MSU Basics

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

* This webinar will begin at 6:00pm MDT
TECHNICAL SUPPORT

If you have a question, please use the chat feature. Our team of Admissions Counselors will do their best to give a quick answer!

Please use the chat feature to communicate any technical issues that you may be experiencing to our team of Admissions Counselors so that we can troubleshoot the problem.
MEET TONIGHT’S PRESENTERS

Sydney Sherick
Admissions Counselor

Laura Wilson
Admissions Counselor
AN OVERVIEW OF TONIGHT’S CONVERSATION

Welcome to MSU Basics!
Tonight we will be discussing the following:
Bozeman Area
Academic Opportunities
Student Life at MSU
Application Process
Scholarships and Financial Aid
Next Steps
WELCOME TO BIG SKY COUNTRY - BOZEMAN, MT

Top 10 Best Places to Live – Money Magazine
#1 Best Place to Live in the U.S. – New York Post
Top 5 Ski Town in the world – National Geographic
THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

• Located in Central Montana
• 60,000 people in the Bozeman area
• Third largest town in Montana
• Busiest airport in the state with the most direct flights
• Free public transportation
• Popular stores you know and love – Target, Starbucks, Costco, Macy’s + many more
• Easy to navigate
• Bike friendly town
THE HEART OF BOZEMAN

• Downtown Bozeman is populated exclusively by locally-owned businesses
• Restaurants and coffee shops offer everything from cheeseburgers to curry to tacos to sushi, and so much more!
• Art Walks highlight local artists and galleries
• Live music venues like The Rialto bring out local musicians and world-class acts.
• Take in live stage productions and film festivals at the recently renovated Ellen Theater
• Show your school spirit at the Homecoming Parade, Bobcat Fest, or the Community Cat Walk.
Head up to Hyalite Canyon - climb, camp, and hike 30 minutes from the MSU campus!

Ski and Board Bridger Bowl and Big Sky Resort – a free shuttle runs up to Bridger every weekend!

Explore your backyard - over 80 miles of trails in the Main Street to Mountains trail system await you!

Fish and float the Gallatin, Madison, and Yellowstone Rivers – famous for whitewater adventure!
BOZEMAN WEATHER

• Annual snowfall totals about 86” annually
• Average winter temperature = 34°; Average summer temperature 83°
• Average 300 Days of sunshine
MSU + BOZEMAN

As you can see, there are many reasons our students love to call Bozeman home!
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

#1 Public University in the state of Montana – Forbes
Top 10 Return on Investment for Public Universities – Best Value Schools
Top Producer of Goldwater Scholars in the Region
16,902 Students - Representing all 50 states and over 70 countries

47% in-state / 53% out-of-state students make up the MSU freshmen class

More Montanans are enrolled at MSU than at any other institution in MT
ONE-OF-A-KIND RESEARCH INSTITUTION

- Montana State is the only university in the country with Carnegie® classifications for very high research activity, a very high undergraduate enrollment profile and a commitment to community engagement.

- Top 3% of colleges and universities in the nation for research expenditures

- Our students have unparalleled access to outdoor adventure and discovery.
AREAS OF STUDY

MSU offers over 250+ Academic Programs, including majors, minors, and special certificate programs

[montana.edu/admissions/majors]

- College of Agriculture
- College of Arts and Architecture
- Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship
- Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering
- College of Education, Health, and Human Development
- College of Letters and Science
- College of Nursing
- University Studies
ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

STUDY ABROAD
Participate in the largest study abroad program in the state of Montana!

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS
Explore research opportunities as unique as your interests!

PRE-PROFESSIONAL ADVISING
Those bound for graduate school in the health professions, veterinary field, or law profession can work with a Pre-Professional advisor to prepare for their next steps.

HONORS COLLEGE
Attend our Honors College Webinar on November 20th!
STUDENT SUPPORT

• One-on-One Advising
• Tutoring
• Learning Strategists
• Drop In Centers
• Disability Services
• MSU library
• Financial Education
• Career Services
CAMPUS LIFE

Best College for Outdoor Sports and Recreation – LendEDU
Most LGBTQ+ Friendly College in the state of Montana – BestColleges.com & Campus Pride
Award Winning Dining Halls and Residence Halls
STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

• MSU offers nearly 300 clubs and organizations on campus
  • Find the list at montana.edu/engagement
  • Greek Life, Music Ensembles, Student Government, Service Organizations, Career Development, Art Guilds, Honor Societies, + more!

• Bobcat Athletics
  • Cheer on MSU’s 14 NCAA D1 sports and NIRA rodeo team
  • All regular season tickets are free to students

• The Brick Breeden Fieldhouse is the largest event venue in town
  • Hosts athletic events, concerts, Broadway shows, art markets, cultural events, + more!

• Outdoor Rec Center
  • Provides equipment rentals and group outings

• Fitness Center
  • State of the art equipment, climbing wall, Club and Intramural sports, turf field, + more!

