



SUBJECT: 200 Academic Affairs

POLICY: 204.1 Course Enrollments

RELATED PROCEDURE: 204.1.1 Course Enrollments Procedures

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Introduction and Purpose

Great Falls College MSU's fiscal health depends on being financially sound and educationally effective. Classes are scheduled so students can reach their educational goals in a timely and efficient manner while ensuring the institution's instructional costs are covered. Courses and programs are offered in response to community, workforce, and student need.

Policy

Courses are taught when they have adequate enrollment to ensure the financial stability of the institution and the most effective use of taxpayer dollars. At times, the college does offer courses that are not fiscally solvent, but only if they meet the criteria outlined in this policy and the campus is in the fiscal position to be able to subsidize those courses.

Courses are guaranteed to run if they meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Required to complete a program's curriculum or a transfer agreement and cancelling the course or changing the course modality would interfere with the curriculum's published sequence and thus the ability for students to either progress in that program or graduate. Courses or programs with reoccurring instances of low enrollment will be evaluated for modification.
- Cannot be replaced with an appropriate class for substitution
- Offered intermittently (e.g., every other fall) and the cancellation would mean the course would not be offered again in a reasonable time for the student to enroll in it prior to graduation.
- Offered as part of a cohort, such as many of the Health Sciences programs
- Approved as a pilot course
- Needed to further an institutional goal or initiative

Courses not meeting the above criteria are not guaranteed. The college reserves the right to cancel any non-guaranteed courses, combine sections if needed, and use the Directed Study option when appropriate.

Accessible MUS Core Course Options

MUS general education core courses will be available to students in every core content area each semester