



SUBJECT:	Academic Affairs			
POLICY:	212.1 Prerequisites			
PROCEDURE:				
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Introduction & Purpose

Great Falls College Montana State University wants students to be successful in their courses and programs. In order to do well, students must possess certain prior knowledge for some courses. For those courses, Great Falls College establishes pre-requisite classes that must be taken before enrolling in the course.

Policy

Prerequisites are listed in the Great Falls College current catalog course descriptions and curriculum pages. Students will be able to enroll in a course after completing the necessary prerequisites or through an Override Authorization Form. The Override Authorization Form must be approved and signed by the appropriate college personnel.

Only currently enrolled students who pass the prerequisite course(s) with the necessary grade will be allowed to take the subsequent course. If a student is already enrolled in the subsequent course but does not pass the pre-requisite(s), the student will be dropped from the course. Students will be notified of their change in status within one week of final grades being posted. At that time, they may need to change their schedules. Students should contact their Advisor to make those changes.

Enrolled students may demonstrate proficiency of knowledge contained in pre-requisite courses through means other than the course. See the college's Prior Learning Assessment process.

Definitions

A pre-requisite course is defined as a class that must be completed before a student can register for a particular class.

Related Policy

[306.1 Prior Learning Assessment](#)