



orientation

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**STATE UNIVERSITY**

— BOZEMAN • MONTANA —

# Outside the Classroom

Summer 2025

**Presenter: Orientation Leader**



# Agenda

**Purpose of this meeting is to introduce new incoming students to life outside the classroom including engagement opportunities, community service, life in Bozeman, and more.**

- A Day in the Life
- Living on Campus
- Employment & Financial Assistance
- Engagement Opportunities
- Student Wellness
- Bozeman Community
- Your First Semester







# A Day in the Life





# Transition to College

**There are a lot of changes that take place as you transition from high school to college. We encourage students to reflect on this transition during Orientation.**

- Schedule may look different every day
- Not as routine as high school
- You have a lot more ownership of your education
- Many resources & services available to help you find success

## Tips for Success

**Buy a Planner**

**Utilize MSU Services & Resources**

**Find a Study Buddy**

**Go to Professor Office Hours**

**Find ways to relieve stress**

**Plan out time to study in your day**

**Find a Club or Organization to Join – Try something new!**

**Engage in Community Events**



# A Sample Student Schedule

## Monday

8:00 – 8:50 am	Class (1 hour)
8:50 – 9:50 am	Break (Coffee, Breakfast, Study)
9:50 – 10:50 am	Class
10:50 – 12:00 pm	Break (Study, Tutoring, Daily tasks such as laundry, Lunch)
12:00 – 3:00 pm	Work
3:00 pm	Lab (Can Vary in Length)
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Weekly Club Meeting
6:30 pm	Dinner downtown Bozeman with friends
8:00 pm	Downtime (Study, Prepare for next day, Relax)

## Tuesday

8:00 am	Workout at Gym
9:00 – 10:15 am	Class (1 hour 15 mins)
10:30 – 11:00 am	Meet with Academic Advisor
11:00 - 12:00 pm	Lunch (Meet friends on campus or walk off campus)
12:00 – 1:15 pm	Recitation
1:15 – 3:30 pm	Break (Snack, Study, Attend Involvement fair on campus)
3:30 pm	Hike the M with friends
5:00 pm	Event in downtown Bozeman
7:00 pm	Downtime (Study, Prepare for next day, Relax)

**Not every schedule may look this way and may vary based on the student's major, interests, from semester to semester, etc.**



# Outside the Classroom

The takeaway is that in addition to your academic experience, there are many opportunities to make each day unique, get involved on campus, and engage with the community of Bozeman.







# Living on Campus





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## Living on Campus

- Required for first year unless exempt
- 12 Unique residence hall options (single gender, co-ed, upper classmen, etc.)

## When You Arrive

- CatCard Access
- Resident Advisors & Community Directors
- Request changes and work with RA to manage living environment

## Information & Changes

- Preferred email in MyInfo
- Login to Housing Portal

**Move In: August 17-19**

**Must sign up for a Move-In time starting in July**



[https://www.montana.edu/housing/halls/moving\\_in.html](https://www.montana.edu/housing/halls/moving_in.html)



# Living on Campus

In room you will find extra long twin bed (regular twin beds in Quads & Roskie Hall), closet, trash can, desk and chair.

## What to Bring

Desk Items

Shower Items

Laundry Items

Linens

Appliances

Miscellaneous: Decorations, TV, games, shelving, etc.

## Residence Hall Amenities

Community  
Laundry Room



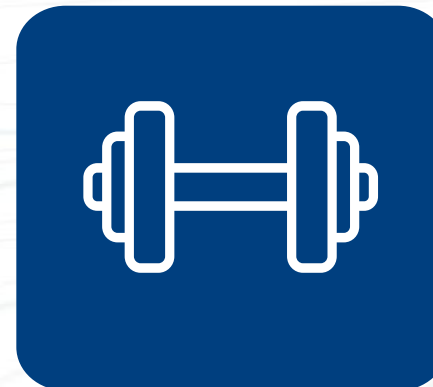
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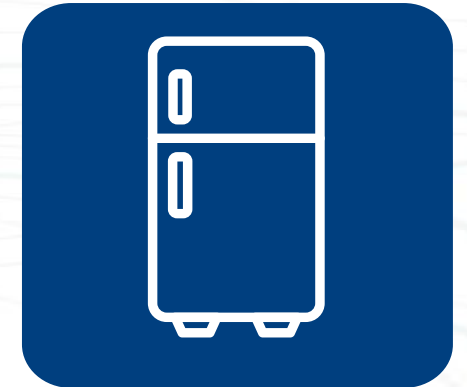
Television & Study  
Lounges



