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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION / EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Pursuant to Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Executive Order 11246, the Vietnam Veteran's Readjustment Act, and the Montana State Human Rights Act, The University of Montana Western announces that it does not discriminate in recruitment for admission or access or conduct of its education programs and activities, nor its employment policies, on the basis of: race, sex, color, national origin, religion, age, marital or parental status, disability, or sexual orientation. Regarding student access and upon request, UMW provides reasonable accommodations, including written materials in alternative formats, for persons with documented disabilities; for more information, please contact Student Life at: 406.683.7565.

Any student, employee, or applicant for University admission or employment has the right to file a grievance on grounds of discrimination. Correspondence should be directed to the Affirmative Action Officer, UMW, 710 S. Atlantic St., Dillon, MT 59725-3598; or phone: 406.683.7101.

DISCLAIMER - CHANGES AFTER PUBLICATION

Although every effort is made to provide accurate information UMW reserves the right to correct/change, without prior notice, any statement concerning its rules, fees, educational offerings, or other policy or operational matters. Students should consult the current semester class schedule addendum (available in the UMW Registrar’s Office) for updated course offering information, or access current semester course schedule information available at myUMW. Students should not rely on oral representations made by university faculty or staff that contradict official policy or procedure; current university publications (catalog, official web page, Student Handbook/Planner, etc) are official sources of information on all matters related to enrollment and graduation.

CANCELLATION OF COURSES

UMW reserves the right to cancel any scheduled course at any time for lack of sufficient enrollment or other appropriate reason, through the end of the third (3rd) week of a regular semester (prorated for time-shortened courses). Course cancellations require the approval of the UM Provost and are not official until such action is taken. Term course cancellation information is available on the university web page at: http://hal.umwwestern.edu/

LIMITATION OF ENROLLMENT

To ensure quality educational experiences, UMW reserves the right to limit enrollments in specific courses and programs. University administration and department faculty will determine the maximum number of students that will be allowed in each course or program and the minimum qualifications required of students before course admission is allowed.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS and PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACT

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) grants students certain rights, privileges, and protections relative to individually identifiable educational records which are maintained by UMW. Specifically: (1) student educational records (with the exception of directory information) will be released to third parties only with the written consent of the student; (2) students have the right to inspect/review their own individual educational records, this right may be exercised by contacting the UMW Registrar; (3) students have the right to challenge information contained in individually identifiable educational records; contact the UMW Registrar for more information; (4) a copy of the policy statement describing UMW’s regulations for this act may be obtained from the Registrar’s Office; (5) students may withhold public directory information by contacting the Registrar’s Office.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION and FERPA

FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 as Amended) permits the release of certain “directory information” to third parties without written consent of the student provided the student has been given the opportunity to withhold such disclosure. Directory information includes name, gender, age, date and place of birth, student (and parent’s) addresses & phone numbers, classification, major/minor, dates of attendance, degrees/honors/awards conferred, E-mail addresses, student photographs, student semester class schedules, dates of attendance, previous institutions attended, and the height, weight, high school attended and year of HS graduation of members of athletic teams.

UMW may release student directory information without student consent to third parties and to UMW's News & Publications Office. Such release is handled with discretion; generally, access to or release of student directory information is denied to organizations or individuals for use in commercial solicitation. Students may request that their directory information be withheld from release by contacting the UMW Registrar's Office (406.683.7371). NOTE: While a request to withhold directory information may be made at any time, students wishing to have directory information withheld from the ‘public’ student directory for a specific term/semester should submit their requests no later than the end of the second (2nd) week of classes for that particular term.

FULL-TIME Fall Student Enrollment Status – In order for students to be classified as full-time they must be officially enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester credits that require 16 weeks of attendance/participation. Only eligible full-time students may receive maximum federal financial aid benefits and/or participate in intercollegiate athletics; student enrollment status is monitored throughout the semester to assure compliance. Review UMW Policy 203.1 – Student Enrollment & Attendance for details (see links at: DAWGS or myUMW).

