

MSUBILLINGS

September
2015

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Student Support Services TRIO

Get ready for school!

Hopefully summer break provided you with an opportunity to recharge for the upcoming school year. Spending some extra time with friends and family while getting ready for another academic year. Have you thought about using that back-to-school energy as an opportunity to develop yourself as well?

Let us help with anything you may need. It's a new school year and new changes have been made. We are glad to be part of your academic life.

We are on Facebook, Tumblr, and LinkedIn. Catch up with new information, updates, and more from MSUB and SSS. Also, you can make an appointment or simply stop by and say hi!

We have also developed a new team mentoring system which provides SSS TRIO participants with a great peer mentor and an exceptional mentor lead for support and information.

Finally, SSS TRIO is here to make your college experience so much more exciting and self-rewarding. Welcome back to a wonderful new academic year.



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Welcome Week

Sunday, September 6

9:00 am — Residence Halls Open — Petro/Rimrock
11am-4pm — Early Fee Payment — McMullen Hall
5-7pm — Grocery Bag Bingo & Taco in a Bag — SUB

Monday, September 7

5pm — Pizza Party — Rimrock Cafe
8:30pm — Movie in the Park: Jurassic World — Peaks to Plains Park

Tuesday, September 8

8:30am-6pm — Fee Payment — McMullen Hall
9:30am — New Student Day — Petro Theatre
5pm — Welcome Back BBQ — Campus Lawn
*Games, Photo Booth, Activities & More!
7:00pm — Night at the Mustangs — Dehler Field
*200 FREE Tickets to the Game!

Wednesday, September 9 — Classes Begin!

8am-5pm — Fee Payment — McMullen Hall
5pm — Yellowjacket Theme Dinner — Rimrock Cafe
7pm — Price Is Right — Petro Theatre

Thursday, September 10

8am-5pm — Fee Payment — McMullen Hall
8pm — Comedy Night — Petro Theatre

Friday, September 11

8am-5pm — Fee Payment — McMullen Hall
4:30pm — Men's Soccer vs. Carroll College — Yellowjacket Field
8pm — Welcome Week Dance — SUB Patio

Saturday, September 12

9:30am — Service Saturday — meet in the Student Union Atrium



Fall 15 Academic Calendar

Residence Halls Open.....	Sunday, September 6
Labor Day Offices Closed	Monday, September 7
Classes Begin	Wednesday, September 9
Late Registration Fee Applies (\$40.00)	Friday, September 11
Students who have not completed fee payment or signed a fee statement before Friday, September 11 may be disenrolled from classes and required to re-register.	
Last Day for Registering/Adding Classes	Thursday, September 17
Last Day for Withdrawing/Dropping Classes with a Partial Refund	Tuesday, September 29
Columbus Day CLASSES IN SESSION OFFICES OPEN (Exchanged for Friday, Nov 27)	Monday, October 12
Last Day to Drop Classes Without Instructor Permission (No Refund)	Tuesday, October 27
Registration for Spring Semester 2016 Begins	Monday, November 2
Veterans Day NO CLASSES OFFICES CLOSED	Wednesday, November 11
Last Day to Apply to Graduate Spring Semester 2016	Friday, November 13
Last Day to Apply to Graduate Summer Semester 2016 (attending ceremony).....	Friday, November 13
Last Day to Drop a Class with Approval of Advisor and Course Instructor.....	Tuesday, November 24
Thanksgiving Holiday NO CLASSES (Offices Open Nov 25)...	Wednesday, November 25 thru Sunday, November 29
Final Exam Week	Monday, December 14 thru Thursday, December 17
Final Day to Withdraw from Fall 2015 (all classes, no refund).....	Thursday, December 17
Semester Ends	Thursday, December 17
Residence Halls Close	Friday, December 18
Grades Due in the Registrar's Office	12 noon, Wednesday, December 23



Diversity in Education

A new semester means a new start, a new opportunity, a new adventure, and a new education. Definitely, the first day of class is full of surprises, even when you are returning to the same school, you will see new faces, new professors, new students, new ways to see things, and gain new perspectives.

Actually, we feel like this in any new situation in our lives overall. So, how can we make our first day easier?

We believe new days are challenging because they are different from past experiences. How can we make these inevitable new variables more comfortable to our ways? How can we ask a new student his/her name?

The answer is easy; just be proactive and nice! Montana does not have much diversity; however, people who are coming from different states or countries are more likely to engage in a conversation on the first day of class.

- Let's try to welcome new students despite how different they look from us.
- Don't give a long explanation if you make a mistake; just apologize.
- Be willing to listen to what they are trying to say.
- Smile, a universal body language expression, which does not require any effort.
- Just be yourself. You are going to find out many new interesting aspects of a person, as he/she will, too.
- Try to have fun, make new friends while you are at school; in the end, it will make these long hours that we spend here easier.

“Wit lies in recognizing the resemblance among things which differ and the difference between things which are alike”

-Madame de Stael

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION



Note-Taking Strategies

Are your Note-Taking skills the most productive?

First day of class can be overwhelming, but you have taken notes forever, right? Are you sure those notes are the most accurate? so, do you want to improve? Let's see what the experts recommend.

Below is a summary of the major types of note taking methods.

1. Cornell

- ✍ Cornell method provides a systematic format for condensing and organizing.
- ✍ It has an easy format to pull out major concepts and theories.

2. Outline

- ✍ General information starts at the left with more detailed information identified by a dash or indentation.

3. Mapping

- ✍ Mapping is a graphic representation of the content of a lecture.
- ✍ This format helps visual learners track lecture content.

4. Charting

- ✍ The charting method is a useful with organized lectures.
- ✍ Note pages would be set up in columns and information presented during the lecture would be recorded in the appropriate column.



5. Sentence

- ✍ Every new topic would be recorded on a separate line and numbered.

The Cornell Note-Taking System

Name: _____ Date: _____ Period: _____

Key Points	Details
Summary	

*“Practice makes perfect”
“You become what you believe”*

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