

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY  
2020 Bridger Bowl Ski/ Snowboard Program Syllabus

ACT 120, 121, 122, 220, 221, 288, 289 One Credit Pass/Fail

**PLACE AND TIME:**

The spring semester begins **January 13, 2020**. Classes are offered Tuesday through Friday. Each day and ability level has its own CRN #. Your class will be held on your registered day beginning that first week. Classes are held on snow at Bridger Bowl Ski Area -16 miles from MSU. **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.** Those registered in beginner classes must attend the first class of the semester.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

The First Student bus will depart the loading area at the SUB at 1:05 p.m. You will need to move quickly upon arrival at Bridger in order to check in and be ready to ski at 2:10 p.m.. The bus will depart Bridger at 5:00 p.m., once it has finished its afternoon runs. Daily bus operations are handled by First Student.

If you are driving, allow at least 45 minutes travel time by car. Ride sharing is one way to help drivers share trip costs and help the environment by removing up to 2500 vehicle trips! Whether you are a driver or someone looking for a ride, registering on [www.bozemancommute.org](http://www.bozemancommute.org) is one way to connect with others.

**CLASS FEES:**

**Your course fee is collected by MSU. It does not include lift tickets or equipment rental which are paid at Bridger.** If you are registered in an advanced class (which may access the ridge terrain at Bridger Bowl), you will need to have a helmet, ridge pack and transceiver. Which advanced classes will access the ridge will be decided week 1 and 2 of class.

**COURSE CONTENT AND EXPECTATIONS:**

You will have a great time skiing/ riding with a professional instructor, learning technique and tactics appropriate to your ability in order to ski and ride more challenging terrain with greater confidence and efficiency. Montana State University expects all students to conduct themselves as honest, responsible and law-abiding members of the academic community and to respect the rights of other students, members of the faculty and staff and the public to use, enjoy and participate in the University programs and facilities. While at the mountain, you will be expected to abide by Bridger Bowl Ski Area policies, Your Responsibility Code and Montana State Law.

**FIRST DAY ORGANIZATION:**

On the first day of class, report to the Snowsports School Office in the Saddle Peak Lodge. You will sign a Bridger Bowl acknowledgement of risk (a parent signature is required if you are under 18 years of age), purchase the MSU lift ticket package or rental equipment if needed and be directed where to meet your class. To allow adequate time to process everyone on the first day, we suggest arriving by 1:45 p.m (1:15 is suggested if you are renting equipment).

**ATTENDANCE AND GRADE POLICIES:**

Please be prompt and regular in attending classes. While recognizing that it is fun to be in the outdoor environment, we expect that you will act in a respectful manner toward other students and the instructor and in a way that does not detract from the learning experience. *Attendance on the first day of beginner classes is required – there is no class for “never-ever” ability after week one.*

1. There are nine classes per semester and attendance at eight is required in order to pass. You must be in class during the full class time to be marked attended. You are responsible for reviewing your attendance with the Snowsports Office at Bridger Bowl. Students with more than one unexcused absence after March 23, 2020 will receive a fail (F) grade. Be aware - a fail will affect your GPA.

2. **Making Up A Missed Class:** If you cannot attend a regular scheduled class, you may make it up by attending class on a different day, Tuesday – Friday. Classes are not available over spring break. **Makeup classes must be completed no later than the last scheduled class, March 13, 2020.** Check with the Snowsports Office to confirm when your lesson type and ability are available. Pick up a make-up card from the Snowsports Office BEFORE attending class in order to receive credit for attending class that day.

3. Alternate Makeup: You may make up ONE MISSED CLASS during the semester by skiing on your own at Bridger Bowl for a minimum of a half day (3 hr) on a non-holiday Saturday, Sunday, Monday or over Spring Break. You may also ski for credit on a half day midweek morning, but be aware that there are no "morning only" lift tickets. You must complete a make-up card at the Snowsports Office before skiing in order to receive credit. Last day for this type of make-up is March 23, 2020.

4. Students receiving excused absences (i.e. with a doctor's note) from the Dean of Students or other appropriate authority must bring it to the HHD advising office in the Hosaeus PE complex, room 121, or to Bonnie Hickey at the Bridger Bowl Snowsports Office for class credit.

5. Should Bridger Bowl have to close or cancel class because of unforeseen causes or extreme temperatures on your regularly scheduled class day, we will post it on the Bridger Bowl Snow Phone (406) 586-2389, at the HHD Advising office in Hosaeus Hall on campus, or call the snowsports school. If only one class is cancelled, a makeup class is not required. If you would like to makeup the class, follow the procedures in #2 above.

### **DROPS & REFUNDS:**

You must notify the HHD office and the Snowsports School of your intention to drop, within the drop period assigned by MSU. Unused lift ticket fees will be refunded by mail, less a \$5.00 drop charge. No lesson, lift ticket, or rental refunds will be issued after the 15th day of scheduled classes. The last date to withdraw with a "W" is 2 weeks before the last scheduled class, or **Feb. 28, 2020**. The HHD Advising office can also assist you in class sections changes if you need to switch from Snowboard to ski or vice versa, or switch days, etc.

### **CONTACT NUMBERS:**

Bridger Bowl Snowsports School (406) 556-5662, Bonnie Hickey [bhickey@bridgerbowl.com](mailto:bhickey@bridgerbowl.com)  
HHD Advising (406) 994-4001 FAX (406) 994-6314 Location : 121 Hosaeus PE Complex on campus

**LIFT TICKETS:** A Season Pass or daily lift ticket is required in order to access the lifts at Bridger Bowl during class time. If you don't have a season pass, the MSU ACT class lift ticket package provides 9 non-transferable afternoon half-day (12:30pm-4:00pm) lift tickets for \$225.00 (a \$477.00 value), payable the first day of class at the Snowsports School office at Bridger Bowl.

### **Policies for Bridger Bowl/ MSU Discount Lift Ticket Use:**

1. All participants in the MSU Ski/ Snowboard Class program must have a valid lift ticket in order to board the lifts. You must pick up your lift ticket from the Snowsports School Desk in the Saddle Peak Lodge before class each week. **MSU lift tickets are available at the snowsports school office after 12:30 P.M.**
2. If you are making up a class on a weekend or over Spring Break, the \$25.00 value of the lift ticket may be applied as a credit toward a full day ticket (pay an additional \$38.00) or afternoon Half Day (addt. \$28.00).
3. You must present your STUDENT ID CARD at the Snowsports Office in order to receive a lift ticket. Lift tickets are NOT TRANSFERABLE to anyone (i.e. friends, roommates who forget their pass).
4. After March 13th, any remaining MSU Lift Tickets may be used for a half day midweek lift ticket or as credit toward a full day ticket or weekend half-day lift ticket for the remainder of the 2019-20 season. Refund due to injury must be requested by the last day of scheduled classes.

### **EQUIPMENT RENTAL:**

1. Equipment may be rented for the 9 afternoons of the class for a fee of \$135.00, payable the first day of class. Please allow at least 45 minutes for rental fitting prior to class on your first day.
2. On days you are making up a class, 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 your regularly scheduled day.