REGISTRATION REQUIRED (including fee payment)

In order to participate in learning/class activities, earn grades, and receive course credit, individuals must officially register (or add). Students are responsible for making informed enrollment decisions and for complying with official UMW enrollment policies and procedures!

WHO MAY REGISTER? [1.] current students (actively enrolled within the past year) in “good” academic standing, [2.] new freshmen and new transfers who have been formally admitted to Western and properly advised, [3.] former/previous students who have been approved for readmission, [4.] individuals intending only part-time temporary enrollment and who have the ability to benefit from courses offered. Prospective (new) students should contact the Admissions Office (406 683-7331) for information, all other students contact the Registrar’s Office (406 683-7371).
REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Prior to the start of the semester, students should register for ALL classes they intend to complete that term: [1.] meet with an advisor to discuss education goals, select classes for the term and pick up Alt PIN; [2.] enroll in/select courses via DAWGS (see instructions below), OR, mail to or drop off an (advisor or Advising Office approved) registration form at the Registrar’s Office, [3.] paying all enrollment expenses and completing the on-line registration confirmation form. Registration must be completed by the second day of the semester; class schedules of non-paying registrants will be cancelled (fees/charges are NOT automatically dropped however) at the end of the first week of the semester! Review the academic calendar carefully regarding deadlines.

COSTS / EXPENSES – Enrollment costs are based on student classification, residency, credits attempted, program of study, and other enrollment specific factors. Enrolled students can view their charges and account balances via DAWGS; direct questions to Business Services (406 683-7101).

MONTANA RESIDENCY – Individuals enrolled at Western are classified as either MT residents or non-residents (out-of-state) for fee payment purposes. Initial determination of residency is based on information provided by the student on his/her admissions application. Individuals classified as non-residents can appeal their residency classification by submitting a completed MUS Residency Questionnaire and relevant documentation to the UMW Registrar’s Office (opinions expressed by university personnel concerning an individual’s residency status are UNOFFICIAL; no UMW employee has the authority to override/contradict official MUS residency policy). The MUS Regent’s residency policy and the Residency Questionnaire are available on-line at: http://mus.edu/Prepare/College/Montana_Residency_Requirements.asp. Interested individuals should review MUS residency information before completing the residency questionnaire; deadlines apply.

ON-LINE (WEB) REGISTRATION Instructions

Current students in good academic standing and new admits (new freshmen and transfers) can register on-line via DAWGS. Web registration instructions are outlined below. Prior to accessing Western’s on-line student system (DAWGS) eligible students should contact their advisor (or the Advising Office) to select courses for the coming term and secure their Alternate PIN. Registration “window” opening dates (the earliest date a student can begin registering via DAWGS or at the Registrar’s Office window) are listed below; students can register via DAWGS or at the Registrar’s window anytime after their registration window opens.

1. Access DAWGS at: http://dawgs.umwestern.edu/login/ and click “Login to Secure Area”
2. In the “User ID” box, enter your Student ID
3. Enter your “PIN” (personal ID) number if first-time DAWGS users follow directions on the screen: enter your Password/UserID - Student ID or SSN, and your PIN (your birth date in “MMDDYY” format, see above, the system will prompt you to change your PIN and require you to enter a “security access” question & answer in case you forget your new PIN]
4. Click “Login” [first-time DAWGS users will have to re-enter their new PIN and click Login]
5. Click “Student Services”, then click “Registration”
6. Select the appropriate term; you can only register for classes for one semester/term at a time
7. Click “Add/Drop Classes”
8. Enter your Alternate/advising PIN (Alt PINs are used for register/add/drop purposes only and are term specific)
9. Start entering course reference numbers (CRN’s) for ALL classes you want to take during the term
10. After all CRN’s are entered, click “Submit” then scroll to the bottom of the Add/Drop Classes screen to see if there are any problems (examples of problems you might encounter: class is full, pre-requisites not met, registration is restricted – instructor consent required), be prepared to submit alternate course CRN’s in case your first choice classes are not available and/or until you are satisfied with your class schedule

11. Be sure to logoff DAWGS and exit the browser after you finish registering (for security purposes).

Eligible students begin registering via DAWGS or at the Registrar’s Office according to the following schedule:

- Monday, April 13 – current seniors, postbac’s, and students with disabilities
- Tuesday April 14 – current juniors
- Wednesday, April 15 – current sophomores
- Thursday, April 16 – current freshmen
- Friday, April 17 – all other current student groups,
- Monday Apr 27 - readmit students
- Monday, May 4th New students - (new freshmen and transfers) Admission files must be complete before a student is allowed to register.

