

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
2026 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. Whether you are in or out of class, as long as you are 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 for ridge days; 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 13**.
- 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 your first day of class, report to the Snowsports School Office on the 2nd 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 13**.
- You can make up classes by:
 - In Class Make Up: Attending a class of your level on a day other than the day of your regular 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.
 - Open Practice Make Up: available **ONE TIME ONLY**
 - **For a minimum of 3 hours** on a Saturday, Sunday, or Monday.
 - **For a minimum of 3 hours** Tues-Fri mornings, it is \$47 to upgrade your lift ticket to all day.
 - Not available Tuesday-Friday afternoon. You must do an in-class make up 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 only if you are injured, sick, or have a family emergency. All absences must be communicated prior to, or within 48 hours of your missed class to be considered for excusal. More than 2 requested absences will be considered on a case by case basis. **Excused absences are not guaranteed.** Please communicate your absences to: msuclass@bridgerbowl.com or The Department of Food Systems, Nutrition & Kinesiology Office emma.ford2@montana.edu (406) 994-3490. The office is located at Reid Hall 349.

- **If you do not communicate your absence prior to, or within 48 hours of your missed class, your absence will not be excused**
- Unexpected closure or class cancellations for a regularly scheduled class day, will be communicated via email. 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 REGISTRATION

- You need a Bridger Bowl account to register for the class. Go to bridgerbowl.com to create an account. If you have been to Bridger Bowl in the past you will still need to create a new account and upload a new picture.
- After you have created an account, you can “purchase” the lesson under the Lesson tab, select Adult Multi-Week Programs, and MSU Class. Select the \$0 lesson for the on-snow part of the class, you can add lift access and rentals if needed.

CLASS FEES:

- Your course fee is collected by MSU. It does **NOT** include the purchase of a 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) \$324
 - 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 by paying an additional \$47 in the Snowsports School office at Bridger Bowl.

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.

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!
- Absences due to personal transportation issues will NOT be considered to be excused.

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 **Tuesday, February 3.**
- 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 3, 2026.**
- **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.**

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