Academic Support

# **ACADEMIC SUPPORT**

MSU Billings provides a number of support facilities and services on campus to help you succeed in your academic efforts. Facilities include such obvious ones as the library, computers, and presentation halls for art, drama, and music. They also include less obvious areas such as language and scientific laboratories, greenhouses, and centers for reading and the measurement of human performance.

## Library

Library Ask Here Desk, (406) 657-1662 www.msubillings.edu/library (http://www.msubillings.edu/library/) Ms. Eileen Wright, Interim Director

The Montana State University Billings Library, located in the heart of 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.

## **Copyright Warning**

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Under certain conditions specified in the law, libraries and archives are authorized to furnish a photocopy or reproduction. One of these conditions is that the photocopy or reproduction is not to be "used for any purpose other than private study, scholarship or research." If a user exceeds "fair use," that user may be liable for copyright infringement.

Software licensing agreements are very specific, and may prohibit making copies for use by those who have not purchased the software.

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.

# Information Technology Technology Support

Information Technology provides computer and technology services to students, faculty, and staff. The department supports nearly 800 student computers across both MSUB campuses. The IT Service Desk is located in the Information Commons, located on the first floor of the Library, where students may go to receive

assistance with computer issues, software applications, and questions about their account. Assistance is also available by calling (406) 247-5700 or emailing servicedesk@msubillings.edu.

## **Information Commons - Library 1st Floor**

The Information Commons, located on the first floor of the Library, is an open access computer lab for student use and is available during regular Library hours. The Information Commons has student areas, computers, printing, scanning, and technology support services. A wide variety of software is available for student use including Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Cloud, ArcGIS, SPSS, and specific software for various courses and programs. Students will need money in their U-card accounts to pay for printing services.

## **City College Information Commons**

Computer access is available with standard campus software in the Tech Building and Health Sciences Building common areas, which are available during City College campus hours.

#### **Wireless Internet Access**

All MSUB buildings have wireless internet access available to students in common study areas, academic buildings, residence halls, dining facilities, and most indoor areas. The wireless network to connect to is MSUB-mobile by logging in with your NetID and password. This network provides a secure, fast connection to the internet. MSUB-visitor is designated for visitors to the university. Students may bring their computers to the Information Commons or to the Information Technology staff at City College for assistance with connecting to the MSUB wireless network.

## **Native American Achievement Center**

Main Campus: 2630 Normal Avenue City College: Tech Building B008 (406) 657-2144, (406) 657-2182

www.msubillings.edu/naac (http://www.msubillings.edu/naac/)

Sunny Day Real Bird, Director David Evans, Project Coordinator

The Native American Achievement Center assists American Indian students in making academic, cultural, and social adjustments to Montana State University Billings. Our goal is to assist students to enroll and graduate from MSU Billings and launch into a successful career. Services include individualized assistance with relocation to Billings, advocacy, and referral to campus and off-campus services, study skills coaching, and scholarship applications. The staff help students find internships that are relevant to the American Indian community. The Native American Achievement Center has space for small meetings and gatherings.

The center hosts the annual American Indian Heritage Day, Native Centric Orientations for incoming Native students, and the MSUB Powwow. The Director serves as a liaison with tribal educational representatives and other community organizations. These relationships foster collaboration with the surrounding communities to host events such as the annual MSU Billings Pow Wow and other social gatherings that help our students feel connected to their culture and other Native people in the Billings region. The Native American Achievement Center is a home away from home for Native students.

The establishment of the Native American Achievement Center demonstrates that MSU Billings recognizes, celebrates, and prioritizes cultural diversity. The center provides students a familiar setting in an effort to ensure continuing collegiate success.

#### **All Nations Club**

All Nations Club is open to all interested students. The All Nations Club is a student organization, established to assist Native American students in their adjustment to university life, to promote scholastic achievement, and to foster pride in the

cultural heritage of the Native American. The club is involved with the planning and sponsorship of cultural engagement activities such as the annual Pow Wow, the largest student-sponsored campus event.

# Yellowstone Public Radio (KEMC-FM)

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From studios on the campus of Montana State University Billings, Yellowstone Public Radio provides a general adult audience with in-depth news, public affairs, and cultural programming, including classical music, jazz and blues, spoken arts and humanities programs. This station is affiliated with National Public Radio (NPR), Public Radio International (PRI), the WFMT Fine Arts Network, and American Public Media, along with other program producers and suppliers. The more than 47,000 listeners reside in Montana and northern Wyoming.