All DAWGS (on-line) Fall 2015 Web registration windows close at 10:00 PM, Sunday, August 23, 2015. Again, eligible students can register for or add/drop classes via DAWGS anytime after their Web registration window opens – see times and dates of DAWGS availability above.

IMPORTANT ON-LINE and OTHER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

---ELECTRONIC PREREQUISITE CHECKING IS ACTIVATED; students may NOT register for classes for which they lack the proper pre-requisites.
---It is not possible to register for or add – via DAWGS - any “restricted” class (closed classes, classes which are designated I/C - instructor consent required, or professional TEPS courses, for example) or classes that create time/day overlaps. To register for restricted classes or to enroll in classes with time overlaps you must complete/submit a Schedule Change form (before classes start) or an Add/Drop/Withdraw card (after classes start); sign and date the form, secure appropriate signatures and take the form to the Registrar’s Office for processing. Incomplete forms are not processed.
---Students with “holds” will be denied registration privileges until all holds are cleared. Use DAWGS to determine if you have holds, click “Student Records”, then “View Holds”; the system will tell you which office to contact to eliminate holds.
---If you attempt to register for a “variable credit” course the system will automatically register you for the minimum number of credits allowable. To change the number of credits click “Menu” (in the Registration area) then “Change Course Option”, select the appropriate course and change the credit to the desired number, then click “Submit”
---If you forget your Alternate/advising PIN contact your advisor; record this number and keep it in a secure place; Alt PINs are term-specific.
---If you get a registration error message, note what it says and contact the Registrar’s Office 683-7371 or toll free 1-866-869-6668. If you have other problems registering via DAWGS stop at the university Registrar’s Office or call (406) 683-7371 or toll free 1-866-869-6668, M-F, 8:00am to 5:00 PM; FYI - computer lab staff may also be able to answer some of your questions about DAWGS.
---IF for some reason DAWGS becomes inaccessible or disabled, take your completed Web-Reg form (with Alternate PIN) to the Registrar’s Office at or after your designated registration window opening time.
---Students are encouraged to ASK QUESTIONS and keep the university informed of changes to their addresses and phone numbers at all times.
---Registration and add/drop deadlines are strictly enforced; take time to review Policy 203.1 – Student Enrollment & Attendance.

STUDENT CLASS/CREDIT LOAD
Students in good academic standing can register for up to eighteen (18) credits during a regular semester, with the following exceptions:
---Students may enroll in only one 4-credit course per block with a maximum of 5 credits per block
---Students with a UMW 3.00 GPA or higher may enroll in up to 20 credits in a semester
---Students on academic probation (new transfer or UMW GPA below a 2.00 or “C” average) are limited to attempting a maximum of 16 credits per semester or a credit limit established by the Admissions & Academic Standards Committee (AASC) as a condition of continued enrollment
---Dual Enrollment/Early Admission High School students may attempt a maximum of six (6) credits per semester

Montana Western operates on a semester system! Students are expected to register (including fee payment) prior to the start of a term for all courses they plan to complete/attempt during that term. Students must petition (Class/Course Overload Petition, Double Blocking Form) to exceed maximum term and block credits loads; overload petitions must be submitted at least one week before the start of a semester. Review the academic calendar for important dates/deadlines. Course/Credit Overload Petitions are available at the Registrar’s Office or on line as a “printable form” at the university website at myUMW.

