Extended University (online options)

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Extended University supports the land-grant mission of Montana State University by reaching beyond the traditional campus, classrooms, and academic programs to create unique learning environments and provide educational opportunities for individuals to meet their academic, professional, and lifelong learning goals.

MSU Extended University offers

• Development and delivery of flexible online and distance learning programs
• Outreach and engagement programs and support services
• Partnership opportunities for the University community and other constituents
• Credit and non-credit courses, certificates, and degrees beyond the traditional campus offerings

Divisions

• Montana State Online: Distance learning courses, programs, degrees and certificates; faculty/student support, research, and policy recommendations
• Office of Continuing Education: Continuing education and professional development; credit and non-credit courses and programs, including youth classes and camps
• Burns Technology Center: Innovative technologies for education and communications
• Outreach and Engagement: Partnerships with faculty members and departments to extend learning beyond the campus

Extended University works closely with campus colleges, departments and Montana’s K-12 and business communities to nurture and grow online and hybrid learning opportunities for enrolled MSU students and working professionals.

EU works closely with The Graduate School and MSU’s colleges to offer graduate-level credit courses, certifications, degrees and renewal units. EU also collaborates with other four-year institutions to provide interdisciplinary graduate programs.

Extended University’s NTEN (National Teachers Enhancement Network (http://btc.montana.edu/courses/aspx/ntenhome.aspx)) is one of the country’s most-established online programs for science teachers, having offered online graduate courses since 1993.

Admission

For most Extended University courses, applicants typically do not have to apply formally to Montana State University (as either a degree-seeking or non-degree-seeking student). If an applicant is only considering EU courses, they are considered an MSU Extended University student. In this status, an applicant can enroll directly in the course and receive MSU academic credits upon completion.

However, to take any other online courses or to enter a degree program (even if your coursework is primarily comprised of Extended University courses), an applicant would need to apply formally to MSU Graduate School for admission.

How do I register for a course?

If the course is offered through Extended University, click on the linked course title and read the course description. If the applicant meets the prerequisites; follow the link to “Register Online,” where additional information will be asked as well as method of payment. Extended University accepts MasterCard, Visa, or personal check. Students who have previously enrolled at Montana State University may choose to pay using their MSU MyInfo (https://atlas.montana.edu:9000/pls/bzagent/twbkwbis.P_GenMenu?name=homepage) accounts. Once registered, the student will receive a confirmation email containing course start-up information.

If the course is offered through the Office of the Registrar, the applicant must be accepted into MSU as either a degree or non-degree student before registering. Once accepted, the student will receive information about how and when to register. Please note that many courses have particular prerequisites. Students may need to talk to an academic adviser before proceeding. In most cases, students will register online with the MSU MyInfo (https://atlas.montana.edu:9000/pls/bzagent/twbkwbis.P_GenMenu?name=homepage) system.

Do I have to be immunized before I can register?

Montana State University requires all newly accepted graduate and undergraduate students, whether degree-seeking or non-degree, to show proof of immunization (http://www.montana.edu/health/immunization.php) against certain diseases before registration. Students who are taking only courses at a distance through Extended University are exempt. Therefore, the requirement may be waived. If a student falls under this category, please call Student Health Services at 406-994-2311 if an immunization hold is preventing registration or other student administrative functions. Immunizations holds are reinstated in November and April. If you are a continuing online student, you may have to contact Student Health Services each fall and spring.

Please note that if a student registers for an MSU on-campus course at a later date, he/she must meet the immunization requirement.

Montana State Online - Graduate Programs

• M.S. in Agricultural Education (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/agriculture/agricultural-education/ms-agricultural-education)
• M. Ed in Curriculum and Instruction (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/education-health-human-development/education/med-curriculum-leadership)
• M. Ed in Educational Leadership (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/education-health-human-development/education/med-leadership)
• M.S. in Family and Financial Planning (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/extended-university/family-financial-planning)
• M.S. in Land Resources and Environmental Sciences Online (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/extended-university/ms-land-resources-environmental-sciences-online)
• M.S. in Mathematics - Mathematics Education Option (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/letters-science/mathematical-sciences/ms-mathematics-education-option-mmath)
• Nursing MN - Clinical Nurse Leader (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/nursing/#programtext)
• Nursing DNP - Doctor of Nursing Practice (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/nursing/#programtext)

Learn (http://www.montana.edu/wwwwdg/cat_appl&deadlines.html) about applying to MSU as a degree or non-degree seeking student (http://www.montana.edu/gradschool/admissions/apply.html)
• Professional Master of Science and Engineering Management (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/interdisciplinary-other-programs/prof-ms-engineering-mgmt-pmsem) (PMSEM)
• M.S. in Science Education (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/interdisciplinary-other-programs/ms-science-education)

Montana State Online - Graduate Certificates
• Addiction Counseling (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/extended-university/addiction-counseling)
• Native American Studies (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/letters-science/native-american-studies/online-certificate-native-american-studies)
• Nursing Education (non-degree option) (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/nursing/online-certificate-nursing-education)
• Professional Practice of Architecture (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/arts-architecture/architecture/professional-practice)
• School Library Media Graduate Endorsement (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/education-health-human-development/education/library-media-graduate-endorsement)
• Science and Engineering Management (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/interdisciplinary-other-programs/prof-ms-engineering-mgmt-pmsem)
• Science Teaching (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/extended-university/science-teaching)

Montana State Online - Licensure
• Northern Plains Transition to Teaching (NPTT) (http://catalog.montana.edu/graduate/education-health-human-development/northern-plains-trans-teaching-nptt)