

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. You will 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:
 - ski pants, parka, ski gloves, ski helmet, and goggles.
- 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 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 the first day, report to the Snowsports School Office on the 2nd floor of Saddle Peak Lodge, pick up your Bridger Bowl Card, collect a class admittance slip, 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.
- **Students registered in beginner classes must attend the first class of the semester.**
- 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.

ATTENDANCE AND GRADE POLICIES:

- **Attendance on the 1st day of beginner classes is required – there are no classes available for first time skiers 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 cannot attend a regular scheduled class, you must make it up by **March 13**.
- You can make up classes by:
 - Attending a class other than the day of your scheduled class, Tuesday – Friday. Classes are not available over spring break.
 - 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, Monday, or over Spring Break.
 - **For a minimum of 3 hours** in the morning, but it is \$48 to upgrade your lift ticket.
 - 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.**
 - Please communicate excused absences by emailing Tony Brown at tbrown@bridgerbowl.com for class credit or to the HHD advising office at 218 Herrick Hall.
- Unexpected closure or class cancellations for your regularly scheduled class day, will be posted on the Bridger Bowl website, or at the HHD Advising office in Herrick Hall on campus. You can call the Snowsports school (406) 556-5662. 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. If you need them, please purchase the following **before** your first day of class:
 - o Bridger Bowl Card (non-refundable and non-transferable) 1st card is FREE (this year only)
 - o 9 afternoon Half-Day lift tickets (if you don't have a season pass) \$324
 - o 9 afternoon ski or snowboard rentals \$180
 - o The lift ticket package provides 9 non-transferable afternoon half-day (12:30pm-4:00pm) lift tickets
 - o 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.
 - o 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 \$48 in the Snowsports School office at Bridger Bowl.
 - o **Refunds due to injury must be requested by the last day of scheduled ski and snowboard classes. Please note: Refunds are not guaranteed, and a processing fee will be added.**
- You need to register for the course through MSU and register with Bridger Bowl.
 - o You need a Bridger Bowl account to register for the on-snow part of the class. Go to bridgerbowl.com to create an account.
 - o After you have created an account, you can "purchase" the lesson under the lesson tab, select adult multi-week programs, and MSU ski class.
 - o Select the \$0 lesson for the on-snow part of the class, you can add lift access and rentals if needed.

LIFT TICKETS:

- If you do not have a season pass, please see lift ticket information in the Class Fees section above.
- Your Bridger Bowl Card should be in a secure but accessible ski parka pocket to board the lifts.

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. On subsequent class days your equipment should be pre-set and ready for you.
- If you are attending on a different day of the week to make 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 on your regularly scheduled day.

TRANSPORTATION:

- A Bridger Bowl Shuttle Bus (First Student school bus) will depart the loading area at the SUB at 12:25 p.m. You will need to be ready to ski 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 the HHD office 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 X, 2026.**
- **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 after February X, 2026.**
- **Refunds due to injury must be requested by the last day of scheduled ski classes.** All refunds are subject to a \$25 processing fee.
- The last date to withdraw with a "W" is 2 weeks before the last scheduled class. The HHD Advising 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.

CONTACT NUMBERS:

- Bridger Bowl Snowsports School- tbrown@bridgerbowl.com or (406) 556-5662.
- HHD Advising- (406) 994-4001 or at 218 Herrick Hall on campus.