

# General Information

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## Notice Concerning Materials Described In This Catalog

All provisions within this catalog are subject to change without notice.

While the College will make every effort to provide all described courses and programs, the final decision regarding availability will be determined by enrollment, available faculty, funds, and employer training needs.

## Governance

Great Falls College Montana State University is a two-year technical/community college within Montana's public university system. Central administrative control of the College is vested exclusively in the Montana Board of Regents. The Regents have full power, responsibility, and authority to supervise, coordinate, manage, and control the colleges and universities within the Montana University System.

Although a stand-alone institution for purposes of institutional accreditation, budget, personnel, and management, Great Falls College Montana State University has been affiliated with Montana State University since July 1, 1994.

## Accreditation

All educational programs offered by the College are approved by the Montana Board of Regents, United States Department of Education, United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and Montana Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

More details on GFC MSU's regional accreditation can be found here (<http://catalog.gfcmsu.edu/accreditation>).

## Important College Regulations and Policies

### Crime Awareness and Campus Security

It is the policy and commitment of the College to afford its students, employees, and visitors a campus and educational environment that is as safe and free of crime as possible. Students, employees, and visitors contribute to overall campus safety by reporting criminal activity, by securing personal possessions, and by being aware of personal safety when entering or exiting the campus buildings. The Clery (Campus Security) Act, Annual Security Report, which includes Institutional Security Policies and Crime Statistics, is located online.

- Great Falls College MSU Policy on Crime Awareness and Campus Security ([http://www.gfcmsu.edu/about/policies/PDF/300/303\\_2.pdf](http://www.gfcmsu.edu/about/policies/PDF/300/303_2.pdf))

### Drug-Free Campus Policy

In compliance with the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988, Public Law 101-690, Great Falls College MSU is committed to a good faith effort to provide a drug-free campus. Therefore, the manufacturing, distribution, sale, and/or abuse of illicit and/or prescription drugs, or the inappropriate use of alcohol at the College or in any activity affiliated with the College is prohibited. In addition, the College will enforce the Board of Regents' policy, Section 603.1, of the Policy and Procedures Manual regarding alcoholic beverages. Students must comply with this policy as a condition of attendance. Violations of this policy will result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion and/or referral for prosecution. At the discretion of the Dean of the College, a student violating the policy may be required to satisfactorily complete a drug

or alcohol abuse rehabilitation program as an alternative to expulsion or as a condition for re-admission.

According to information provided by the U.S. Department of Education, drug and alcohol abuse may cause personal health problems, as well as interfere with work, school, and daily living performance.

The Great Falls community has a number of excellent resources available to assist an individual who is having difficulty with drug and/or alcohol abuse. Advising & Career Center advisors at the Great Falls College Montana State University are familiar with community resources and are available to refer individuals for assistance and/or treatment to overcome the problem of drug or alcohol abuse. If an individual is reluctant to approach College personnel, information about assistance programs may be obtained by calling the Community Help Line at 761.6010.

- Great Falls College MSU Policy on Drug Free Campus ([http://www.gfcmsu.edu/about/policies/PDF/300/303\\_1.pdf](http://www.gfcmsu.edu/about/policies/PDF/300/303_1.pdf))
- Great Falls College MSU Policy on Alcohol at Campus Events ([http://www.gfcmsu.edu/about/policies/PDF/600/603\\_1.pdf](http://www.gfcmsu.edu/about/policies/PDF/600/603_1.pdf))

## Equal Opportunity Policy

Great Falls College Montana State University is committed to the provision of equal opportunity for education, employment, and participation in all College programs and activities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, creed, service in the uniformed services (as defined in state and federal law), veteran status, gender, age, political ideas, marital or family status, physical or mental disability, genetic information, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation.

The College's Equal Opportunity Officers are the Executive Director of Human Resources and the Associate Dean of Student Services, 2100 16th Avenue South, Great Falls, MT 59405. Telephone: 406.771.4300

- Great Falls College MSU Policy on Equal Opportunity ([http://www.gfcmsu.edu/about/policies/PDF/300/302\\_1.pdf](http://www.gfcmsu.edu/about/policies/PDF/300/302_1.pdf))

## Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Stalking and Retaliation

Great Falls College Montana State University prohibits and will not tolerate discrimination, harassment, sexual misconduct, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, or retaliation on its premises, within any of its programs, services or other College-sponsored activities, or by anyone acting as an agent of the College. Great Falls College Montana State University is committed to providing and ensuring a safe, positive learning environment that is free from harassment. A complete version of this policy may be obtained from Human Resources, Student Central, or online in the Great Falls College MSU Policy on Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct ([http://www.gfcmsu.edu/about/policies/PDF/300/301\\_1.pdf](http://www.gfcmsu.edu/about/policies/PDF/300/301_1.pdf)).

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