CHANGING CLASSES – ADDING, DROPPING, WITHDRAWING
Students are responsible for making informed enrollment decisions and for timely communication of enrollment changes they wish to make! Note calendar and procedural differences between stringer classes and X-1 “block” classes! Walking away from a class or from the university does not constitute an official DROP or WITHDRAWAL! Conversely, simply showing up for or attending a class does not constitute an official ADD or REGISTRATION! Official action must be taken by a student to register for, add, drop, or withdraw from a class or classes offered by UMW; contact the Registrar’s Office for more information. Class schedule changes must be completed in a timely fashion and according to procedures outlined below. Students changing to/from Audit status should contact the Registrar’s Office (406.683.7371). Class schedule changes can affect student financial aid status and/or funding level as well as eligibility for athletics; check before you change!

Student class schedule changes are grouped into three different categories depending upon when the change takes place. Student class schedule changes can occur: (1.) BEFORE classes start; (2.) AFTER classes start but before the published deadline; and, (3.) AFTER THE DEADLINE for such action. Review the appropriate academic year term calendar for appropriate dates and deadlines.

ADD - DROP – CANCEL/WITHDRAW --- BEFORE the Semester/Term Begins
Access DAWGS (http://dawgs.umwestern.edu/login/) and make the desired changes, OR, complete and submit a Student Class Schedule Change Form (available at the Registrar’s Office or on line at myUMW), OR, submit written notification (sign and date the letter, include your student ID and all other pertinent information) to the Registrar’s Office (UM Western, 710 South Atlantic, Dillon, MT 59725). Students attempting to ADD a closed or restricted class (including prerequisites) must complete a Student Class Schedule Change Form and secure written approval of the course instructor before submitting the change form. FYI- students are able to drop all classes (cancel/withdraw) via DAWGS; individuals who cancel their enrollments must petition for re-admission and re-registration; deadlines apply.

ADD - DROP - WITHDRAW --- AFTER the Semester/Term Begins AND BEFORE the Appropriate Deadline (see academic calendar)
Once classes for a semester begin, all student class schedule changes including withdrawal from college, begin and end at the Registrar’s Office.
1. Complete an ADD-DROP-WITHDRAWAL form (available at the Registrar’s Office or as a printable form); incomplete forms will be rejected.
2. Secure the necessary signatures/approvals (instructions on back of Add/Drop Form).
3. Return the completed card to the Registrar’s Office BEFORE THE DEADLINE FOR SUCH ACTION (see semester calendars for applicable deadlines); save ALL enrollment related paperwork for future reference!
4. Pay all enrollment costs by the 1st day of the semester to avoid late registration/payment fees.

***The “No Record on Transcript” policy will be extended in cases where: (1.) there is an even exchange of same-block courses & credits, (2.) the add & drop are recorded on the SAME form, (3.) the changes (add & drop) are approved by all necessary officials - instructors, student’s advisor, etc, (4.) the change is completed within the deadline to add for the applicable block, and, (5.) the exchange is appropriate to the student’s program of study. A “W” (withdrawal) grade will be recorded on the student’s transcript if the add/drop change does not satisfy all conditions listed.

LATE ADD - DROP - WITHDRAW --- AFTER the Deadline for such Action (review term calendar for applicable deadlines)
Students must petition to add/drop/withdraw after the appropriate deadline for such action (these changes do not occur automatically upon request). The UMW Enrollment & Attendance Committee reviews and decides on all requests for post-deadline student class schedule changes. Procedure:
1. Complete a POLICY WAIVER REQUEST FORM and an ADD-DROP FORM/CARD (available at the Registrar’s Office); be very specific and detailed as to reasons why add/drop/withdrawal is late, provide documentation to verify claims.
2. Secure the necessary signatures and approvals
3. Attach documentation to support/verify the existence of extenuating circumstances which might have prevented timely action (examples: illness, family emergency, non-attendance, registration errors); only in verifiable and pertinent cases of emergency or extenuating circumstances are post-deadline schedule changes permitted; reasons for late submission must be fully explained and justification well-documented.
4. Return completed forms & documentation (incomplete forms will be rejected) to the Registrar's Office WITHIN ONE YEAR of the end of the
term in which course enrollment occurred (make & save copies of ALL enrollment related paperwork for future reference); the Enrollment & Attendance Committee will review and decide on requests for late action. No requests for late action will be considered after one year from the last day of the applicable term.

