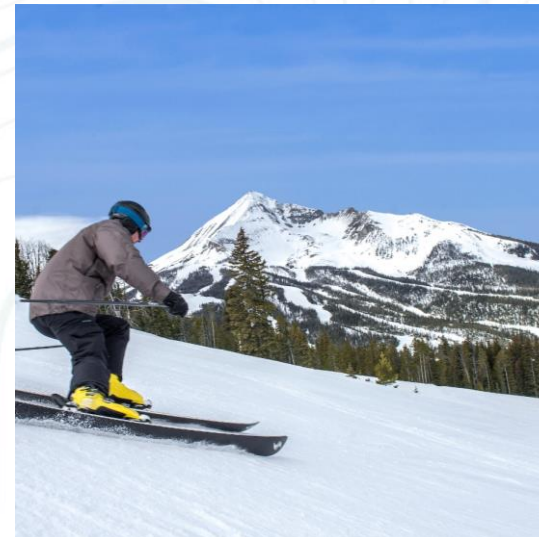
- Trips
- Clinics
- Courses
- Expeditions MSU

Rentals

- All 4 seasons
- Bike & Ski Shops

Resident Experts

- Knowledge & Resources
- Student Employment Opportunity



MSU Debut

<http://www.montana.edu/msudebut/>

Series of events in the first few weeks of school.

Paint the M
Catapalooza

Community Cat Walk

Downtown Pep Rally

Gold Rush Football Game

Convocation

Welcome Tents

Hypnotist Show

Convocation Service Saturday

And more!



First Year Needs

Once Students Arrive on Campus

Transportation

- Parking Permit
- Biking, Walking, Streamline Bus Service

Cat Card

- When a student checks-in at halls
- Office housed in Miller Dining Complex

Buying Books

- MSU Bookstore
- Syllabus on D2L

Confirming Bill

- By 15th day of class



Important Dates

Move-In: August 18-19

MSU Debut Kicks Off: August 18

First Day of Class: August 21

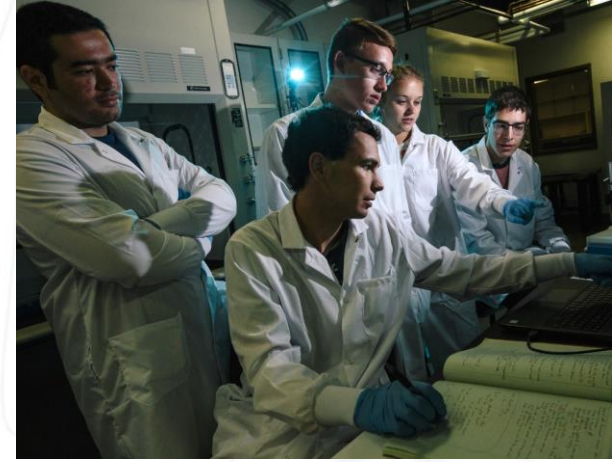
Bill Confirmation: 15th Day of Classes

End of Fall Semester: December 12



Resources & Contacts	Reasoning
RESIDENCE LIFE housing@montana.edu or 406-994-2661	Living on Campus Roommates Move-In
ADMISSIONS admissions@montana.edu or 406-994-2452	Orientation Transcripts/AB/IB
ACADEMIC ADVISOR Individual Contact - DegreeWorks	Class Registration Changes in Schedule
FINANCIAL AID finaid@montana.edu or 406-994-2845	Financial Aid Work-study
STUDENT ACCOUNTS studentaccounts@montana.edu or 406-994-1991	Bill Confirmation Payment Plans
STUDENT SUCCESS success@montana.edu or 406-994-7627	Tutoring Jobs on Campus Financial Education
DISABILITY SERVICES disabilityservices@montana.edu or 406-994-2824	Accommodations Documentation
VETERAN SERVICES vets@montana.edu or 406-994-3661	VA Benefits Documentation
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION STUDENT COMMONS diversity@montana.edu or 406-994-1040	D& I Resources Finding Community
UNIVERSITY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY helpdesk@montana.edu or 406-994-1777	Technology Issues





Questions?

