

Online Learning

- Online Learning Website (<https://gfcmsu.edu/home/campus-departments/elearning/>)

The College offers online courses that are an extension of the on-campus course offerings. Emphasis is placed on offering online courses that support programs at the Great Falls College MSU, as well as other units of the Montana University System.

Additional information, including detailed course descriptions (<http://catalog.gfcmsu.edu/course-descriptions/>), is available by visiting our Course Schedule (https://prodmyinfo.montana.edu/pls/gfagent/bzskcrse.PW_SelSchClass/) and searching by "Course Type: Online."

Course and Program Modalities

Great Falls College offers courses and programs in a variety of formats. Click here (<https://gfcmsu.edu/home/course-modalities/>) for more information.

The College uses a variety of delivery methods to best accommodate students and hires qualified faculty, both inside and outside of the Great Falls area, to meet the needs of students working part- and full-time. Faculty are trained by the Teaching and Learning Center and supported by the Technology Assistance Center to deliver effective online instruction. The majority of online courses are delivered using the D2L Brightspace learning management system. Online students follow the same registration procedures as campus-based students. Online students have full access to Great Falls College MSU library resources, online advising through the Advising & Career Center, online tutoring through the Academic Success Center, and have the opportunity to order textbooks online through the Great Falls College MSU Bookstore – <http://thecottagebookstore.com>. The College plans eLearning opportunities, coordinates their delivery with academic departments, and provides student and faculty support services. Please contact the Technology Assistance Center for more information about the programs and/or course offerings. Students at a distance are an important part of the campus community!

ADVANTAGES FOR ONLINE COURSES: YOU CAN –

- Take courses from the comfort of your home.
- Earn a degree online while you work.
- Log in and complete assignments any time of day or night.
- Complete prerequisite courses online before relocating.
- Save on travel and childcare costs.
- Blend a course with your work schedule.
- Enjoy learning through an online environment.

CHALLENGES: YOU MUST –

- Be self-motivated.
- Have regular access to an Internet-ready computer and basic computer skills.
- Learn to communicate effectively using the College learning management system and other technologies to connect with students and faculty.

- Beware of procrastination -- online courses follow the same calendar as on-campus classes. Students enrolled in online courses should plan to log in and check the course updates on a daily basis.
- Learn to use the technology along with course content.
- Read instructions and all course materials versus attending on-campus course lectures.

YOU MAY –

- Be required to find a testing proctor or come to campus to take exams for your online course(s), especially Mathematics and Accounting.

For answers to questions about Online Learning opportunities, please visit our website <https://gfcmsu.edu/home/campus-departments/elearning/> or call the Technology Assistance Center at 406.771.4440. The Technology Assistance Center provides orientations, trainings, and technical support for online learning.