Housing & Residence Life

International Housing Guide

Live Life. Live On.

2018 – 2019
We are very excited you have chosen to attend MSU Billings. We strongly encourage all students to consider living on campus. It’s a great way to get connected and make global friends.

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If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Housing & Residence Life Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. United States Mountain Standard Time or send us an e-mail.

MSU Billings is a Tobacco Free Campus!

The use of smoking or tobacco products on any MSUB campus is strictly prohibited.

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CONVENIENCE

Living on campus will put you in the center of student life and academics. Trust us, it’s an experience you won’t want to miss. Your time and energy should go towards your school work and extracurricular activities, not towards commuting, monthly bills, and grocery shopping. Living in the residence halls isn’t just a place to stay, but it is your all access pass to the resources you’ll need to succeed.

PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018
Why Live on Campus?

ENTERTAINMENT
MSUB students receive free entry into our student activities and events including concerts, comedians, and other live entertainment, sporting events, and art exhibits.

HOUSING HIGHLIGHTS
Stay connected and informed with our Housing & Residence Life newsletter through your housing portal.

CAMPUS TRADITIONS
International Student Orientation, Welcome Week, Power of One Week, and Stress Less Week just to name a few.

EMPLOYMENT
Billings is a large community full of economic opportunities for part-time work, internships, and volunteer work. Not to mention, there are several departments on campus looking for amazing students to join them in work-study positions.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
We have a wide range of student organizations and clubs which include academics, arts, supportive services, student government, culture & religion, recreation, and more.

BE A LEADER
Leadership opportunities include running for ASMSUB (student government), attending leadership seminars and workshops, applying for our specialized LEAD program, or working your way up to a student organization’s leadership position.

ATHLETICS
Cheer on your fellow Yellowjackets in one of the 15 NCAA Division II sports teams. We have the most sports teams in the state!

STUDENT WELLNESS
We take your wellness seriously, that’s why Student Health Services helps you by providing educational programs and promoting healthy lifestyles. Students can utilize the clinic located just across from Petro Hall’s lobby.

TUTORING AND MENTORING
Located in the Student Union Building, you don’t even have to go outside to take advantage of our Academic Support Center. Get tutoring assistance to get you through a challenging course, take advantage of other workshops and resources, or just settle in to study.

HONORS
Our honors program provides intellectually stimulating classes and career building opportunities for those who apply. You’ll have special advising and mentorship throughout your education at MSU Billings.

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION
RHA’s main focus is social and educational programming for residents, providing ample opportunities for interaction and involvement.
FEATURES

Fast Internet Service
Hard wired or wireless internet service is provided through the Residence Network (ResNet). ResNet offers a help desk service to students with your computer needs at no cost.

Computer Lab
Each residence hall has a computer lab with free printing and a dedicated space for studying.

Laundry
Use your U-Card or quarters to use washing machines and dryers located on each floor. Vending machines can also be found in each laundry room.

Lounge Area
Each floor has a lounge area with couches, chairs, a table, outdoor patio, and a television with cable.

Kitchenette
Feel like cooking? Each floor has a kitchen including a sink, microwave, and oven for meal prepping.

Bath and Shower
A full restroom with private stalls and a full shower room with private stalls placed on each wing of every floor.

Adjustable Bed
Rooms are furnished with a adjustable bed adjustable to lift 33¾ inches off the ground for prime storage space.

Ice Machines
Ice machines available in the main lobbies of each hall.

Parking
Permits are available to all students and can be purchased and registered to your car through the MyInfo webpage.

Housing During Breaks
Housing during school breaks are available during the academic year. Though residence halls officially close, students can stay for a fee. Dining services are not available during break.
Our two halls—Rimrock and Petro—have very similar room styles that are about 14 by 11 feet. Each room includes two desks, built-in shelves, two closets, a sink with a counter and mirror, curtains, wireless and hard wired internet access, and two twin beds with bunking abilities. Petro has a dedicated workout space on the main floor and is the larger hall with 8 floors. Rimrock is the smaller hall with 5 floors and has the Rimrock Classroom, a study space built with updated technology.
How much does it cost?
See our Affordable Rates!

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Prices above include the following required fees: $75 internet use fee and a $15 social programming fee.

Fees have not been approved by the Board of Regents and are subject to change.

How to Apply

• Apply for Housing online at [www.msubillings.edu/reslife](http://www.msubillings.edu/reslife)
• Select “Apply For 2018-2019 Housing”
• Log in to the Housing Portal using the information provided in your MSUB Acceptance email
• Apply, select a roommate and room, change your housing options, and receive updates through this Housing Portal

For questions concerning your login information or application process, call the Housing Office, Monday-Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm at 406-657-2333 or via email at: housing@msubillings.edu.

Gold
This plan provides 19 meals per week in our all-you-care-to-eat Rimrock Café plus $50 in Dining Dollars.

Silver
This plan provides 14 meals per week in our all-you-care-to-eat Rimrock Café plus $75 in Dining Dollars.

Bronze
This plan provides 11 meals per week in our all-you-care-to-eat Rimrock Café plus $125 in Dining Dollars.

Copper
This plan provides 9 meals per week in our all-you-care-to-eat Rimrock Café plus $150 in Dining Dollars.

Platinum
This plan is a block meal plan, providing 140 meals per semester in our all-you-care-to-eat Rimrock Café plus $175 in Dining Dollars.

Nickel
This plan is a block meal plan, providing 95 meals per semester in our all-you-care-to-eat Rimrock Café plus $275 in Dining Dollars.
What is a Block Meal Plan?
A type of meal plan that gives you a set number of meals to eat within a given semester. Students must use meals within the semester and meals will not carry over to the next semester. The Platinum and Nickel Plans are both block meal plans.

