



SUBJECT:	Academic Affairs		
POLICY:	206.1 Cadaver		
PROCEDURE:	206.1.1 Cadaver Procedure		
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Introduction and Purpose

Great Falls College Montana State University is committed to the dignified and respectful treatment of cadavers and recognizable human body parts (“cadavers/parts”), including their use for educational and research activities at Great Falls College. This policy ensures the procurement, inventory, use, storage, transfer, transportation, and disposition of cadavers/parts used for education and research purposes must be conducted safely, respectfully, and in compliance with all legal, public health, and ethical standards.

Policy

Access

Access to the cadaver is limited in the following ways to protect the integrity, privacy and condition of the cadavers/parts.

Primary Access

Primary access is limited to the anatomy & physiology cadaver team. The cadaver team consists of all of the full-time biology faculty and staff. Primary access includes possession of necessary keys and permission to participate in prosection and other preparation or functions involved in research, study, and teaching activities.

Secondary Access

Secondary access is allowed if in the company of at least one member of the cadaver team for the purpose of observation and instruction; secondary access is available to the following:

- Adjunct anatomy & physiology science faculty
- Other health sciences faculty
- Lab students enrolled in anatomy & physiology I or II
- Individuals invited by the cadaver team for professional education purposes

Student Workers/Lab Workers

- Student and lab workers have the opportunity on a voluntary basis to receive cadaver education presented by a cadaver team member or members.

Other Staff

- Necessary custodial staff may also have access to the cadaver storage facility in order to monitor temperature, humidity, and other qualities of the room.

Other Access

- All others may request access by following this policy’s related procedure 206.1.1.

All persons who view the cadaver must go through an orientation with a member of the Cadaver Team prior to participating in any activity related to the cadaver.

Not allowed at any time:

- Family members (unless they meet criteria for secondary access)
- Members of media

Images of the Cadaver/Parts

Photography of any kind (digital, cell phone, traditional camera, video, etc.) is never allowed under any circumstances.

Prosection rights

Prosection rights are held solely by the members of the anatomy & physiology cadaver team.