



What to Expect in your First Week of Classes at MSVU

**Fall 2026 Online Orientation
September 1, 2026**





REMINDER

Today's PPT slides and transcripts
will be posted to:
www.msvu.ca/orientation



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Today's Agenda

- First Day Essentials
- First Day Expectations
- Things To Do In Your First Week
- AI at MSVU
- Your Schedule
- Add/Drop Courses
- Moodle
- Mount 101
- Important Webpages

First Day Essentials

- A notebook and pen / pencil
- Highlighters
- A water bottle and snack
- Optional: a device (e.g., laptop, tablet)
- For online classes:
 - A quiet study space with minimal distractions
 - A reliable network connection
 - A working speaker and microphone
 - Headphones optional



First Day Expectations

- Often starts with an overview the syllabus and assignments / expectations
- You may review relevant background material
- The professor may start the first lecture if they have time
- Be prepared to take notes
- You won't need your textbooks on the first day, so you can wait to purchase them until you know that you need them

Things To Do in Your First Week

- Read all of your course outlines and note all important dates
- Log-in to Moodle & navigate around
- Reach out to Accessibility Services if you need to discuss accommodations (accessibility@msvu.ca)
- Introduce yourself to your professors
- Explore at least one student service – we have so many!
 - Counselling, Black Student Support, the Health Office, to name a few
 - Visit msvu.ca/studentservices or check out our guides on Instagram
- Follow us on social media!
 - [msvu_mountmentors](#) on TikTok and Instagram!

AI at MSVU

- Every professor has their own policy
- Ranges from none at all to open use
- Check your syllabus
- Ask your professor if you aren't sure!
- Claiming any work you haven't done yourself as your own is plagiarism – including AI use! Learn how to cite if you use it
- Visit libguides.msvu.ca/ai for more info
- September AI workshops:
 - Sept 8, 3:00pm – GenAI at MSVU (in-person Orientation event)
 - Sept 28, 12:30pm – Critical Evaluation When Using AI (online Library event)

Your Schedule

- Access it using MyMount
- Keep a copy handy during your first few weeks!

Classes and Registration

- [Add/Drop/Register Classes](#)
- [Program Requirements](#)
- [Grades](#)
- [My Schedule](#)
- [Moodle Classes](#)
- [Unofficial Transcript](#)
- [Exams](#)

1 Log-in to MyMount

2 Click "My Schedule"

3 Check out your schedule in "Calendar View"

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
MATH*1112-01	BIO*2010-01	MATH*1112-01	BIO*2010-01	
BIO*2010-01		BIO*2010-01		
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Instructors

Meeting Information

Dates

Seats Available ⓘ

Credits

Grading

Requisites

Day & Time

M, W 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM
2023-09-06 - 2023-12-07
Seton Academic Centre AUD B (Lecture)

Location

Tip: AUD means Auditorium, which has entrances on the 4th and 5th floors of Seton!

Add/Drop Courses

- September 16, 2026 – last day to register for courses
- September 16, 2026 – last day to drop courses without academic or financial penalty
- Refund schedule applies after September 16 – with a declining pro-rated refund
- If you decide not to attend or visa is not approved, make sure to drop courses by September 16, 2026 to avoid financial penalties

Withdrawal Date	Fall	Winter
Up to September 16	100%	100%
September 17 to September 23	80%	100%
September 24 to September 30	60%	100%
October 1 to October 7	30%	100%
October 8 to January 13	0%	100%
January 14 to January 20	0%	80%
January 21 to January 27	0%	60%
January 28 to February 4	0%	30%
After February 4	0%	0%

Moodle Overview

- Moodle: the web platform for online classes and most in-person ones too!
- A place to submit assignments, take quizzes/tests, access Blackboard Collaborate (your online classroom), and review course materials such as slide shows and lecture notes
- Visit Learn.MSVU.ca and log-in using your MyMount credentials
- Sign-in in advance to be sure your password is correct
 - If you have any trouble, contact helpdesk@msvu.ca

Moodle Overview



Mount Educational Technology Platform

Academics

Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Bachelor of Science (BSc)
Professional Studies at the Mount
Graduate Studies at the Mount
Faculty of Education

Online Learning

Online Course Offerings

Mount Educational Technology Platform

Online Program Offerings

Course Delivery Modes

Support for Students

Support for Faculty

Teaching and Learning Centre

University Academic Calendar

Co-operative Education

Diploma & Certificates

Library & Archives

Microcredentials



Information for 2025 Winter Term

Regular Maintenance Window

IT&B may perform maintenance and upgrades for our educational technology platform on Tuesdays or Fridays between 8:00am – 5:00am. During these times Moodle may not be available. General Network maintenance may affect access to Moodle from off campus on Sundays between 8:00am – 10:00am. Please note that downtime during the exam week will be avoided whenever possible. We appreciate your patience.

