

January 13, 2025

Dear MSUB Student,

Happy New Year, and welcome to a new semester as a member of the MSU Billings Yellowjacket community!

Whether you are new to campus or returning, please take a few minutes to take care of some details and prepare for spring semester.

Classes begin Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Pay attention to important academic dates throughout the semester by using the academic calendar.

Wednesday, January 15
Last day to withdraw with full refund

Monday, January 20
Friday, January 24
NO Classes – Offices Closed
Last day to add classes

Wednesday, February 5
Last day to drop a class/classes with partial refund and no "W" on transcript

Remember: Always ensure you know how dropping/adding/withdrawing impacts your student bill and financial aid. Please be sure to connect with Financial Aid and Student Accounts directly.

Important Details: You can find information on <u>parking</u>, <u>financial aid and scholarships</u>, and <u>fee payment/student account information</u> in your <u>myInfo</u> student account.

See your academic advisor if you need assistance with course registration. Check your degree progress through <u>Degree Works</u> in <u>myInfo</u> and visit with your advisor about degree requirements. Schedule an appointment now using <u>Navigate</u> or by calling your advisor.

Be prepared

- Order books and course materials as soon as possible
- Check your email and mail for messages from faculty and campus offices
- Please be sure to accept your financial aid award (if you have one), and pay your bill/confirm your attendance

eLearning: If you haven't logged into D2L, please make sure you know your NetID and password so you can access online, hybrid, and HyFlex courses and materials for on campus classes. Courses will show up in D2L at midnight on the first day of classes, January 15, 2025.

MSU Billings wants you to succeed, and we are here to help!



Use our Hand Raise feature in <u>Navigate</u>. Look for the waving hand icon to request help discreetly and get support from staff who can connect you with appointments and resources - tutoring or academic support, getting involved on campus, or basic needs such as food, school supplies, and more.

- Get to know your instructors
- Read your course syllabus for every class
- Ask Questions Ask for HELP!

- Use campus resources to help
- Get Involved!

Our <u>Academic Support Center</u> is here to help! The University Campus ASC, located in the Student Union Building, is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with evening hours on Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:00-8:00 p.m. The ASC also offers support in the Library on Sundays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (STEM). The City College ASC, located in the Tech Building, is open Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Tutoring and academic support services are available online**, as well as in person. Additional online tutoring is available most evenings. Download <u>Navigate</u> to see the complete schedule of tutors and availability!

Reach out to <u>Career & Employment Services</u> where you can discover majors and career pathways available at MSUB and City College. Whether you've selected a major or are still exploring options, our Career Specialists can help your journey and assist with part-time or work-study jobs, review a resume, or secure an internship.

The Virtual Internship & Job Fair is happening on Wednesday, February 19th. Students can now start signing up for their timeslots with employers in their <u>CareerLink account</u>. Students will find a variety of employers eager to talk about current or future openings for full-time and part-time positions, internships, and/or emerging opportunities in their industry. Find more information here: <u>Virtual Internship & Job Fair website</u>.

Study Abroad

Add value to your degree with a study abroad. Choose from either a short Faculty-Led Program or longer summer, semester, or year Study Abroad opportunities. Financial Aid can cover study abroad expenses; students pay MSUB tuition and fees for a semester abroad at one of our partner exchanges. Scholarships are available. Peruse the wide array of study abroad opportunities.

Highlighted Faculty-Led Programs slated for May 2025 – Application deadline is January 17th

- Spanish Language & Peruvian Culture in Cusco, Peru
- International Crime, Justice & Politics in Germany and Holland

Plan ahead

The MSU Billings <u>scholarship application</u> opened December 1st for the 2025-2026 academic year and has a priority deadline of February 1st.

Apply for Financial Aid. The 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opened on December 1st for students and families. Please plan to fill out the FAFSA soon! The MSU Billings School Code is 002530.

If you have questions or need more information on scholarships or the FAFSA, please reach out to the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships.

Student Success Spotlight

The Military and Veterans Success Center (MVSC) is here to provide guidance, academic support, and advocate for the educational success for all veterans, veterans spouses, and military-affiliated students at MSU Billings and City College. We also try to improve veteran and military-affiliated students' educational experience, their access to veteran benefits, retention, and graduation through timely and consistent support; while offering a veteran-friendly community. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to us as we are here to support you in reaching your academic goals. You served your country, now let us serve you!

Live here. Work here. Graduate here.

Sincerely,

Cheri Johannes Executive Director, Office of Academic Success