5. Pay all costs/expenses related to any approved action.

**REFUNDS** – ALL refunds are handled through the Business Services Office. Refund amounts are based on when an official (written request was submitted to the Registrar) drop/withdrawal is completed by the student and the class load remaining after processing the requested schedule changes; students should make/keep copies of documents submitted. Students are advised to: review the academic calendar carefully, take timely action, follow through to completion of any action to change their class schedule, and, contact Business Services (406 683-7101) with questions about refunds.

**PLEASE NOTE:** modifications to term course offerings occur routinely, course offering addendum listings can be accessed via DAWGS, myUMW, or, on the bulletin board outside the Registrar’s Office in the James Short Administration Building.

**STUDENT CLASS SCHEDULE CANCELLATION (for non-payment)**

The university will cancel the class schedules of individuals who pre-register but fail to pay their semester enrollment costs within the appropriate deadline. Individuals whose enrollments are cancelled for non-payment are eligible to re-enroll, however they will be limited to registering for classes that have not started as of the re-enrollment date (re-enrollment is NOT retroactive to when a student started attending a class).

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY**

Students are responsible for making informed enrollment decisions and for complying with university policies and procedures related to their enrollment at Montana Western. While every effort is made by the University to provide students with accurate information, students should not rely on oral representations made by university faculty or staff that contradict official policy or procedure. Current university publications (catalog, class schedules, web page, etc) are official sources of information on all matters related to enrollment and graduation. Save all enrollment-related paperwork for future reference.

**STUDENT ID NUMBERS**

All students enrolling at Montana Western are assigned unique student identification numbers (SIDs). These nine digit numbers (starting with the number 8) serve as the userID for access to the on-line student self-serv system (DAWGS); students should use their SIDs in all transactions (electronic and other) with the university.

**CAMPUS E-MAIL SYSTEM - Outlook.com**

All students enrolled at Montana Western have access to the university e-mail system via their campus e-mail account. The university requires students to use their e-mail accounts for correspondence with campus offices and university staff. The campus e-mail system should not be confused with the Moodle communication system. Student e-mail accounts are activated upon registration (including fee payment) for classes for a term and remain active as long as the individual is continuously enrolled (i.e., campus e-mail accounts of Fall semester students who register early for the succeeding Fall semester will remain active during the summer).

**COMPUTER SERVICES at WESTERN**

A variety of computer services, facilities and equipment are available to students attending Montana Western; students are encouraged to make good use of these services and facilities. Students at Western have access to the following computer equipment/technology: internet-connected PCs and Macs located in the Lucy Carson Library, the Swysgood Technology Center, ITW - Office Simulation, and Davis Hall Student Life office area. Students living on campus can contact the Student Life Office (406 683-7565) for information about internet connections for their dorm rooms.

“DAWGS” ([http://dawgs.umwestern.edu/login/](http://dawgs.umwestern.edu/login/)) is the university on-line student self-service system. Students can use DAWGS to register for and drop classes, view their current class schedules, view account information, access final grades and transcript information, and change mailing addresses and phone numbers, etc. Instructions on how to access DAWGS are outlined in this publication. DAWGS access problems/questions should be directed to the Registrar’s Office.

Outlook.com is the university e-mail system. Students can access their email accounts by going to the UMW website and selection “mail” Students need to know their network username and password to open their accounts. New student account usernames will be of the following format: firstname.lastname A student’s password is his/her 9-digit student ID number. Swysgood Tech Center (STC) help-desk folks can answer 'how-to' questions; students needing account resets should be directed to Joe Barnhart at ITS, Block Hall.

Moodle is Montana Western’s learning management system. Moodle is used for delivery of internet courses and as a tool to augment off-campus and on-campus courses. Moodle provides communication tools that allow faculty to efficiently contact students enrolled in specific classes and vice versa. Moodle can be used to publish course syllabi and other course-related learning materials and it has mechanisms to allow discussion forums and to administer tests or quizzes. Faculty can post individual course activity calendars as well as course reference and resource materials on Moodle and provide important notices and announcements. Enrolled students are automatically added to Moodle. Students use their student IDs and DAWGS PIN to access Moodle; contact the STC Instructional Technologist (406 683-7007) if problems develop. Students can access the Moodle login page via myUMW at: [http://umwestern.edu/](http://umwestern.edu/) (left panel under the “UMW Tools” heading).

