STUDENT AFFAIRS

Montana State University Billings provides academic and student support programs and extracurricular activities that enhance and enrich the total student life of the University. A wide range of services, challenges and opportunities are available for every student including programs delivered through the Division of Student Affairs and other activities that affect student life from admission through graduation.

MSU Billings Division of Student Affairs Mission Statement

The Division of Student Affairs provides exceptional service and cultivates an inclusive social and educational environment that enhances active student learning, engagement, development, and success.

Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct

Montana State University Billings statement regarding students’ rights and responsibilities is as follows:

"Montana State University Billings is a community of scholars and members of such University communities have traditionally recognized their individual responsibilities in the development of a mature and sophisticated society. By enrolling in the University, the student neither loses the rights nor escapes the duties of a citizen. Each student should conduct his/her personal life in the context of mutual regard for the rights, property, and privileges of others. Therefore, it is expected that students will demonstrate respect for the law and for the necessity of orderly conduct in the affairs of the local and campus community. In certain circumstances where this preferred conduct fails, the University will rely upon the rules and procedures described in its Code of Student Conduct to hold students accountable for maintaining the responsibilities that follow.

A brief summary of student notifications and policies are highlighted below. For a complete listing of all policy details, forms, and additional information, visit the website: www.msubillings.edu/VCSA/StudentHandbook.htm (http://www.msubillings.edu/VCSA/StudentHandbook.htm)

Student Rights

One of the priorities of Montana State University Billings is to provide each student the opportunity to learn. Therefore, some personal freedoms and rights of students include, but are not limited to:

1. Freedom of inquiry, speech, and assembly.
2. Freedom from threats.
3. Freedom from acts of violence.
4. Freedom from unfair or obscene treatment from others.
5. Freedom from interference from others in an unreasonable and unauthorized manner while in class, activities, and public events.
6. Freedom from theft and willful destruction of personal property.
7. Right to study and learn in an atmosphere of academic freedom.
8. Right to procedural due process in University misconduct action.
9. Right to be governed by justifiable academic regulations.
10. To be informed in writing of the academic requirements determined by individual instructors.
11. Right to be informed of the regulations for academic and social conduct, and graduation requirements of the University.
12. Right to petition for redress of grievances, academic and non-academic

Student Responsibilities

Each student has the responsibility:

1. To respect the rights and property of others.
2. To be fully acquainted and comply with the published rules and regulations of the University.
3. To comply with all local, state, and federal laws.
4. To recognize that student activities reflect upon the individuals involved as well as upon the entire University community.
5. To recognize the University’s obligation to provide a safe environment conducive for learning and academic inquiry.
6. To adhere to the academic requirements determined by individual instructors.
7. To abide by the reasonable direction of a University official acting within the legitimate scope of his or her duties."

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Advising & Career Services

McMullen First Floor West, (406) 657-2240
Library 100, (406) 657-2168
City College Jacket Student Central, (406) 247-3019
www.msubillings.edu/advise (http://www.msubillings.edu/advise/)
www.msubillings.edu/careers (http://www.msubillings.edu/careers/)
Advising & Career Services assists students in understanding academic requirements, enabling them to complete their program requirements as efficiently as possible. Through one-on-one meetings and First Year Seminar courses, advisors help students develop the skills necessary to be successful. Advising & Career Services provide career exploration and help students access part-time jobs, internships, and work-study opportunities while they are in school, and help them secure full-time employment upon graduation.

Internships
McMullen First Floor West, (406) 657-1717

Internships create educational partnerships among 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)

Career Services/Job Locator
Library 100, (406) 657-1618
City College Jacket Student Central, (406) 247-3006

Cooperative Education (Co-Op) internships create educational partnerships among 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.

Advising & Career Services can help you through the internship search and registration process. Students are not automatically placed in an internship, they need to apply and interview for internships, just like applying for a job. The application process can be competitive, so students are encouraged to start their search early and have Advising & Career Services review their resume and cover letter to give them the best chance of landing the perfect spot.