Fitness &  
Weight Rooms



Community  
Kitchen



# Dining on Campus



## RENDEZVOUS DINING PAVILION

7:00 AM - 7:30 PM  
+ Late Night Bites



## MILLER DINING COMMONS

7:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
+ Late Night Bites



## CAMPUS COFFEE SHOPS

+ Brewed Awakening  
+ Standing Room Only  
+ Norm's Café



# Dining on Campus

## Meal Plan

- Included in your Room & Board
- 5-Day or 7-Day (can upgrade or downgrade!)
- Unlimited Access

## Dining Hall Expectations

- CatCard Access
- Communal tables, study spaces, grab-n-go
- Dish Drop

## Unique Features

- Nutritionist & Dietary Options
- Events & Themed Meals
- Commuter Plan

## CatCash

- Used like an on-campus debit card







# Employment & Financial Assistance





# Working on Campus

**The Allen Yarnell Center for Student Success (AYCSS) helps students connect with employers and access job opportunities.**

- Career, Internship, & Student Employment Services
- HireABobcat.com
- Career Coaches, Major Exploration, Resume building workshops, and more!





# Working on Campus

## Work Study

- Must qualify through FAFSA
- Financial Aid Office
- Don't have to have work study to be employed on campus

## Career Fairs

- Twice a Year
- Internships, Summer Jobs, and Work post-graduation

## On-Campus Employment

**Research Opportunities**

**Offices & Services**

**Coffee Shops**

**Dining Halls**

**Residence Halls**

**Wellness Center**

**Outdoor Recreation Center**

**And more!**

**Benefits of working on campus include flexibility with schedule, proximity to classes, and connection to MSU staff and faculty!**

# Financial Assistance

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## Financial Education Office

- Financial Coaches
- Help with Financial Aid, budgeting, loan management, and more

## Tuition Payment Plans

- Pay throughout semester as opposed to once at beginning
- Student Accounts Office

## Cat Scholarships

- Apply for scholarships after freshman year







# Engagement Opportunities





# What to Expect on Your First Weekend





# Events & Traditions

**Many avenues to form community  
and meet new people**

- Office of Student Engagement
- Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU)
- Student Commons
- Fraternity & Sorority Life
- Residence Hall Association
- Campus Rec
- And more!

**Homecoming Parade**

**Community Cat Walk**

**Debut Concert**

**Bobcat Fest**

**Pow Wow**

**Shakespeare in the Parks**

**Paint the M**

**Cataplooza**

**Brawl of the Wild**

**Convocation**

**Gold Rush Football Game**

**And more!**





# Engagement Opportunities







# Student Wellness





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## COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