The university web site myUMW ([at: http://umwestern.edu/](http://umwestern.edu/)) is a handy 24/7 source of information about Western. Students can access university catalogs, current class schedules, academic policies and procedures, contact information for university faculty and administrative officers, etc, via the web site. Students are encouraged to make good use of this valuable resource.

The following computer related skills and knowledge are essential for students attending Western: understanding basic computer terminology, familiarity with internet search procedures and various internet browsers and library/resource info search procedures, ability to use basic computer
software in various classroom settings (word processing, spreadsheet and database software, for example) and how to use e-mail in a socially acceptable manner.

***No Montana Western computer equipment or network connections may be used for illegal purposes. Individuals engaging in such activity are subject to criminal prosecution according to federal, state and local laws as well as university sanctions.***

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**PLEASE NOTE – INFORMATION DISCLAIMER:** Class schedule information contained in this document is accurate as of the publication date (see inside front cover), however, changes occur routinely. Up-to-date class scheduling info is available via myUMW or the DAWGS login page: https://dawgs.umwestern.edu/login/. Instructions on how to access DAWGS are included in this publication and can be found at myUMW. While every effort is made by the University to provide students with accurate information, students should not rely on oral representations made by university faculty or staff that contradict official policy or procedure. The current university catalog is the official source of information on all matters related to enrollment and graduation.

**2015 FALL SEMESTER - FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE and FINAL GRADES**

Final exams for block classes are usually given on the last day of the block; check course syllabi or contact the course instructor with questions. Dates and times of final exams for all other courses (full semester or “stringer” classes, half-term courses, etc) will be announced by course instructors. Students should avoid taking more than 1 final exam in a single day, resolve final exam schedule conflicts with instructors or through the office of the Provost.

Grades for block classes are generally available on DAWGS 7-10 days after a block ends. Grades for all other courses (full- or half-semester classes, etc) are available via DAWGS 7-10 days after the semester ends.

**GRADING POLICY**

Montana Western faculty utilize the following grading scheme. Grade point allocations are listed below.

A = 4.00  B+ = 3.30  C+ = 2.30  D+ = 1.30  
A- = 3.70  B = 3.00  C = 2.00  D = 1.00  
B- = 2.70  C- = 1.70  D- = 0.70  F = 0

The above grading scheme was initiated in Fall 2005 and is NOT retroactive, i.e., only courses attempted by students beginning Fall 2005 and thereafter may be +/- graded. Course instructors are NOT obligated to give +/- grades.

**MINIMUM GRADE POLICY**

The minimum acceptable grade required to meet general education and program (including program pre-req) course requirements for a UMW degree is a “C-“. Some programs at Montana Western (Teacher Education Program professional courses for example) require minimum grades that are higher than a “C-“. Western communicates these requirements via the university catalog and other publications and notices. Students are responsible for ascertaining specific minimum grade requirements for courses required in their chosen programs by carefully reviewing appropriate university publications and notices sent by campus and department officials.

Students who entered the university system prior to Fall 2005 and who have maintained continuous enrollment since beginning their studies in the MUS (exclusive of summer sessions) are NOT subject to this policy. New freshmen, new transfers, and MUS “stop-outs” entering or re-entering the MUS system starting in Fall 2005 and thereafter are subject to this policy.