Yellowstone Public Radio consists of ten stations licensed to MSU Billings: KEMC-FM (Billings), KBMC-FM (Bozeman), KPRQ-FM (Sheridan, WY), KYPR-FM (Miles City), KYPW-FM (Wolf Point), KYPC (Colstrip), KYPB-FM (Big Timber), KYPM-FM (Livingston), KYPH-FM (Helena), and KYPF-FM (Stanford/Lewistown). YPR also operates 26 translators throughout Montana and northern Wyoming.

Yellowstone Public Radio can be heard on the web at www.ypradio.org (http://www.ypradio.org), and on the FM dial at these frequencies:

In Montana: Billings 91.7, Ashland 89.1, Big Sky 95.9, Big Timber 89.3/90.5, Bozeman 102.1/95.9, Broadus 91.9, Chester and the Sweetgrass Hills area 100.1, Colstrip 88.5/89.9, Columbus 88.5, Conrad 91.3, Cut Bank 88.9, Emigrant & Paradise Valley 91.1, Forsyth 91.1, Gardiner & Yellowstone Park 103.9, Glasgow 91.9, Glendive 88.5, Havre 91.7, Helena 89.1, Lewistown/Stanford 89.5, Livingston 90.1/88.5, Miles City 90.7, Red Lodge 89.1, Shelby 90.3, Terry 91.9, and Wolf Point at 88.3.

In Wyoming: Buffalo 91.9, Cody 88.5, Greybull & the Big Horn Basin 91.5, Lovell 91.5, Powell 91.5/88.5, Sheridan 88.1, Worland 88.5, and in Yellowstone Park at 104.9/103.9.

## **International Studies**

LA 700 (406) 657-1705

www.msubillings.edu/internationalstudies/ (http://www.msubillings.edu/internationalstudies/)

Who am I? What is my place in this world? The International Studies Program seeks to engage students in a process of awakening. Through various study abroad programs and the International Studies Minor, students begin to experience the complexity of cultures and the richness of diversity. The end result produces students who are involved, lifelong learners, with a concern for the world in which we live, and an ability to become leaders who think of future generations.

More prosaically, the Office of International Studies (OIS), LA 700, provides support services for current and prospective international students, the International Studies Club, and facilitates study abroad applications, as well as the Be a Foreign Friend (BFF) program.

Drop by the OIS today to see how your educational experiences and your career opportunities can be enriched. Learn to be a citizen of the world!

# **Intercollegiate Athletics**

Physical Education Building, (406) 657-2369 www.msubsports.com (http://www.msubsports.com)

Athletics is an integral part of the college life at MSU Billings for both men and women. All teams are members of NCAA Division II and the Great Northwest Athletic

Conference. Men's and women's teams compete on a varsity level in basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, indoor track and field, and outdoor track and field; additionally, women compete in volleyball and softball, and men compete in baseball. MSU Billings Athletics also sponsors a coed varsity cheer team. All MSU Billings students are admitted free to Yellowjacket Athletics events with a valid student ID. Schedules, news, and stats are available on the Yellowjacket Athletics website at www.msubsports.com (http://www.msubsports.com). Follow MSUB Sports on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/MSUB-Sports-143701145701497/) and Twitter (https://twitter.com/MSUBsports/).

### **MSU Billings Booster Clubs**

PE Building, (406) 657-2369

The Yellowjacket Booster Clubs, one for each sport, are made up of alumni and friends of the University who support the educational and athletic goals of MSU Billings and its student athletes. Booster Club members provide financial assistance to the University's athletic programs, encourage community support for academic and athletic programs, and create a solid bond between MSU Billings and its many friends nationwide. The ultimate goal of the Yellowjacket Booster Clubs is to enrich MSU Billings' Athletic Program.

## **Physical Education Building**

The Physical Education Building at MSU Billings includes two gymnasiums, a fitness center, a swimming pool, a racquetball court, a running track and other recreational and health facilities. During set hours each semester the facilities may be used by students and their families for swimming, workouts, etc. Use is free to students while family members pay a nominal charge.