Students may begin looking for internships on CareerLink, at www.msubillings.edu/careers (http://www.msubillings.edu/careers/). Students can also make an appointment with Advising & Career Services to contact those potential employers. For students who want to consider utilizing their current employer for internships, they would need to make sure at least 75% of the internship duties must be new and different from the student’s day-to-day duties in their current position. For all internships, at least 80% of the job duties must be degree-related in nature.

Associated Students of Montana State University Billings (ASMSUB)
SUB 213, (406) 657-2365
www.msubillings.edu/asmsub (http://www.msubillings.edu/asmsub/)

The Associated Students of Montana State University Billings (ASMSU Billings) are governed by a Student Senate, the functions of which are to administer and to distribute student activity fees, to act as liaison among students, faculty, and administration, to protect the privileges and the rights of students, and to act as a central agent for student opinion.

Legal Services
The Associated Students of MSU Billings maintain an attorney on staff to assist students with legal problems. While there is no charge to see the attorney, there may be a nominal fee charged for certain types of legal services such as divorce, wills and name change.

Dining Services
Student Union Building, (406) 657-2383
msubillingsdining.sodexomyway.com (http://msubillingsdining.sodexomyway.com)

Montana State University Billings Dining Services offers a dining program for students, faculty, and staff. Students living in the residence halls participate in the campus dining program by purchasing one of six meal plans consisting of dining dollars and board meals. Board meals are used for an all-you-care-to-eat meals in Rimrock Café. Dining dollars can be used in any of the dining venues including Rimrock Café, Stingers Bistro, Jazzman’s, SUB Connection, and City College Café.

Dining locations on the main campus include Rimrock Café and Stingers Bistro, located in the SUB, as well as Jazzman’s and SUB Connection, located in the Liberal Arts Building. City College Campus offers City College Café as well as a Seattle’s Best Coffee machine.

Rimrock Café offers an array of fresh daily choices that includes a complete breakfast buffet and made to order items, The Grill, cooked to order Chef’s Table, from-scratch soups, a fresh salad bar that includes vegan items, Made-to-Order Deli, home-style entrees, a selection of pizzas, and assorted beverages and desserts. Stingers Bistro is proud to offer a full selection of Starbucks coffee and Frappuccinos. We are also the first Jamba Juice in the state of Montana offering a selection of fresh smoothies. Stingers menu has a great selection of paninis, wraps, and our Signature Mac and Cheese. Jazzman’s and SUB Connection offer a variety of sub sandwiches, chips, and beverages, signature Jazzman’s coffee, and blended beverages, as well as baked daily pastries. City College Café offers a selection of grab-n-go products, hot breakfast, a choice of grill, pizza, from-scratch soups, a fresh salad bar, and a made to order deli.

Disability Support Services
MSUB University Campus: College of Education 135
(406) 657-2283 (V)
(406) 545-2518 (VP)
City College Campus: Tech Building A016
(406) 247-3029 (V)
(406) 545-1026 (VP)
www.msubillings.edu/dss (https://www.msubillings.edu/dss/)

Disability Support Services (DSS) collaborates with faculty, staff, and students to make MSUB accessible to everyone. Students are encouraged to contact DSS to identify themselves and work one-on-one with DSS staff to remove both academic and physical barriers. To learn more about the program, visit the website www.msubillings.edu/dss (https://www.msubillings.edu/dss/).

Diversity Center
SUB 212, (406) 896-5902
www.msubillings.edu/diversity (http://www.msubillings.edu/diversity/)

The Diversity Center is committed to providing a welcoming campus environment for all students, faculty, staff, and guests. The Diversity Center fosters social and professional opportunities, as well as advocacy for all multicultural students. The mission of this office is to ensure we are meeting the various needs of diversity and diverse population through fair and equal representation as well as increased opportunity for learning and understanding about diverse issues.

The Diversity Center offers leadership opportunities for students through clubs or organized meeting groups. Each group is student focused and student driven with opportunities to engage in campus and community programs, events, and socials.

