



**SUBJECT:** Academic Affairs

**POLICY:** 212.1 Prerequisites

**RELATED 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 Montana State University current catalog course descriptions and curriculum pages. Students will not be able to enroll in a course without the necessary prerequisites or an Override Authorization. The Override Authorization form must be approved and signed by the appropriate college personnel.

Currently enrolled students who do not pass the prerequisite courses with the necessary grade will not be allowed to take the subsequent course. Those already enrolled in the subsequent course 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. It is suggested that students 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 as outlined in 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](#)