↳ One-On-One Counseling  
Group Counseling  
Mental Health Presentations



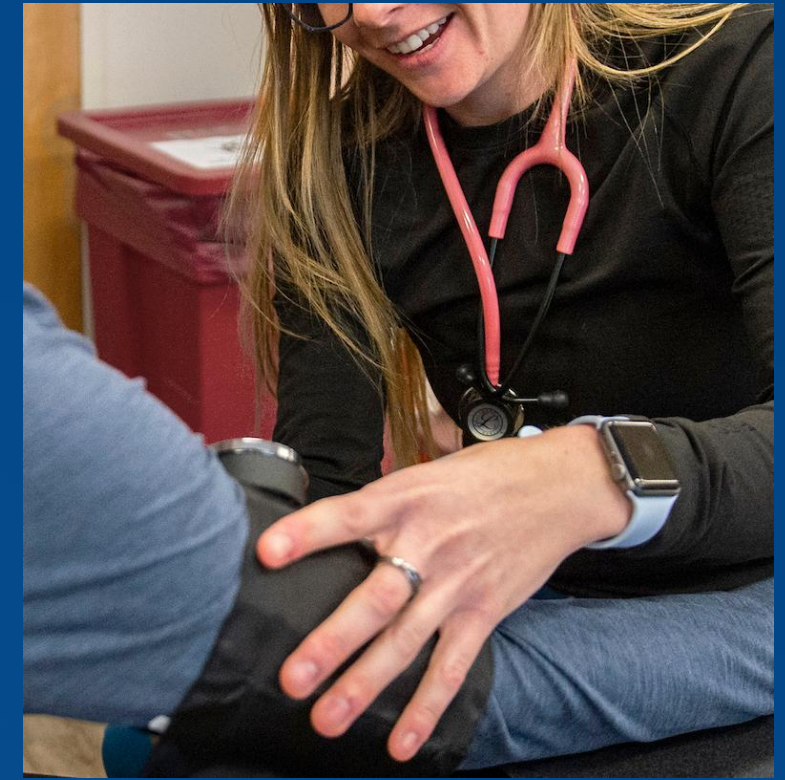
## CAMPUS RECREATION

↳ Intramural & Club Sports  
Personal Training  
Group Fitness Classes  
Outdoor Rec



## STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

↳ Medical Care  
Dental Care  
Pharmacy  
Education & Promotion





# Student Wellness

**In addition to recreational facilities and services, Student Wellness offers the following:**

- **Basic Needs & Food Pantry**
- **Travel Medicine**
- **Online Self-Help Resources**
- **Health Education & Promotion**
- **And more!**

**Students may either stay on a family plan or elect MSU health insurance.**

**Selection made each semester via MyInfo.**

**Regardless of what health insurance plan students have, they are eligible to use MSU health services.**





# Bozeman Community





# Bozeman Fast Facts



## Gallatin Valley

Historically – and today – Gallatin Valley has been the shared land of indigenous tribes such as the Bangtail, Shoshone, Crow, and more.

Lewis & Clark expedition coined Gallatin Valley as the “Valley of Flowers” in July 1806.

## History

John Bozeman started the Bozeman Trail (a new northern trail off the Oregon trail) leading to the mining town of Virginia City, MT.

Nelson Story was a successful gold miner who in 1866 drove cattle from TX up to MT – Built up the Bozeman economy.



## Weather

High elevation = dry

~300 days of sunshine

Average winter temp = 34°

Average summer temp = 86°

Annual snowfall in town = 86 in

Annual snowfall in mountains =

300-400 in

## Bozeman Today

Population ~60,000

Surrounding Area ~100,000

Third Largest Town in MT

Second Largest County in MT

Best of Both Worlds



# Bozeman Events

**Bozeman is a vibrant community that hosts numerous events throughout the year celebrating outdoor pursuits, diverse food options, a lively arts & culture scene, and engaging community events.**

- **Downtown Bozeman**
- **Museum of the Rockies**
- **Local Businesses & Organizations**
- **And more!**

**Christmas Stroll**  
**Run to the Rub**  
**Music on Main**  
**Bite of Bozeman**  
**Pond Skim**  
**Bridger Ridge Run**  
**Farmers Markets**  
**Sweet Pea Festival**  
**Stampede Rodeo**  
**Gallatin County Fair**  
**Shakespeare in the Parks**  
**And more!**



# Outdoor Pursuits



## Accessibility to Outdoors

6 Mountain Ranges

80+ Miles of Trails

3 Major Rivers

2 Ski Areas

89 Miles to Yellowstone NP

## Help You With...

- ✓ Hiking
- ✓ Biking
- ✓ Climbing
- ✓ Skiing
- ✓ Running
- ✓ Back Packing
- ✓ Rafting
- ✓ Kayaking
- ✓ And more!

Equipment Check Out  
Ski & Bike Workshops

Group Trips

Activity Classes

Clinics & Workshops

Climbing Wall

Avalanche Beacon Training Park  
And more!