Housing & Residence Life
SUB 225, (406) 657-2333
www.msubillings.edu/reslife (http://www.msubillings.edu/reslife/)
Residence Halls
Montana State University Billings provides on-campus living facilities for students who are pursuing an educational mission. The residence halls offer an environment which is desirable for those who are seriously seeking a well-rounded education. Participation in hall programming and group processes is part of the complete experience the residence hall provides.

The residence halls offer a safe and fun-filled environment where students can live well, work well, and be well during their college experience. The residence hall experience includes some amazing benefits like wireless technology throughout the halls, in room sink, cable television in the floor lobby areas, laundry services (u-card and quarter accepted), and more. Visit www.msubillings.edu/reslife (http://www.msubillings.edu/reslife/) for more information about the residence hall experience.

Students with disabilities are encouraged to make arrangements for any specific needs with the Office of Housing & Residence Life and Disability Support Services prior to moving on campus.

Residence hall living is available during Fall, Spring, and Summer sessions and during break periods to those students meeting the necessary requirements.

To apply for on-campus housing, call (406) 657-2333 or visit www.msubillings.edu/reslife (http://www.msubillings.edu/reslife/) to apply for housing.

Family Housing
MSU Billings offers 10 family housing apartments for students currently enrolled at MSU Billings. Family housing eligibility includes: married students, single parent with children, or married students with children. Family housing apartments include 6 three-bedroom apartments and 4 two-bedroom apartments. There is an application and $25.00 application fee to place your name on the waiting list for an available apartment.

To obtain more information about family housing apartments, contact Housing & Residence Life at (406) 657-2333 or visit www.msubillings.edu/reslife/familyhsing.htm (http://www.msubillings.edu/reslife/familyhsing.htm)

Housing Application
Residents who complete their online Housing Applications and pay their $125 Non-Refundable Application Fee to reserve a room have entered into a legally binding agreement with Montana State University Billings for the purchase of housing for the academic year. Once a student has moved into the residence halls and accepted or signed for a room key and has signed a contract, he/she is financially obligated by the contract for the entire year, and may only be released for the following reasons:

1. Withdrawal from Montana State University Billings
2. Graduation from Montana State University Billings
3. Internship or student teaching assignment out of the area
4. Medical related condition
5. Financial hardship
6. Documented disability
7. Marriage
8. Living with family/legal guardian in Yellowstone County
9. Academic or disciplinary suspension

Any student wishing to cancel a Housing Contract for an upcoming term must complete the online Contract Release Request form at least two weeks prior to the first day of classes in order to receive a full refund of fees for the semester. Room and board rates, programs, and rules and regulations governing the residence halls are subject to change without notice. An optional installment plan is available for payment of room and board through the office of Business Services. Students may pay room and board in full at the beginning of each term or select the installment plan. This selection is made in conjunction with regular fee payment.

On-Campus Requirement
Required to live on campus: Students who are 20 years or younger, 3 years out of high school, and under 30 credits at the start of the fall semester.

Automatically exempt from housing (no form is required):
- Students over 21 years of age, as verified through MSUB student information systems
- Students who have completed 30+ college credits by the start of the fall semester

Exemptions to the live on requirement (form/documentation required):
- Living with family member/guardian (legal guardian, parent, or grandparent) within Yellowstone County
- Active military/veteran
- Enrolled in 5 or fewer credits
- Online student - must be enrolled in all online classes
- Non-Degree seeking student
- Marriage
- Physical custody of a dependent child
- Financial hardship
- Medical related condition
- Documented disability
- Completed one full academic year at a college or university while living in a residence hall
- Unusual circumstances

Note: City College students are not exempt from the live on requirement and must sign up for housing accordingly or complete an exemption request that meets any other exemption area.

Note: Students who do not submit an application for on-campus housing or submit an approved exemption form by May 1, 2020 will be subject to a registration hold placed on their account for the fall 2020 semester until either an application or an approved exemption for is submitted. Please go to www.msubillings.edu/reslife (http://www.msubillings.edu/reslife/) to complete an exemption form.

