

# New Student Orientation

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## Online Orientation

All new GFC MSU students are required to complete the Online Orientation prior to scheduling their first advising appointment and registering for classes. The Online Orientation is a series of short videos that students will view in order to learn about steps such as creating their single login and password for access to BannerWeb/My Info, how to use the class schedule and academic catalog, as well as how to access a variety of student resources before classes begin and once enrolled.

## Online Tutorials/Tech Essentials Resources (OTTER) Tips

The Technology Assistance Center (<https://gfcmsu.edu/home/campus-departments/elearning/>) (TAC) at Great Falls College offers several OTTER tips to help students navigate technology. The resources teach you to use our secure on-line system that provides GFC MSU students, staff, and faculty with access to various academic, registration, and personnel records maintained by the college. The TAC also teaches students how to navigate our online learning management system, the tool you will use to access all classes and assignments. Information about these resources is provided in online orientation and at Opening Day and other welcome events.

## Opening Day

New students are also encouraged to attend an Opening Day event. Opening Day is typically held the Saturday before Fall and Spring classes begin. Students will have an opportunity to learn strategies to be successful at Great Falls College MSU, meet faculty, learn about campus resources, purchase text books, and prepare for the first day of classes. More information will be provided to students when they meet with an academic advisor to register for classes.

## Student Identification Card

Each student should obtain a nontransferable identification card. The identification card may be necessary when purchasing books, cashing checks in the bookstore, to access labs on campus, and using the library. This ID can be obtained in Student Central. Students can replace a lost identification card in Student Central for \$3.