# Outdoor Pursuits



## RIVER ACCESS

↳ 3 Major Rivers  
#1 Fly Fishing School in US  
Fishing  
Floating  
Rafting



## FAN FAVORITE HIKES

↳ M Trail  
Storm Castle Peak  
Drinking Horse Trail  
Palisade Falls  
Sacagawea Trail



## SKIING & SNOWBOARDING

↳ Bridger Bowl  
Big Sky Ski Resort





# Bozeman Community







# Your First Semester





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## First Year Needs

### Transportation

- Parking Permit (August 1)
- Biking and Walking
- Streamline Bus
- CatTrack Shuttle

### CatCard

- Upload photo in advance
- When a student checks-in at halls

### Buying Books

- MSU Bookstore
- Syllabus on Canvas

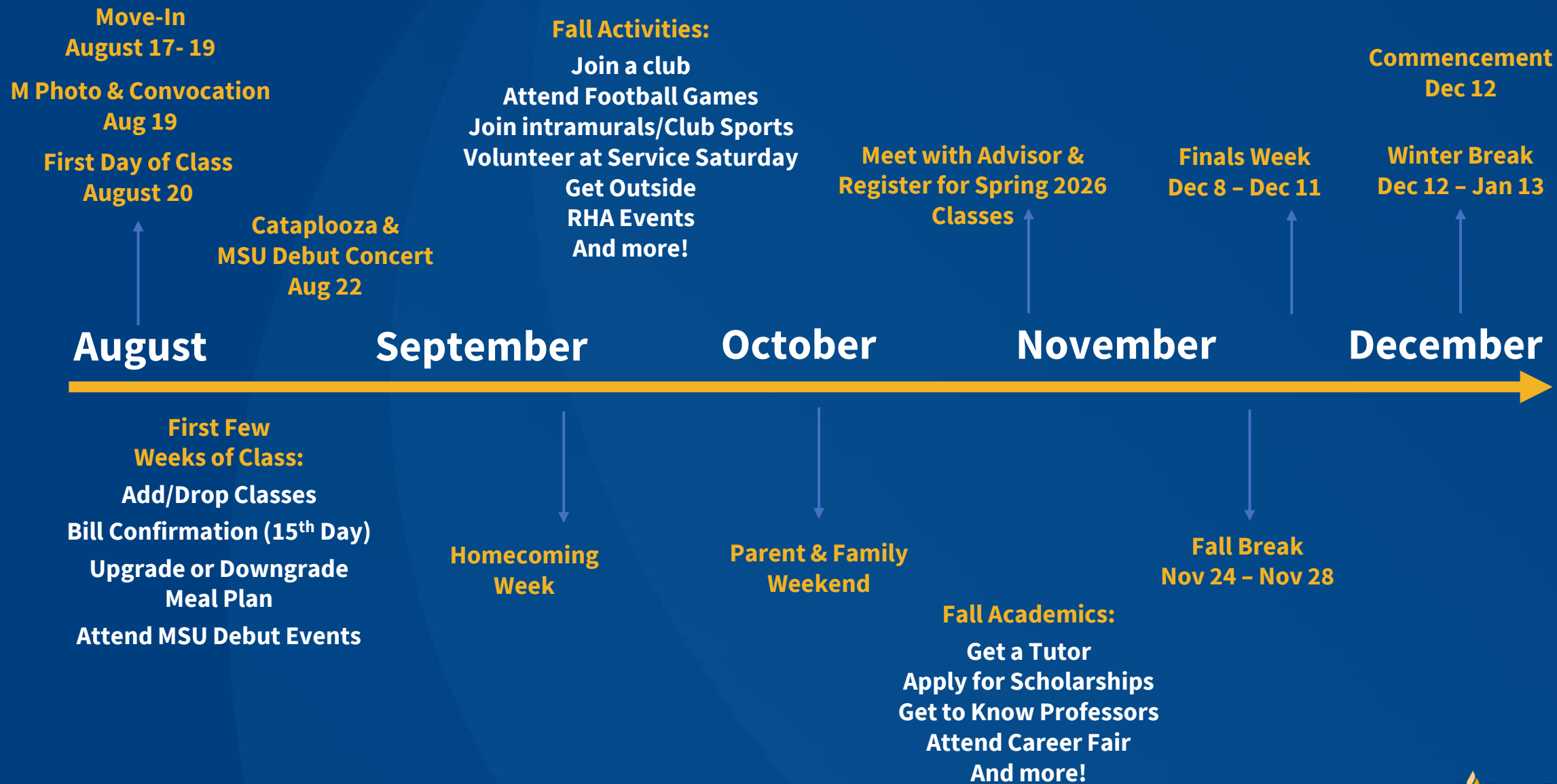
### Confirming Bill

- 15<sup>th</sup> Day of Class





# Your First Semester





# Questions?