Jackets and Company
Student Union Building, (406) 657-2121

Jackets and Company--the Campus Store--is located in the Student Union to provide the campus community with all required course materials through the website, and carries in store a wide selection of school and office supplies, imprinted apparel, computers, software, electronics, gifts, greeting cards, and sundries at competitive prices. The Campus Store also features a convenience store.

New Student Orientation
McMullen First Floor West, (406) 657-2240
www.msubillings.edu/fye/orientation/index.htm (https://www.msubillings.edu/fye/orientation/)

Advising & Career Services at Montana State University Billings coordinates the Orientation & First Year Transition Program. This program is designed to provide first year students with an Orientation Peer Leader who is available to guide them through their first year transition into college. There are different New Student Orientation experiences that students can choose from based on their past academic
background. New students starting college as a first year college student in a fall semester are required to attend a two-day overnight introduction to college life at MSUB. Adult Learners and Transfer students are highly encouraged to attend a day long Adult Learner or Transfer Learner Orientation prior to the fall semester. Students starting at MSUB in a spring or summer term should contact Advising & Career Services (406) 657-2240 or Jacket Student Central (406) 247-3019 to visit about orientation and registration options.

Student Health Services
Petro Hall, (406) 657-2153
City College, (406) 247-3027
www.msubillings.edu/studenthealth (https://www.msubillings.edu/studenthealth/)

The Student Health Services (SHS) is an ambulatory health care facility which provides high quality, cost-effective health care and mental health counseling with an emphasis on health education and wellness initiatives to promote and enhance student success. With a staff of advanced practice professionals (contracted through St. Vincent Healthcare) nurses, mental health counselors, wellness specialist, and victim advocates, we provide health care, immunizations, mental health counseling, Phoenix Center for sexual assault advocacy services, and health education. SHS strives to encourage students to become responsible and knowledgeable consumers of health care. All students enrolled for seven or more credits are charged the Student Health Service fee. It is an optional fee for six or fewer credits.

Student Health Insurance
All MSU Billings students enrolled in six or more credits are required to have some form of health insurance. A student health insurance policy is available to MSUB students. Before registering, students will be asked to elect or waive this insurance. Students must elect or waive the health insurance before the 15th class day of fall or spring semesters. Each semester the premium is for a period of six months, therefore, they will be covered whether or not they are taking summer semester classes. Online-only students should contact Student Health Services regarding insurance availability.

Note: All students are eligible to use the Student Health Services, whether or not they enroll in the student health insurance.

Insurance policy brochures are available at fee payment and at the Student Health Services office on the 2nd floor of Petro Hall and the City College SHS, 2nd floor of the Tech Building.

Full information about the student health insurance program, provided by the Montana University Insurance Consortium, is available at www.bcbsmt.com (http://www.bcbsmt.com)

Student Support Services (SSS/TRIO)
Library 141, (406) 657-2162
www.msubillings.edu/sss (http://www.msubillings.edu/sss/)

This federally funded program is located on the lower level of the Library. SSS/TRIO assists 258 eligible students by helping them to successfully remain in school and graduate. To be eligible, students must be working on a bachelor’s degree at MSUB (or on a 2+2 program through City College and MSUB) and meet one of the following: be from a low-income background (such as Pell grant eligible), be a first generation college student (neither parent earned a bachelor’s degree), or have a documented physical, emotional, or learning disability. SSS/TRIO offers the following free of charge to qualifying students:

• Financial Aid and Scholarship Information
• Referrals to Community Organizations
• Counseling & Referral
• Midterm Evaluations
• Newsletters
• Assistance in Graduation Preparation
• Preparation for Graduate School
• Academic Boot Camp Summer Bridge Program and more!

Center for Engagement & Campus Activities
SUB 219, (406) 657-2387
www.msubillings.edu/engagement (http://www.msubillings.edu/engagement/)

The Center for Engagement is a center for co-curricular activities within the Student Union Building which serves as the community center for the University and guests visiting the Montana State University Billings campus. The Student Union is centrally located on the campus with easy access to University services and facilities.

