



September 4, 2026

Dear MSUB Student,

Welcome, all new and returning students, to Fall Semester 2026 at MSU Billings!

Please take advantage of all the [MSUB Fall Kickoff](#) and [Welcome Week](#) events and activities!

Construction: The new semester starts with some visible changes, especially at the University Campus. A state project upgraded our water line that serves campus. Some groundwork and new sidewalks are evidence of the work that has been done to improve our infrastructure. Some work will continue as the 2026-27 academic year gets underway. Affected areas can change throughout the day. Please be safe as you drive or move about the campus and stay clear of construction zones.

Move-In Day and Weekend Hours (Sunday, September 6, 2026)

- If you're living on campus, Residence Halls open at 9am on Sunday, September 6, 2026 – please refer to information from housing for more details.
- Financial Aid, Registrar's Office, University ID Card Services, Admissions, Advising, Student Accounts and Parking will be open (some services may be limited) **10am-2pm** in McMullen Hall. The campus store and Stingers Bistro will be open in the Student Union.

Fall Kick Off (Tuesday, September 8, 2026).

Join us at the [Fall Kickoff](#) to meet your professors, connect with City College and University campus staff, and start building friendships with fellow new Yellowjackets. Dive into a day packed with **free giveaways, food trucks, student clubs, and interactive activities** led by MSUB professors and campus programs.

Class Locations: We encourage you to look at your class schedule online or get an updated printout as some of the class locations likely have changed since you first registered. You can do that, as well as manage other important details through [MyMSUB](#).

Classes begin Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

Be sure to pay attention to important academic dates throughout the semester by using the [academic calendar](#).

- Monday, September 7 Campus Offices Closed
- Tuesday, September 8 Last day to withdraw (all classes) with full refund
- Thursday, September 17 Last day to add classes (already enrolled students)
- Tuesday, September 29 Last day to drop a class/classes with partial refund and no "W" on transcript

Always ensure you know how dropping/adding/withdrawing impacts your student bill and financial aid. Please be sure to connect with [Financial Aid](#) and [Student Accounts](#) directly.

Be prepared – Quick Advice to start the semester:

- Order [books and course materials](#) as soon as possible
- Check your email and mail for messages from faculty and campus offices
- Please be sure to accept your financial aid award (if you have one), and [pay your bill/confirm your attendance](#)
- Accept or waive student health insurance. If you have not made a decision on [purchasing or declining the University Student Health Insurance](#), be sure to do that right away! If you have questions, please contact Business Services at 406-657-2140
- You can find information on [parking, financial aid and scholarships, and fee payment/student account information](#) in your [MyMSUB](#) student account.

VIP NOTE regarding Financial Aid: Congressional legislation (One Big Beautiful Bill Act – OBBBA) enacted substantial changes to federal financial aid **effective July 1, 2026**. OBBBA introduces various changes that will impact all categories of students, including prospective, undergraduate, and graduate individuals. Changes made under the OBBBA, include:

- [New Direct Loan amounts based on enrollment - Schedule of Reduction \(SOR\)](#)
- [Updated Pell Grant eligibility rules](#)
- [New federal loan limits](#)
- [Changes to repayment options](#)

Paying your bill and confirming attendance: You must [confirm your attendance](#) every semester! If you have paid your tuition in full or have enough financial aid to cover your bill, on your web bill page will be a button that says, "Confirm Bill." A [payment plan](#) option is also available.

Canvas (online learning platform): Your Canvas logon is your @msubillings.edu email address. If you haven't logged into [Canvas](#), please make sure you know your [NetID](#) and [password](#), @msubillings email, and have [DUO](#) set up so you can access course materials and assignments. **Courses will show up in [Canvas](#) at midnight on the first day of classes, September 9, 2026.**

- Please familiarize yourself with this [Campus Logons | MSU Billings](#) resource page regarding several IT related services. Included on this page is a [What's my Username](#) document that outlines which Username is utilized for which system.
- Access [Canvas](#) now to learn more about it
- If you're new to MSUB, please complete the Thriving Together online prevention education course. You can find it in your Canvas learning dashboard.

MSU Billings wants you to succeed, [Office of Academic Success](#) units can help!

If you still need assistance with your class schedule contact University Campus [Advising](#) or [City College Advising](#).

You can check your degree progress through [Degree Works](#) in [MyMSUB](#) or visit with your advisor about degree requirements. Schedule an appointment now using [Navigate](#) or by calling your advisor.

Download the [Navigate @MSUB](#) student app for resources, To-Dos, Events, Study Buddies, appointment scheduling and more!

- Use Navigate to sign up for advising appointments and newly added, Academic Support Center tutoring appointments.
- The Hand Raise feature will help get you connected!



Look for the waving hand icon to request help discreetly and get support from staff who can connect you with appointments and resources - tutoring or academic support, getting involved on campus, or basic needs such as food, school supplies, and more.

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| ✓ Go to Class | ✓ Ask Questions – Ask for HELP! |
| ✓ Get to know your instructors | ✓ Use campus resources to help |
| ✓ Read your course syllabus for every class | ✓ Get Involved! |

Our [Academic Support Center](#) (ASC) is here to help! The ASC provides services for **ALL MSUB students** including peer mentors, tutors, supplementary instruction, study groups and study spaces! The University Campus ASC, located in the Student Union Building, is open Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Fridays 9:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and hosts evening hours on Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:00-8:00 p.m. The City College ASC, located in the Tech Building, is open Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Tutoring and academic support services are available online, as well as in person. Download [Navigate](#) to see the complete schedule of tutors and availability!

Reach out to [Career & Employment Services](#) where you can discover majors and career pathways available at MSUB and City College. Whether you've selected a major or are still exploring options, our Career Specialists can help with your journey and assist with part-time or work-study jobs, review a resume, or secure an internship. Also, be sure to stop by Career & Employment Services in Library 100 to check out the Headshot Studio and Professional Closet!

The [Office International Studies](#) invites you to learn about studying abroad. Learn more at the **Study Abroad Fair** from 10a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 29, 2026, in the SUB Glacier Room.

If you need a student ID card or have a question, contact the [Registrar's Office](#).

Centennial: A Legacy of Access. A Lifetime Impact. The 2026-27 academic year marks our 100th birthday! A century ago, Billings leaders banded together to get a teacher's college — the Eastern Montana Normal School — off and running. We've been preparing outstanding educators, business leaders, civic leaders, artists, scientists, healthcare professionals, and technicians-trades personnel ever since. You'll see signpost banners noting the Centennial and a bronze-coated version of the university's seal is now at home in the center of the University Campus. An archive display can be viewed in the SUB Atrium, and other events will be held throughout the school year.

Thank you for being an MSUB student. It is going to be a great fall semester!

Live Here. Work Here. Graduate Here.

Sincerely,

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