What is a Meals Per Week Plan?
A type of meal plan that provides a set number of meals within a week. Students must use the defined number of meals within the given week, and the meals will not carry over to another week. The Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Copper are all meals per week plans.

What are Dining Dollars?
Money put on your U-Card to use for coffee and other grab-and-go items from any Sodexo dining location on the University and City College campus. Your dining dollar balance will carry over from the Fall to Spring semester, but needs to be used by the end of Spring semester. Dining dollars are a part of all of our residence halls meal plans.

U-Card
Your U-Card is not only your university identification, but also your lunch ticket, library card, and more. Deposit money on your card to use around campus for printing, purchasing gear at Jackets and Company Campus Store, buying food and coffee at any of the campus food service locations, and vending machines. Students will learn how to add money to their U-Card at orientation.

City College Dining
At City College, dining is a-la-carte, and students can select from a variety of meal options. Students can still use a meal from their plan when they eat at City College, rather than using dining dollars or paying in cash.

How do I know what meal plan is best for me?
Consider your current eating habits. Will you want three full meals per day, or will you want to grab a snack for some? Do you anticipate working in the evening? Dining Services is willing to provide a sack lunch for students who might miss an evening meal. Just ask.

Double and Single Rooms
Every room is built the same that means single rooms are the same size and include everything a double room does. Single rooms are assigned based on space and availability.

High GPA Award
Residents who are MSU Billings students, live in the halls for at least one semester and maintain a 3.75 cumulative grade point average are eligible to receive a single room for the price of a double or $150 on their general U-Card and remain in a double.
Where can I use my U-card?

Easily add money to your U-Card. Contact:
Business Services
406-657-2140
McMullen Ground Level
msubillings.edu/boffice

- Entrance to Residence Halls
- Library
- Campus Store
- Laundry
- Rimrock Cafe
- Subconnection
- Jazzman’s
- Stinger’s
- City College Dining
- Computer labs
- Fitness Center
- Athletic Events
- Student Activities Events

The Admissions & Records office will issue your U-Card. All students may deposit money in their U-Card account; additional deposits may be made at anytime during the semester. Your U-Card deposit may be included on your bill at the beginning of the semester and may be included in your installment payments if you would like.

If you would like to deposit money on your U-Card for books, food, and miscellaneous supplies, or if you would like more information about the U-Card please visit: msubillings.edu/ucard
Here is who is required to live on campus:
Traditional age students less than 3 years out of high school and under 30 credits at the start of the fall semester (this includes City College students).

Here is who is automatically exempt from housing if they are under 30 credits (no exemption form is needed for the following):
- Students Over 21 Years of Age: As verified through MSUB student information systems
- Military Veteran: As verified through MSUB Student information systems
- Enrolled in 11 or fewer credits: As verified through MSUB Student Information systems
- Transfer Student: As verified through MSUB Student Information systems
- Online Student: As verified through MSUB student information systems
- Non-Degree Seeking Student: As verified through MSUB Student information systems

Contact the Housing Office if you believe you meet one of the following exemptions to the live on requirement:
- Living with Immediate Family (Legal Guardian, Parent, or Grandparent) within the following counties:
  - Yellowstone, Carbon, Big Horn, Stillwater, Treasure, Musselshell, Golden Valley
- Married
- Physical custody of a dependent child
- Financial Hardship
- Medical Related Condition
- Documented Disability
- Unusual Circumstances

Student Health Insurance
All Montana State University Billings students enrolled in seven or more credits are required to have some form of health insurance. A student health insurance policy is available to MSU Billings students. Before registering, students will be asked to elect or waive the student health insurance. All students are eligible for health insurance if enrolled for 7 or more credits. The waiver or election process must be completed by the 15th day of fall and spring semesters. The premiums are paid on a semester basis along with tuition and fees. Those students taking the insurance for spring semester will also be covered during the summer semester, even if they are not enrolled in summer classes.

Policy brochures are available at fee payment and as the Student Health Services Office on the 2nd floor of Petro Hall.

Full information about the Student Health Insurance plan provided by The Montana University Insurance Consortium is available at university.bcsmt.com.

If you have any questions about enrolling in coverage for other family members, such as spouse or children, you may contact Student Health Services, 406-657-2153.
New International Student Steps

1. Apply for housing at msubillings.edu/reslife and pay your $125 application fee. (Visa & Mastercard accepted. No American Express) Room assignments are available online starting in mid June. *We cannot reserve a room for students without their housing application and $125 deposit.

2. Read your acceptance letter and welcome packet very carefully. It includes very important information.

3. Make travel arrangements that have you arrive in Billings by the arrival deadline located on your acceptance letter. You are not guaranteed housing on campus prior to the arrival date specified by International Studies.

4. Confirm with the International Studies Office your arrival time and date. Please scan and email your confirmation form to ois@msubillings.edu at least two weeks before your departure from your home country.

5. Attend New International Student Orientation. The dates for your orientation are located on your acceptance letter.

6. Be prepared to pay your bill before classes start.

7. Begin your new adventure at MSU Billings!
• Admissions & Records: (001) 406-657-2158
• Advising & Career Services: (001) 406-657-2240
• Campus Police: (001) 406-657-2222 (emergency number)
• Cashier: (001) 406-657-1709
• Financial Aid: (001) 406-657-2188
• Housing & Residence Life: (001) 406-657-2333
• International Studies Office (001) 406-657-1705
• Jackets & Company Campus Store: (001) 406-657-2121
• Library: (001) 406-657-2262
• Mailroom: (001) 406-657-2241
• New Student Services: (001) 406-657-2888
• Parking: (001) 406-657-2147
• Business Services (Student Accounts): (001) 406-657-2140
• Student Health Services: (001) 406-657-2153
• Student Union & Events: (001) 406-657-2387