## **Recreational Activities**

PE 016, (406) 657-2881

www.msubillings.edu/recactivities (http://www.msubillings.edu/recactivities/)

The Recreational Activities Program offers a wide range of activities. It provides all students, faculty and staff with recreational opportunities in competitive and noncompetitive events as well as organized and informal activities as regularly as their time and interest permit.

Intramural Sports Competition is scheduled for individual, dual and team sports. Participation is generally arranged in men's, women's and coeducational divisions for each activity. These range from the traditional team sports of flag football, volleyball, basketball and softball, to the popular individual and dual sports such as racquetball, tennis and golf. Everyone is encouraged to participate regardless of experience or skill.

Leisure Recreation This informal activity allows those not wishing to be a part of a structured program to make use of the fine recreational facilities. The Physical Education Building includes two gymnasiums, a swimming pool, six racquetball/handball courts, a weight/exercise room, an indoor jogging track, and locker rooms.

## **Military and Veterans Success Center**

COE 106, (406) 657-2968 Shane Grantham. Director

The Military and Veterans Success Center (MVSC) supports all military-affiliated students at Montana State University Billings. Our Mission is to provide transition guidance, academic support, and advocate for the educational success of all veterans, veterans' spouses, and military-affiliated students on campus. Our goal is to expand the veteran and military-affiliated students' educational experience, access to benefits, assist in enrollment and persistence to graduation through timely and consistent support while offering a military-friendly community. The staff is knowledgeable in DoD, VA, and Montana education benefit programs, the

VA certification process, and earning college credit for your military training and experience.

The Military and Veterans Success Center is located on the main campus in the College of Education, Room 106. We have a veterans' lounge at both MSU Billings and City College. The main campus lounge is collocated with the MVSC in the College of Education, while the City College lounge is on the first floor of the Tech Building. Both lounges are open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. so that our military affiliated students can study and relax in between classes. There are kitchenettes located in each lounge along with free snacks, drinks, and printing.

## Montana State University Billings Foundation

2615 Virginia Lane, (406) 657-2244 www.msubfoundation.com (http://www.msubfoundation.com)

#### **About Us**

The Montana State University Billings Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization under Internal Revenue Service code 501(c)(3). A volunteer board of trustees, composed of community leaders, guides the foundation in achieving its mission. Our staff is dedicated to achieving the goals of the foundation and to serving and assisting donors, supporters, students, and faculty of Montana State University Billings.

#### Mission

The Montana State University Billings Foundation was founded in 1968 to advance the goals of Montana State University Billings by:

- Establishing lifelong relationships with university students, parents, faculty, alumni, friends, and community partners.
- Creating pathways to success and sustaining them through philanthropy, stewardship, and community engagement.
- Seeking and nurturing innovative partnerships to support the realization of current and emerging university priorities.
- Fostering a culture of inclusivity that celebrates diversity on campus and beyond.

#### **Vision**

The Montana State University Billings Foundation will reduce financial barriers to a quality education, enhance the campus experience, and encourage the growth of Montana State University Billings.

## **MSU Billings Alumni Association**

(406) 247-5781 or (406) 657-2244 www.msubillings.edu/alumni (http://www.msubillings.edu/alumni/)

The Montana State University Billings Alumni Association spans the globe, with more than 31,000 alumni living and working worldwide. This dynamic group of leaders works to build affinity to the university through programming and events. Working with the MSUB Foundation, the MSUB Alumni Association serves to promote the university, build philanthropic outreach, and engage alumni wherever they may be.

## **Parking**

Parking Garage, (406) 657-1704

Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., M-F, except holidays.

MSU Billings parking regulations are a necessary component in providing convenient and safe parking, in addition to efficient and effective traffic control, for all students, faculty, staff and visitors to the university campuses. They are part of the terms and conditions pertaining to students who are enrolled at MSU Billings, to faculty and

staff who are employed by the University, and are applicable to all vehicle owners/ drivers on campus, including guests and visitors. Parking on MSUB campuses is a privilege, not a right.

All vehicles parked on University property must display a current MSUB parking permit. Parking permits may be purchased online at www.msubillings.edu/police/parkinginfo.htm (http://www.msubillings.edu/police/parkinginfo.htm) and also at the University Police & Parking Services office, in the southwest corner of the parking garage on Poly Drive. Parking regulations/maps are also posted online.