



January 13, 2026

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 the spring semester.

**Classes begin Wednesday, January 14, 2026.** Be sure to pay attention to important academic dates throughout the semester by using the [academic calendar](#).

- Wednesday, January 14 Last day to withdraw with full refund
- Monday, January 19 NO Classes – Offices Closed
- Friday, January 23 Last day to add classes
- Wednesday, February 4 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 [parking](#), [financial aid and scholarships](#), and [fee payment/student account information](#) and also in your [MyMSUB](#) student account.

Please see your academic advisor if you need assistance with course registration. Please check your degree progress through [Degree Works](#) in [MyMSUB](#) and visit with your advisor about degree requirements. Schedule an appointment now using [Navigate](#) 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](#)
- Accept or waive student health insurance. If you have not made a decision on [purchasing or declining the University Student Health Insurance](#), be sure to do that right away! If you have questions, please contact Business Services at 406- 657-2140

**eLearning:** If you haven't logged into Canvas, please make sure you know your NetID, password and msubillings.edu email so you can access online, hybrid, and HyFlex courses and materials for on campus classes. Courses will show up in Canvas at midnight on the first day of classes, January 14, 2026.

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

 Use our Hand Raise feature. 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 [Academic Support Center](#) is here to help! The ASC provides services for ALL MSUB students including peer mentors, tutors, supplementary instruction, study groups, and study spaces! The University Campus ASC, located in the Student Union Building, is open Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Fridays 9:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and hosts evening hours on Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:00-8:00 p.m. The City College ASC, located in the Tech Building, is open Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Our labs are open for use as well! The labs are your opportunity to drop in and ask questions without an appointment.

Writing labs -

- University Campus: Mondays, from 12 – 2pm
- City College: Tuesdays, from 11am – 1pm  
Math Labs
- University Campus: Mondays & Wednesday, 5 – 8pm
- City College: Mondays & Wednesdays, 9am – 12pm

Academic support services are available online, as well as in person. Download [Navigate](#) to see the complete schedule of tutors and availability!

Reach out to [Career & Employment Services](#) 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. Also, be sure to stop by Career & Employment Services in Library 100 to check out the Headshot Studio and Professional Closet!

The Virtual Internship & Job Fair is happening on Wednesday, February 18th. Students can now start signing up for their timeslots with employers in their [CareerLink account](#). The Virtual Internship & Job Fair is designed for all students, regardless where you are in your college career, from just beginning to almost graduating. 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: [Virtual Internship & Job Fair website](#).

### **Plan ahead**

The MSU Billings [scholarship application](#) opened December 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2026-2027 academic year.

[Apply for Financial Aid](#). The 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opened on December 1<sup>st</sup> 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](#).

[Summer course registration](#) opens February 17, 2026 – consider taking a few classes to stay on track for graduation.

Planning to [graduate](#) this spring? Have you applied for graduation? Keep an eye on your email in the coming weeks for information on ordering your cap/gown and Commencement. If not, contact your advisor ASAP as the late fee goes into effect February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Live here. Work here. Graduate here.

Sincerely,

Cheri Johannes  
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