The MUS Regents Minimum Grade policy is available on line at: http://mus.edu/borpol/bor300/301-5-3.pdf

**TEXTBOOKS & COURSE MATERIALS (University Bookstore)**

Students can purchase textbooks and course learning materials at the University Bookstore in the Student Union Building or via any number of on-line services. Use the following internet link to find assigned textbook and course materials lists for the classes for which you are registered:

http://www.bkstr.com/CategoryDisplay/10001-9604-10820-1?demoKey=d

**e-LEARNERS (INTERNET-ONLY STUDENTS)**

Students planning to attempt only courses designated as internet courses (section codes ending with “I”) during an upcoming term can petition for e-Learner status; use the Student Information Change form (available on line as a printable form at myUMW, or at the Registrar’s Office). Review information about e-Learner status on myUMW (under the “Around Montana Western” heading) at: http://umwestern.edu/
For Fall term, course section codes will be used to convey important information about a specific course. Course start/end dates (i.e., “part-of-term”), approximate time of day the course is offered and course location are identified in the section code. All section codes used in UMW class schedules (including those at: DAWGS – http://dawgs.umwestern.edu/login/, and myUMW - http://hal.umwestern.edu/, etc) are three space listings and follow the coding scheme outlined below.

1st Space – designates the part-of-term
(p-o-t) the course is offered in:
    1-4 = designate Fall block classes*
    1 = 1st block
    2 = 2nd block
    3 = 3rd block
    4 = 4th block,
    F = a full-term class, also called a
        “stringer” class*
    G = 1st-half of the semester (B5&B6)*
    H = 2nd-half of the semester (B7&B8)*
    X = start/end dates fall outside above p-
        o-t offerings (R,S,T,U,V,W,X,Y,Z
        may also be used); check start/end
        dates on DAWGS Class Search*
    I = Extension Internet courses

2nd Space – designates approximate
time of day the course meets:
    A = morning (AM)*
    P = afternoon (PM)*
    N = night or evening*
    D = all or most of the day*
    W = workshop or weekend classes*
    M = (2nd or) multiple sections with
        same p-o-t & location*
    T = To be announced (TBA)
    Various other letters = ID courses
        w/same prefix & number but
        different content*

3rd Space – designates course location,
medium, or hybrid/special section:
    0-9 = on campus courses, F-2-F*
    I = Internet course
    J = blended, internet & required F-2-F
    A = Hamilton*
    B = Butte (ECE, PDS, etc)*
    G = Great Falls*
    H = Helena*
    L = Billings*
    M = Missoula*
    P = Pablo, SKC*
    T = transitory, other location, or TBA*
    V = Havre*
    Z = Bozeman*
    Y = (spec section) MT Youth
        Challenge*
    X = (spec section) Extension
        (restricted)

Exception to the three space section code scheme above: a single “0” = zero (no other letters or numbers) section code designates multiple directed study, independent study or experimental courses that may have the same dept/rubric and same course number, but course titles/content and credits will vary.

Examples:  Section Code  What part-of-term*  Time/when offered*  Where offered*
         2P0  2nd block, Fall term  Afternoon  On campus
         FTI  Full semester  All day  Internet
         GN1  First half of term  Night or evening  On campus
         FTJ  Full Semester  To be announced  Internet/on-line plus some required F-2-F meetings*

*check schedule detail in DAWGS for exact meeting dates, times and places/rooms; F-2-F=face-to-face

**COMMON COURSE NUMBERING**

Pursuant to Montana University System Board of Regents Policy 301.5.5, all courses offered by MUS units and the three public community colleges in Montana are to be converted to a Common Course Numbering (CCN) scheme. About two-thirds of all Montana Western subject area courses have been converted to the new CCN system. Every course in the Montana Western catalog will eventually be assigned a new SUBJECT code, a new COURSE NUMBER and a new COURSE TITLE. CCN review will not cause changes to content of UMW courses.

**Montana Western** students began to see changes and realized the effects of the MUS Regent’s CCN policy initiative when they registered for classes for Fall 2009; additional changes will be reflected in future class schedules and catalogs. Printed versions of current and future class schedules and catalogs will map “old” courses to the new system-wide common courses. Class offerings shown in printed class schedules will show ‘old’ courses followed by equivalent ‘new’ CCN courses in the same row. Students, staff and faculty can review Common Course Numbering progress on the MUS web site at: http://www.mus.edu/che/arsa/TransferInitiative/default.asp

Students should take great care when registering for classes during this CCN transition period in order to avoid repeating courses or by overlooking or missing required program courses. Students are encouraged to work closely with their faculty advisors and Advising Office personnel to minimize problems.