

# Success Courses for Freshmen

## **ASC 101: College Success Strategies Fall 2009**

The mission of ASC 101 College Success Strategies is to provide resources and strategies to actively engage students in the university community to achieve their educational goals. The course includes such topics as: setting personal & educational goals, study & test-taking tips, managing time & money, exploring diversity and wellness, and knowing who's on campus to assist you. There are several traditional sections open to all students as well as sections specified for certain populations or interests. These special sections are listed below.

**Undecided Students (Section 008)** – Students who are undecided on what major to pursue are encouraged to take this special section of ASC 101. This course will include helpful topics covered in the traditional ASC 101 such as advising, campus resources, time management, and other relevant first-year topics. It also introduces students to the process of exploring interests and majors, which will be addressed further in ASC 293 – Career Exploration. Students who sign up for this section of ASC 101 are strongly encouraged to register for ASC 293, which meets the second half of the semester.

**Restricted: Undecided, new, first-year students**

**International Students (Section 002)** – All undergraduate international students who are new to the U.S. university system are required to take this section of ASC 101. This course will include helpful topics covered in the traditional ASC 101 such as advising, campus resources, time management, and other relevant first-year topics. It also addresses several aspects of university life that are unique for international students such as legal, social, and cultural issues.

**Restricted: International students only**

**Service Learning (Section 005)** – Students who take this section of ASC 101 are required to sign up for ASC 297. The courses are co-requisites and, unlikely traditional sections of ASC 101, they will span the length of the whole semester. Subject matter of the course will essentially remain the same as the traditional ASC 101 course, but in addition, service learning will be incorporated in order to help students understand the importance of community engagement as being a vital part of their collegiate experience.

**Restricted: Co-Requisite ASC 297**

Note to Advisors: Students signing up for this section must be registered for ASC 297 as well (they are co-requisites in Banner). You will have to override the alert, because they are at the same time and both courses span the whole semester.

**Athletes (Section 014)** – New, first-year student athletes are strongly encouraged/required to take this section of ASC 101. This course will include helpful topics such as advising (special registration for athletes), campus resources, balancing class schedule/athletic schedule/study schedule, NCAA regulations, personal finances, and other relevant first-year topics.

**Restricted: Athletes Only**

**Adult (Section 015)** – This will be a special section of College Success Strategies that will be geared toward adult learners. It will take place once a week in the evenings, and will cover relevant first-year topics which will include issues that are specific to adult learners.

## **ASC 293: Career Exploration Course (for Undecided Students)**

The purpose of this course is to assist undecided students in the process of selecting a major, by thoughtfully examining themselves, their options for a major, and the facts related to specific careers.

## **ASC 297: Service Learning Course**

The purpose of this course is to integrate community service with academic instruction that focuses on critical thinking, reflective thinking and civic responsibility. Students will have the opportunity to connect topics taught in the classroom with out of classroom volunteer experiences within the community. These projects will help address community needs while helping students develop their academic skills, sense of civic responsibility and connection to both the campus and the Billings community.

**Restricted: Co-Requisite ASC 101-005**

## **We encourage all incoming freshmen at MSU Billings to register for ASC 101 College Success Strategies.**

### **WHY SHOULD I ENROLL IN A&SC 101?**

- This is a 1 credit course that will easily fit into the 12-18 credit fee schedule and will not cost you any additional fees.
- The class meets for the first 7 weeks of the semester.
- You will meet other incoming freshmen and have a chance to connect with them.
- You will learn valuable information about the campus and resources available to you.
- The instructors serve as a resource and advisor to help guide you through the first weeks of college!

### **WHAT DOES THE COURSE COVER?**

Time Management

Campus Resources

Success Tips & Strategies

A chance to meet other students

Setting Personal & Academic Goals

Academic Advising

Financial Planning

Critical Thinking & Problem Solving

College Adjustment Issues

And much more...



### **WHAT SECTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ME TO ENROLL IN?**

#### **#1 7 week session**

These sections will each have approximately 25 students and meet for 13 class sessions in the beginning of Fall semester. A variety of days and times are available for you to choose from. In addition to traditional sections of this course, there are also tailored sections for the following students: athletes, international students, adult learners, undecided majors, and students interested in service learning. Please check with your advisor and the class schedule to select a time and section that is most appropriate for you.

#### **#2 Return to Learn (Sept. 3rd and 4th)**

Get the skills you need to be a successful student before classes start! Return to Learn is a fun and convenient two day seminar for all students particularly persons who are new to college or who have had a break in their education. Return to Learn presents an overview of necessary information and focuses on life experiences, study skills, career choices, financial aid tips, campus resources and much more. Attend for 1 credit or for FREE!

## **Students who took A&SC 101 last Fall stated:**

“I would recommend this class to all incoming students. It was a great way for me to become familiar with campus.”

“I loved the instructor and was able to get to use her as a great resource for other questions.”

“Taking the class helped me meet other people and feel more comfortable.”

“Taking the class was very helpful. I realized I needed to use different study skills in college.”

“The time management and study skills workshops were great.”