• Diversity & Inclusion Student Commons (DISC)
  • Promotes inclusion and diversity on campus while serving as a hub for resources and gathering
LIVING ON CAMPUS

• Freshmen are required to live on campus their first year

• 11 Residence Halls
  • 12th Hall under construction – slated to open Fall 2020

• Single gender, Co-Ed, and Mixed Gender options available

• Single Rooms, Double Rooms, Apartments, and Suites available

• Living Learning Communities
  • Offer themed floors for Business, Creative Arts, Leadership, Engineering, Honors, Sense of Place, and Well-Being

• Access to two dining halls on campus
  • Rendezvous Dining Hall named Top Collegiate Dining Facility at a Large School

• Housing assigned on first come; first served basis – Application opens October 1st

• Join us for our Residence Life Webinar on September 18th!
BECOMING A BOBCAT – HOW DO I APPLY?

Montana’s premier Land Grant Institution
An accessible application process with a quick decision timeline
Millions of dollars in scholarships and financial aid distributed annually
APPLYING TO MSU

- Streamlined application
  - No essays
  - No letters of recommendations
  - No deadlines
- Rolling admissions
  - Application decision received within two weeks of applying
- Send your official SAT or ACT results to MSU directly from the testing company when you apply

Freshman Admission Requirements

To be admitted, a prospective freshman must meet the following requirements:

- Must have one of the following:
  - 22 on the ACT or 1120 SAT (M, W/L)
  - Have a 2.5 high school GPA
  - Rank in the top half of his/her graduating class
- Must meet college preparatory requirements:
  - 4 YEARS English
  - 3 YEARS Math
  - 3 YEARS Social Studies
  - 2 YEARS Lab Science
  - 2 YEARS Choose From: Foreign Language, Computer Science, Visual & Performing Arts or Vocational Education
EARNING COLLEGE CREDIT IN HIGH SCHOOL?

• College credit can be earned for AP exams with a score of 3 or higher
  • English Language & Composition and Music Theory both require a 4 or higher for credit

• College credit can be earned for higher level exams with a score of 4 or higher
  • Credit can be earned on some standard level exams as well

• View our Early Credit Info Page at www.montana.edu/admissions/transferring-credit/index.html

*Here you can see an example of an AP Credit Equivalency

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EARNING COLLEGE CREDIT IN HIGH SCHOOL?

- All dual-enrollment courses earning credit from regionally-accredited institutions will transfer to MSU, either as direct equivalents or electives.
- Our Transfer Equivalency Guide on our website shows how courses have previously transferred in for credit.
- As long as credits are received while you are enrolled in high school, you are still considered a freshman student at MSU.

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MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

• Montana Resident Scholarships
  • Premier Scholarship
    • Requires a Premier Scholarship Application by February 1st: montana.edu/admissions/premierscholarship
    • Available in a range of values based on GPA and ACT/SAT scores
    • Can update test scores/GPA as they shift during your senior year
    • Begin making offers in late October/early November

• Out-of-State Scholarships
  • Achievement Award Scholarship
    • No separate application required
    • Available in a range of values based on GPA and ACT/SAT scores
  • Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Scholarship
    • Requires a WUE Scholarship Application by February 1st: montana.edu/admissions/wue
    • Competitive, requiring high GPA and ACT/SAT scores
    • Reduces tuition to 150% of in-state tuition rate (worth over $15,000 per year)
    • Can update test scores/GPA as they shift during your senior year
    • Begin making offers in late October/early November
MORE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

• Presidential Scholarship
  • Full tuition waiver, plus a stipend
  • Up to 23 awarded each year
  • Application requiring multiple essays and letters of recommendation due December 6, 2019: montana.edu/honors/scholarships.html
  • Also serves as an application to the Honors College

• Departmental Scholarships
  • Based on your academic field of study
  • Stack on top of other scholarships earned
  • Primarily use the Cat Scholarships portal: montana.academicworks.com
  • More opportunities available as an upperclassman at MSU
EVEN MORE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

• MSU will honor any scholarships that you receive from third-party organizations nationwide
  • These will also stack on top of scholarships offered by MSU
  • Many students use fastweb.com or collegexpress.com to search for scholarships
  • Montana students: MUS Honor Scholarship opens on December 1st and is typically due in mid-March

• Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for need-based opportunities
  • Goes live on October 1st and has a priority deadline of December 1st
  • We will host another webinar on paying for school on October 16th
DEBUNKING MYTHS

• Your FAFSA package does not impact your eligibility for merit-based scholarships through the Office of Admissions.

• Many on-campus jobs are available outside of work-study programs offered through Financial Aid: montana.edu/comeworkwithus

• The Achievement Award, WUE Scholarship, and Presidential Scholarships cannot stack, and the Premier Scholarship cannot stack with the Presidential Scholarship. All other merit-based scholarship opportunities can stack to help make your MSU education affordable.
NEXT STEPS

• Apply for Admission
• Apply for Scholarship programs
  • Major deadlines on December 6th and February 1st
• Apply for On-Campus Housing
  • Opens on October 1st at 9 AM MDT, with a priority deadline on March 1st
  • Residence Life Webinar is scheduled for September 18th for information on housing options and the housing application process
• Register for Freshman Orientation
  • Registration opens on January 14th
• Visit campus
  • MSU Friday: montana.edu/msufriday
  • Personalized daily visits: montana.edu/visit
  • Virtual tour: montana.edu/tour
THANK YOU! ANY QUESTIONS?

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