

**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**2025 Bridger Bowl Ski/Snowboard Program Syllabus**  
ACT 120, 121, 122, 220, 221, 288, 289 One Credit Pass/Fail

**COURSE CONTENT AND EXPECTATIONS:**

- You will ski/ride with a professional instructor and learn techniques and tactics appropriate to your ability level.
- Montana State University expects all students to conduct themselves as honest, responsible, and law-abiding members of the academic community. Respect for the rights of other students, members of the faculty, staff, and the public facilities is expected. While at the mountain, you must abide by Bridger Bowl Ski Area policies, your Responsibility Code, and Montana State Law.
- Appropriate winter clothing is important to your success. You must supply your own snow pants, parka, goggles, and winter gloves. Appropriate boots, helmets, ski poles, skis, and snowboards are available to rent if you do not own them.
- Instructors will determine which advanced students may have the opportunity to access ridge terrain. An avalanche transceiver is required; a ridge pack with a shovel and a helmet are highly recommended. There is no guaranteed access to ridge terrain.

**PLACE AND TIME:**

- Classes are offered Tuesday through Friday. Classes begin on **Tuesday, January 14**.
- Classes are held on snow at Bridger Bowl Ski Area, 18 miles from MSU. It is recommended that your prior class end by 12:00 pm, to allow travel time.
- On the first day, report to the Snowsports School Office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Saddle Peak Lodge, collect a class admittance slip, pick up your Bridger Bowl Card if you do not already have one, and receive directions on where to meet your instructor. **On day one, we suggest you arrive by 1:45 pm. If you need to rent equipment, please arrive no later than 1:15 pm.**
- Classes begin promptly at 2:10 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. You are to be checked in, with your instructor, and ready to load the lift by 2:10pm. If you arrive after 2:10pm you will be considered absent for the day.
- **Students registered in beginner classes must attend the first class of the semester.**

**ATTENDANCE AND GRADE POLICIES:**

- **Attendance on the 1st day of beginner classes is required – there are no classes available for first time skiers or snowboarders after week one.**
- You must be **on time** and attend at least 8 of the 9 full classes to pass the class.
  - You are responsible for reviewing your attendance with your instructor. Students with more than one unexcused absence will fail the class.
- Make Up Policy: If you miss a regular scheduled class, you must make it up by **Friday, March 14**.
- You can make up classes by:
  - Attending a class of your level on a day other than the day of your scheduled class.
    - Classes are held Tuesday – Friday.
    - Arrive early on the day of your make-up.
    - Pick up a make-up card from the Snowsports Office **BEFORE** attending class.
  - Free skiing: available **ONE TIME ONLY**
    - **For a minimum of 3 hours** on a Saturday, Sunday, or Monday.
    - **For a minimum of 3 hours** in the morning, it is \$47 to upgrade your lift ticket to all day.
    - Not available Tuesday-Friday afternoon. You must attend a makeup class at that time.
    - You must complete a make-up card at the Snowsports Office **BEFORE** skiing and **CHECK OUT** with the office before 4pm.
- Excused Absences
  - Absences may be considered excused if you are injured, sick, or have a family emergency. All excused absences must be accompanied by appropriate documentation. Please communicate your absences to: msuclass@bridgerbowl.com for class credit or The Department of Food Systems, Nutrition & Kinesiology Office emma.ford2@montana.edu (406) 994-3490. Office is located at Reid Hall 349.
  - **If you do not provide a documented excuse you will be considered absent**

- Unexpected closure or class cancellations for a regularly scheduled class day, will be posted on the Bridger Bowl website. You can also call the Snowsports office at (406) 556-5662 for the latest and most up to date information. If only one class is canceled, a makeup class is not required.

#### **CLASS FEES:**

- Your course fee is collected by MSU. It does **NOT** include purchase of the Bridger Bowl Card, lift tickets, or equipment rental. **Please purchase the following BEFORE your first day of class:**
  - Bridger Bowl Card (non-refundable and non-transferable) \$10. All students will need their Bridger Bowl Card on their person for each lesson.
  - Nine afternoon Half-Day lift tickets (if you don't have a season pass already) \$315
    - The lift ticket package provides nine non-transferable afternoon half-day (12:30pm-4:00pm) lift tickets
  - Nine afternoon ski or snowboard rentals (if you don't have skis/snowboard already) \$180
  - **The URL code to access the discount lift tickets and rental products is also non-transferable. Sharing this code may result in termination of your access to ski at Bridger Bowl.**
  - You may upgrade your afternoon half day lift ticket to a full day ticket to be able to ski in the morning as well by paying an additional \$47 in the Snowsports School office at Bridger Bowl.
- **You need to register for the course through MSU and register with Bridger Bowl.**
  - You need a Bridger Bowl account to register for the on-snow part of the class. Go to [bridgerbowl.com](http://bridgerbowl.com) to create an account. If you have skied at Bridger Bowl in the last three years you will already have an account. Please **DO NOT** make a new account if you already have one. Call the snowsports office if you are unsure.
  - After you have created an account, you can "purchase" the lesson under the lesson tab, select adult multi-week programs, and MSU ski class. Select the \$0 lesson for the on-snow part of the class, you can add lift access and rentals if needed.

#### **EQUIPMENT RENTAL:**

- Please arrive at the Snowsports Office at Bridger at least 45 minutes early on the first day to accommodate rental fitting prior to class. After the first day of class your equipment should be pre-set and ready for you.
- If you are attending class on a different day of the week, in case of absence, you must show your makeup card to obtain your Bridger Bowl rental equipment.
- Be aware that your reserved rental equipment may not be available other than on your regularly scheduled day.

#### **TRANSPORTATION:**

- A Bridger Bowl Shuttle Bus will depart the loading area at the SUB at 12:25 p.m. You will need to be ready to load lifts at 2:10 p.m. The bus will depart Bridger at 5:00 p.m.
- **If you are driving, allow at least 45 minutes travel time by car.**
- Ride-sharing is one way to help share trip costs and help the environment!

#### **DROPS & REFUNDS:**

- You must notify MSU **AND** the Bridger Bowl Snowsports School of your intention to drop within the drop period assigned by MSU.
- The last day to drop with a partial refund and no "W" on your transcript is **February 5, 2025.**
- The last date to withdraw with a "W" is 2 weeks before the last scheduled class. The Department of Food Systems, Nutrition & Kinesiology Office can also assist you in class section changes if you need to switch from snowboard to ski or vice versa, or switch days, etc.
- Upon request to Bridger Bowl Snowsports School, unused lift ticket and rental fees will be refunded to your account, less a \$25.00 drop charge each. **No lesson, lift ticket, or rental refunds will be issued from Bridger Bowl after February 1, 2025.**
- **Refunds due to injury must be requested by the last day of scheduled ski classes.** Injury refunds requests must be accompanied by a written doctor's note. All refunds are subject to a \$25 processing fee. **Please note: Refunds are not guaranteed.**

#### **CONTACT NUMBERS:**

- Bridger Bowl Snowsports School- [msuclass@bridgerbowl.com](mailto:msuclass@bridgerbowl.com) or (406) 556-5662.
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