Fall semester begins August 23rd, and it is important to log into your class in D2L Brightspace (whether its online or face-to-face) and get started as soon as possible. Below are a few things you should do before classes begin if you haven’t already done so.

- Go to https://www3.montana.edu/netidclaim/ to find your Net ID. Your Net ID is your username to log onto computers on campus, into D2L Brightspace for course information, Banner Web/My Info and your official student email.

- Set up your D2L Brightspace password. You will need both your Net ID (Ex: x12y345) and your MSU ID (Ex: -02847903). Admissions should have sent your MSU ID to you on your acceptance letter, bill, or advising sheet. To set up your password, go to http://password.gfcmsu.edu and click “Go to Password Portal” and follow the instructions.

- If your advisor helped you set up your password to log onto Banner Web/My Info to register for classes, you may have to go back to the Password Portal and enter your password again before logging into D2L Brightspace for the first time.

- Log into D2L Brightspace at http://elearning.gfcmsu.edu to see if your instructor has posted course information prior to the beginning of the semester. Use your Net ID as your Username and the D2L password you created. To see your classes, click on the grid icon that looks like a waffle.

- Register for Tech Essentials, ACT 094 (face-to-face sessions or online options available). This is a free training course that will walk you through how to use D2L Brightspace. You have a couple of days to become acquainted with D2L Brightspace before classes begin on Monday, August 23rd. This class is pass/fail and you are required to email the instructor (Karen Vosen) using the D2L Classlist, complete and submit a simple assignment, take a quick quiz, post a discussion and take a survey in order to pass.

- Log into your Student email and install Office 365. As a student you can now install Microsoft Office 365 Pro Plus for free! If you have problems downloading this software, please let us know.

If you have any questions or concerns about setting up your password or how to navigate your online classes, please contact us so we can assist you. Call us at 406-771-4440, email us at elearning@gfcmsu.edu or chat with us at elearning.gfcmsu.edu. If you prefer to come in to see us, we are open from 8:00 – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Our office is in G100 near the East entrance. We offer hands-on assistance with D2L Brightspace, accessing student email, and uploading Office 365. We look forward to seeing you!

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