



Montana University System

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2022 Accreditation Report

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The Northwest Commission on College and Universities (NWCCU) conducting the following evaluations of Montana University System campuses during the 2021-22 academic year.

Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness

Great Falls College ([Spring 2022](#))

Mid-Cycle Evaluation

MSU – Billings ([Fall 2021](#))

In the 2022-23 academic year, the following Montana University System campuses will be evaluated as follows:

Policy, Regulations, and Financial Review

Montana State University (Summer 2023)

Helena College (Spring 2023)

Montana Technological University (Spring 2023)

Ad-Hoc Evaluation

UM-Western (Spring 2023)

Currently, all MUS and CC campuses are accredited by the NWCCU.

MUS Campus	Year of Initial Accreditation	Degrees Permitted
Dawson Community College	1969	A
Flathead Valley Community College	1970	A
Great Falls College Montana State University	1979	A
Helena College University of Montana	1977	A
Miles Community College	1971	A
Montana State University – Billings	1932	A,B,M
Montana State University – Bozeman	1932	A, B, M, D
Montana State University – Northern	1932	A, B, M
Montana Technological University	1932	A, B, M, D
University of Montana – Missoula	1932	A, B, M, D
University of Montana – Western	1932	A, B

Commission Recommendations & Findings - AY 21-22 Evaluations

MSU-Billings – Mid-Cycle Evaluation (Fall 2021)

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation.

Recommendation 2: Fall 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement and revised to Recommendation 1: Fall 2021 Mid-Cycle Review

Recommendation 4: Fall 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Fulfilled

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement. The Commission recommends that Montana State University -Billings:

Recommendation 1: Fall 2021 Mid-Cycle Review - Demonstrate a commitment to stabilize its administrative team and provide effective leadership and management, with appropriate levels of responsibility and accountability, for the major support and operational functions and units to foster fulfillment of its mission. (2020 Standard(s) 2.F.3)

Great Falls College – Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness (Spring 2022)

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

Finding1: Spring 2021 Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review - Fulfilled

Commendations

The Commission commends Great Falls College Montana State University for:

1. Establishing a collaborative and supportive environment focused on students.
2. Being innovative, flexible, and responsive to community workforce needs, expanding access to relevant programs, and intentionally scheduling courses and programs to increase student success.
3. Its expansion of remote instruction, support services, and engagement activities during the pandemic.

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement. The Commission recommends that Great Falls College Montana State University:

Recommendation 1: Spring 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Continue to develop an ongoing and systematic evaluation and inclusive planning process to inform and refine its effectiveness, assign resources, and improve student learning and achievement. (2020Standard(s) 1.B.1; 1.B.3)

Recommendation 2: Spring 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Widely publish and use disaggregated indicators of student achievement to identify and mitigate gaps in achievement and equity through planning, decision making, and allocation of resources. (2020 Standard(s) 1.D.3;1.D.4)