

# STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

City College at Montana State University Billings also provides a number of support facilities and services on campus to help students succeed in your academic efforts.

Facilities and services include Academic Support Services (ASC), TRIO/SSS, Disability Student Services, computer lab space, study areas, Military and Veterans Student Lounge, Native American Student Lounge, Yellowjacket Food Pantry and Jacket Student Central.

## Advising Center

### City College Tech Building, Jacket Student Central

First Floor, (406) 247-3019

University Campus, McMullen First Floor West, (406) 657-2240

[www.msubillings.edu/citycollege/Advising.htm](http://www.msubillings.edu/citycollege/Advising.htm) (<http://www.msubillings.edu/citycollege/Advising.htm>) or [www.msubillings.edu/advise](http://www.msubillings.edu/advise) ([http://www.msubillings.edu/advise/](http://www.msubillings.edu/advise))

The Advising Center offers advising services to all new admitted, transfer, and re-admit students for the first few semesters. The Advising Center assists students with understanding the coursework and requirements for their major, registration, and academic planning. Upon completion of the first few semester(s) in good academic standing, the student is transferred to a faculty advisor in his or her major. Students should call or visit Jacket Student Central for an appointment to begin the process of choosing coursework and determining an academic plan of study.

## Mandatory Advising

All first-time freshmen students entering City College at MSU Billings are required to see an academic advisor before registering for classes. During the initial advising session, students will receive information regarding requirements and worksheets for their academic program.

Advisors assist students with selection of courses and academically-related issues, but the ultimate responsibility for meeting graduation requirements belongs to the student.

## General Studies Students

Students who have not selected a major are registered as General Studies majors.

In an effort to assist students in completing degree requirements as efficiently as possible, General Studies students are encouraged to focus on General Education requirements their first semester. Students are also encouraged to visit an Advising Center member in Jacket Student Central to explore career interests and to clarify how their academic program may support their career goals. In addition, Career and Employment Services located on the University Campus is available to assist students who would like to explore career options. Through a series of interest and personality inventories, Career Services team members help guide students towards a major that meet their interests and career goals.

## Transfer Students

Students transferring to City College at MSU Billings should apply for admissions prior to arranging a visit with an advisor in the Jacket Student Central Advising Center to complete a transcript evaluation and begin developing a plan of study. However, if you are still exploring college options, you should talk with a New Student Specialist about the Transfer Evaluation Request form. In order to give an accurate transcript evaluation, transfer students should provide copies of transcripts of all previous college level work. Although we maintain course equivalency guides for all Montana colleges and universities, it is helpful if transfer students can provide catalogs with course descriptions for coursework completed at out-of-state institutions.

## Declaring a Major

Students are encouraged to select and declare a major during their freshman year.

Upon declaring a major with an advisor at Jacket Student Central, the student's advising electronic and/or paper file will be updated to the new requirements for the major, and a plan of study will be developed. Students who have declared a major will be assigned a faculty advisor from their major department for the remainder of their academic career.

## Changing a Major

Students who change their major are encouraged to visit with an advisor in Jacket Student Central. The academic advisor will clarify new program requirements, update the student's electronic and/or paper advising file with new program worksheets, and forward the student's advising file to the new faculty advisor. The changing of an academic major may have significant impact on a student's long-range academic plan and can have impacts on their financial aid eligibility. All students are encouraged to keep in close contact with their advisor through the process of changing majors.

## Assessment Testing

Students who have been out of high school three years or longer and have not completed their General Education requirements in English or mathematics may be encouraged to utilize assessment options (Accuplacer, EdReady, submit a writing assessment etc.). Results of these placement assessments, along with ACT and/or SAT scores (if available), and high school transcripts are used to advise students into the most appropriate math, reading and English courses. Students who have completed a HiSet or other high school equivalency credential must take EdReady math and the MSUB writing/reading assessment for placement. For further information, contact Jacket Student Central at (406) 247-3019 or the University Advising Center at (406) 657-2240.

## Academic Support Center

City College Learning Commons, Tech Building

First Floor, A038, (406) 247-3022

University Campus, SUB, (406) 657-1641

[www.msubillings.edu/asc](http://www.msubillings.edu/asc) (<http://www.msubillings.edu/asc/>)

The Academic Support Center provides academic support and learning assistance in order to promote the academic success of students at City College at MSU Billings. Programs and services include drop-in and appointment tutoring for a variety of general education subjects, supplemental instruction, and peer mentoring. The Academic Support Center at City College is open Monday-Thursday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and Friday between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. with extended evening and weekend tutoring hours online.

In addition, computer work stations and areas for small group study sessions are available to students. The Center also provides support materials such as handouts, texts, and electronic resources for students' academic use. Special educational delivery requirements that need to be addressed by persons with disabilities should be directed to Disability Support Services.

