Admission Requirements

1. Complete and Submit Application for Admission: Applications for admission may be submitted by clicking on the application link above. Prospective students are encouraged to consult with the Enrollment Specialist for information about selecting a program and financial aid before submitting their applications. Contact the Enrollment Specialist at 406.771.5132 or 1.800.446.2698 to arrange for an appointment. Per the Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education Policy 940.2, "Each campus of the Montana University System shall charge a non-refundable application fee of $30 to each applicant for admission to a graduate or undergraduate program."

2. Furnish Proof of High School Completion or Equivalency: Applicants to any program must submit copies of high school transcripts, high school diploma, GED, or HSGE scores to Admissions. These records must be final and include the completion/graduation date. High schools must be accredited by the appropriate state office of public instruction.

3. Furnish Immunization Records: In order to be in compliance with Administrative Rules of Montana, updated June 2007, students born after January 1, 1957, taking seven (7) or more credits or enrolled in a certificate/degree/transfer program must submit proof of TWO vaccinations against measles (rubella) AND TWO against rubella (German measles). Immunizations must have been after 12 months of age, the second no earlier than 28 days after administration of the first dose. No measles vaccination given before 1967 is valid and no rubella vaccination given before 1969 is valid. Immunizations must be documented by a physician, registered nurse, or school official; or submit blood draw (Titer test) results proving immunity for BOTH measles and rubella; or submit documentation of having contracted measles and rubella. Documentation by a physician is required including dates of illness; or documentation of a file for a medical or religious exemption; or show proof of age, if born prior to January 1, 1957. Such evidence must be submitted before students will be permitted to register for courses. For more information about the Administrative Rules of Montana regarding immunizations, visit the link below:

4. Furnish Placement Assessment Scores and/or Official College Transcripts: Any degree-seeking student must submit copies of placement testing or submit college transfer work in math and writing prior to enrolling in their first semester of classes. Students may take a placement test offered by Great Falls College MSU or submit their ACT or SAT scores. In order to use any of these three tests for admission to the College, testing must have taken place no more than three years prior to enrollment at the College. Test scores are only valid at Great Falls College MSU for three years. Successful completion of math and writing at a previous institution may be used for placement. Official college transcripts must be issued directly from the regionally accredited college or university, must be sealed and official, and must be sent directly to Great Falls College MSU.

Special arrangements can be made for those applicants who take a placement test at Great Falls College MSU and who have a documented permanent or temporary disability. There is a fee for testing on campus; arrangements can be made through the GFC MSU Testing Center (http://students.gfcmsu.edu/testing/compass.html). If you live outside of Great Falls, remote testing is available – contact the Testing Center for more information at etesting@gfcmsu.edu or 406.268.3711.

Students may choose to have their ACT or SAT scores sent to the College to determine placement. Please have scores sent to the Admissions Office directly from ACT or SAT. The College’s ACT code is 2432, and the SAT code is 4482. The addresses and telephone numbers for ACT and SAT are:

- ACT Records SAT Program
  P.O. Box 451 Princeton, NJ 08541
  Iowa City, IA 52243-0451 866.756.7346
  (http://www.collegeboard.com)

Admission Types

First Time/Freshman Students

First Time/Freshman Students are degree seeking students, who have never attended college before or have less than 12 credits of transfer work. They are required to complete all admission (http://admissions.gfcmsu.edu/steps.html) requirements. A one-time $30 application fee must accompany the Application for Admission.

Transfer Students

Transfer students are required to complete all admission (http://admissions.gfcmsu.edu/steps.html) requirements listed above. In addition, credits from other regionally accredited post secondary institutions may be accepted as they apply to the established course requirements of Great Falls College Montana State University under the following guidelines:

- The transferring student must initiate the request for evaluation of credit during the admission procedure by furnishing an official transcript from the transferring institution(s) and the necessary materials, including copies of the appropriate catalog descriptions or course syllabi to the Registrar’s Office. Official transcripts must be issued directly from the regionally-accredited college or university, must be official, sealed documents, and must be sent directly to the following address: Office of the Registrar
  Great Falls College Montana State University
  2100 16th Ave S
  Great Falls, MT 59405

- Grades less than a “C-” for previous course work will not be considered for transfer credit. Course work taken more than 5 years prior to transfer request may not be accepted. If transfer credit cannot be granted, the student has the option of challenging a course or courses through the Experiential Learning policy.

- Transfer credit will be accepted only as it applies to the student’s declared program of study.

- Students will be awarded a certificate/degree upon satisfactory completion of all program requirements, provided 25% of the credits required in the degree-related program have been completed at Great Falls College MSU.

- Transfer credit will be posted on the transcript for accepted transferred course work.
If the student is under 18, a parental approval form must also be submitted.

Home school students must submit the admissions application and application fee, and submit a notarized copy of the home school curriculum. If the student is under 18, a parental approval form must also be submitted.

Non-immigrant Foreign Students

Great Falls College MSU is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant foreign students. Each non-immigrant foreign student is required to furnish the following documents in order to be considered for admission:

1. Completed Application for Admission accompanied by a $30 non-refundable application fee;
2. TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scores from an accredited testing service. A minimum score of 500 is the acceptable standard on the paper-based test, 173 on the computer-based test and 61 on the internet-based test. More information about TOEFL may be obtained from the Education Testing Service, Princeton, NJ 08540 or on the following websites: www.ets.org (http://www.ets.org) and www.toefl.org (http://www.toefl.org);
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4. A Declaration of Finances or other present evidence of funds necessary to pay all living expenses and travel to and from the college;
5. All non-immigrant foreign students must show a physician-validated immunization record for measles, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, and skin testing for tuberculosis. The evidence must be presented before a student will be permitted to register;
6. Evidence of an accident and sickness insurance policy or one of equal coverage for each semester in attendance at the College.

After a non-immigrant foreign student has completed all of the above items and returned the required forms, his/her admission file will be reviewed and a letter will be sent indicating either acceptance or denial of admission. Upon acceptance, the College will issue an I-20 Certificate of Eligibility for non-immigrant F-1 student status.

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Re-admission to the College

Students who have previously attended Great Falls College MSU must re-apply when they have been absent for one semester, excluding summer. Re-admitted students must complete the Application for Admission, which is available in Student Central or on the College’s website at http://admissions.gfcmsu.edu/apply.html. Re-admitted students will have to furnish all required application materials if they have not already done so.

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