Offices and Programs Housed in the Student Union
In addition to the Center for Engagement, the Student Union provides space for Jackets and Company, Campus Dining Services, Stingers Bistro, ASMSU Billings, Residence Life and Housing, Diversity Center, Academic Support Center, Petro Theater, The Retort (campus newspaper), Student Activities Board, and student organization offices.

Center for Community Engagement
MSU Billings strives to connect students to the community through meaningful service and educational opportunities. We believe community involvement strengthens a sense of responsible and productive citizenship, which creates a lifelong commitment to service and leadership.

The Community Engagement Office will assist students in connecting to volunteer opportunities both on campus and in the community. Students can utilize volunteerism to enhance their academic experience, to help in meeting other students, to get involved as a student and to help prepare to become a civic leader within the community following graduation. The Campus Activities & Engagement Office coordinates monthly Service Saturday projects, MSUB Night on the Van in partnership with the Salvation Army, Student United Way (a student organization centered on volunteerism and advocacy), and many more opportunities. Students can also utilize the Campus Activities & Engagement Office to connect to volunteer opportunities on an individual basis or students can access a community volunteer database at www.youcanvolunteer.org (http://www.youcanvolunteer.org).

Montana Campus Compact
The Montana Campus Compact (MTCC) is a coalition of Montana college and university presidents, chancellors, and deans committed to the civic purposes of higher education. The MTCC is committed to renewing the public purposes of higher education by promoting volunteerism, public service, and service learning on Montana’s college and university campuses. The MTCC is an affiliate of Campus Compact, a national organization with a rapidly growing membership of more than 700 public and private two- and four-year colleges and universities in 41 states and the District of Columbia. The MTCC provides training, technical assistance, grants and education awards to students and faculty members engaged in community service activities. The MTCC and its programs make an immediate impact on communities, students, and institutions while developing students as lifelong
Upward Bound is a federally funded high school scholarship program designed to generate in participants the skills and motivation needed to enroll and graduate from a program of postsecondary education. Participants must meet federal eligibility criteria, as well as demonstrate interest and motivation to attend college. Services include: academic advising, instruction and tutoring, an on campus summer academic program, postsecondary enrollment assistance, and cultural and social experiences.

### Educational Talent Search/TRIO

CI 306, (406) 657-2116  
www.msubillings.edu/ets (http://www.msubillings.edu/ets/)

Educational Talent Search (ETS) is a federally funded TRIO program designed to assist 6th to 12th grade students prepare for and attend a post-secondary institution of their choice upon high school graduation. Participants must meet federal eligibility criteria and demonstrate interest and motivation to attend college. The ETS program serves 600 eligible students in Yellowstone County. Services include academic advising, instruction and tutoring, post-secondary enrollment assistance, and cultural and social experiences.

### Veterans Certifying Official

Military and Veterans Success Center  
COE 106, 406-657-2968  
www.msubillings.edu/engagement/engage-leadership (http://www.msubillings.edu/engagement/engage-leadership/)

The Military and Veterans Success Center on the university campus is located on the first floor of the College of Education Room 106. The Center is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm for military affiliated students to use to relax, study, play X-Box, eat and meet other students. There is also a Veterans Lounge on the City College campus located on the first floor of the Tech Building.

Veterans and other military affiliated students are advised to check with the Director of the Military and Veteran’s Success Center 30-45 days prior to registration. A veteran must notify this office whenever there is a change in address, enrollment, or additional dependents. The Director and Certifying Official work individually with students and families in order to maximize the eligible military education benefits, connect students with other support services and acclimate to college life.

### Veterans’ Upward Bound

Cisel 109, (406) 657-2075  
vubmt.com (http://vubmt.com/locations/billings.php)

The Veterans’ Upward Bound Program of Montana State University-Northern maintains a program at MSU Billings to assist veterans to learn the skills that will enable them to be successful in college. Both day and evening courses are offered in areas such as English, math and computers. Call (406) 657-2075 or toll free at (877) 356-8387 for assistance.