New Student Orientation

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.

Tech Essentials

All new GFC MSU students will be required to register for and complete a two-hour class titled Tech Essentials. The class is non-credit and free of charge. It is offered during several on-campus and on-line sessions. During this class, students will receive instruction from the Technology Assistance Center in order to use their login and password for Banner Web/My Info, 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 class will also teach students how to navigate D2L/Brightspace, our online learning management system. Additional information about Tech Essentials will be provided through Online Orientation and during advising appointments where advisors will assist students in registering for the class.

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.