## Career & Employment Services

### City College Tech Building, Jacket Student Central

City College Tech Building, (406) 657-2168

University campus, Library 100, (406) 657-2168

[www.msubillings.edu/careers](http://www.msubillings.edu/careers) (<http://www.msubillings.edu/careers/>)

A full range of career services is available to help students gain experience and skills that will clarify career goals and facilitate entry into the job market. Services include Career Workshops, career counseling and assessment, career resource library, campus interviewing, part-time and workstudy jobs in CareerLink, and career/job

fairs. See [www.msubillings.edu/careers](http://www.msubillings.edu/careers) (<http://www.msubillings.edu/careers/>) for additional information.

Internships create educational partnerships among City College at Montana State University Billings, the business community, and students. This unique academic experience allows students to earn academic credit while combining classroom learning with practical work experience. Learn more at [www.msubillings.edu/careers/cooped/students.htm](http://www.msubillings.edu/careers/cooped/students.htm) (<http://www.msubillings.edu/careers/cooped/students.htm>)

## Career Services/Job Locator

**City College Tech Building, Jacket Student Central  
First Floor, (406) 657-2168**

**University Campus, Library 100, (406) 657-2168**

The Job Locator coordinates part-time positions for currently enrolled students.

Available jobs can be accessed in CareerLink, ranging from the service industry to technical positions, and are designed to accommodate students' academic schedules.

Financial aid-eligible work study students can access Community Service positions where students work in non-profit agencies in the local area as well as on campus work study positions.

## Office of Information Technology

**Student Lounge & Library, City College Tech Building, A017  
University campus Information Commons, Library 1st Floor, (406) 247-5700**

Information Technology provides computer and technology services to students, faculty, and staff. The department supports student computers across both MSUB campuses. Students may go to the Information Commons, located on the first floor of the Library, or A076 at City College to receive assistance with computer issues, software applications, and questions about your network account. Assistance is also available by calling (406) 247-5700 or emailing [servicedesk@msubillings.edu](mailto:servicedesk@msubillings.edu).

The Information Commons, an open access computer lab for MSU Billings student use, is located on the first floor of the MSU Billings Library and is available during regular Library hours. The Information Commons is operated by the Information Technology department and has computers, printing, scanning, and technology support services. A wide variety of software is available for student use such as Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Cloud, ArcGIS, SPSS, and other software for various courses and programs. Students will need money in their U-card account to pay for printing services. People who are not current students, faculty, or staff of MSU Billings will be asked to use the open access computers located on the second floor of the Library.

Both campuses have wireless access available to students in common study areas, academic buildings, residence halls, and dining facilities. Please connect devices to the **MSUB-mobile** wireless network by logging in with your NetID and password. This wireless network provides a fast, secure connection to the internet. The **MSUB-visitor** network is designed for visitors to campus. Students may bring their computers to the Information Commons on the 1st floor of the Library or A076 at City College for assistance with connecting to the MSUB wireless network.

Information Technology provides student employment opportunities for assisting other students, faculty, and staff with their technology needs. Information Technology staff guide and mentor students in learning to support the software and hardware while learning the latest technologies. For information in becoming part of this program, please go to the Information Commons to discuss or apply online here (<https://www.msubillings.edu/it/studentapp.htm>).

## MSU Billings Library Services for City College

**1500 University Drive**

**Library Ask Here Desk (406) 657-1662**

[www.msubillings.edu/library](http://www.msubillings.edu/library) (<http://www.msubillings.edu/library/>)

**Ms. Eileen Wright, Director**

The Montana State University Billings Library, located in the heart of university campus, supports student success using information literacy instruction, research assistance, and flexible study spaces. The Library provides access to a broad range of electronic and physical library resources.

Friendly and helpful staff help students in finding books, journal articles, websites, and other resources they need for classes. Assistance is available by chat, email, phone, and in-person at the 2nd floor Ask Here Desk. Individual research consultations can be scheduled with a librarian by contacting the Ask Here Desk.

Materials in the MSU Billings Library include a wide variety of physical and digital resources. Electronic resources are always available through the Library's website. Students can access materials that are not in the MSU Billings Library's collection using Interlibrary Loan services. The MSU Billings Library belongs to a group of twenty-four academic and tribal libraries in the State of Montana, expanding the Library's collections.

Computers, printers, and large-format scanners are available on the Library's 1st and 2nd floors. Students can print by loading funds onto their U-cards. Students who would benefit from assistive technology are encouraged to use the computers with adaptive software and other equipment on computers on the Library's 2nd floor.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the Library's study spaces. All floors of the Library have individual and group study areas with comfortable furnishings. Study rooms, primarily on the 3rd floor, are equipped with screen sharing technology.

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Montana State University Billings reserves the right to refuse to accept a copying request, if, in its judgment, fulfillment of the request would involve violation of copyright law, licensing agreements or fair use.

## Student Success

**City College Tech building**

**Jacket Student Central, First Floor, (406) 247-3019**

Jacket Student Central is available to offer support for student success. Students who would like extra assistance can work with a member of the Jacket Student Central staff to develop an individual success plan or to seek information about all of the student support services available to City College at MSU Billings students.