Current Student

- Please **log into Moodle** with the same credentials that you use to access myMount.
- Your Moodle course links will be visible in the 'in progress' tab of the Moodle Dashboard Course overview section on the **first day** of classes. **Important:** if you are registered in a course, but you **do not see the course** in your list of courses, please **contact your instructor**.
- Important announcements are shared with faculty and students on the Moodle Dashboard. Please read this helpful and timely information when you first log into Moodle. Students can also access other helpful resources from the Moodle Dashboard page in the 'Resources' block on the right-hand side.
- Collaborate is our online classroom software. It provides a virtual space where faculty and students can meet in real-time, work in groups, chat, and learn together.
 - Check out the Accessing Collaborate video in Microsoft Stream to learn more about joining your online classes. Then take a test drive in Collaborate by joining this Practice Collaborate Session.
 - Tip! It is important to practice using Collaborate and check your settings before joining your first online class. If you need help before your first online class, a Tech Navigator can meet with you virtually (during regular business hours). Please email online@msvu.ca to request this support.
- Visit Get Started with Collaborate Ultra for Participants to watch a video tour, see how to navigate around sessions, establish audio and video settings for your devices and browser, and much more.

Moodle Overview

- Use this panel to find course materials
- The section for checking your grades is useful but remember, they may not be weighted properly
- You can also submit assignments using drop boxes which allow you to upload files
- Click on the green puzzle piece (as shown below) to enter your virtual classroom!



2026 Summer I Introductory Biology I (BIOL-1152-18) Collaborate Course Room

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> Module 1 | The Science of Biol...

> Module 2 | Chemistry of Life

> Module 3 | Cell and Membranes

> Module 4 | Energy and Metab...

> Module 5 | Photosynthesis

> Module 6 | Cell Communication

> Module 7 | Cell Reproduction

> Module 8 | Patterns of Inherita...

> Module 9 | DNA: The Genetic ...

> Module 10 | Genes and How T...

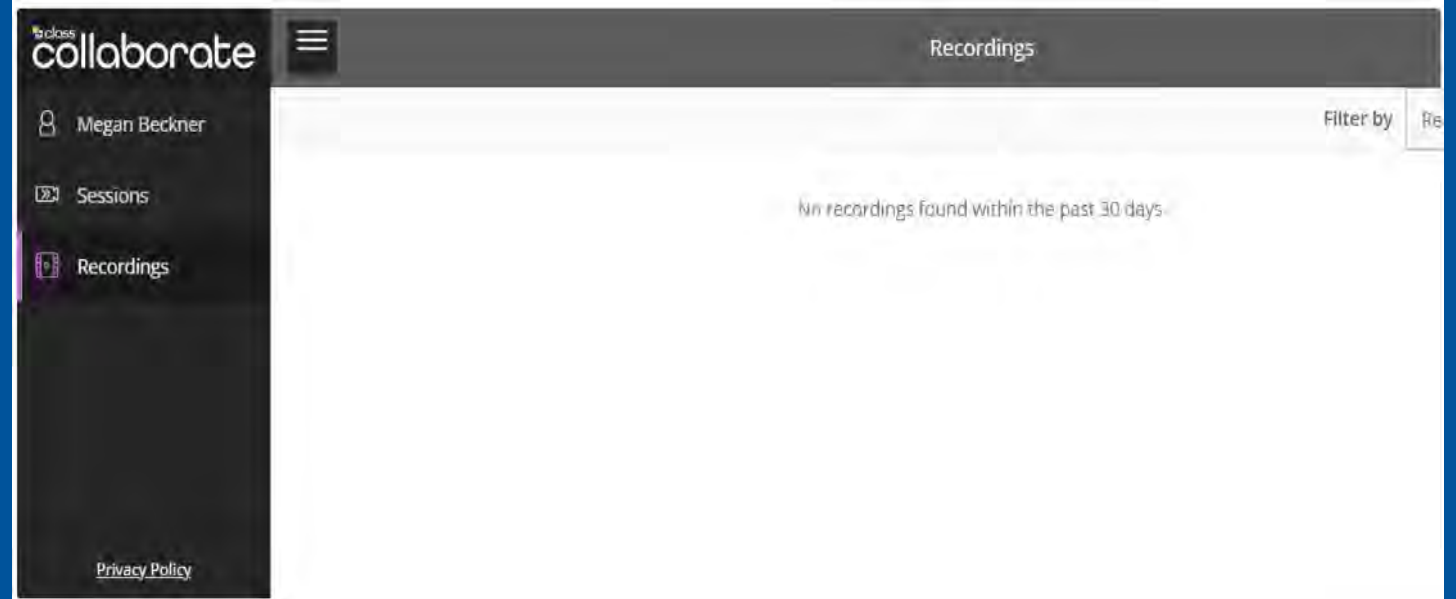
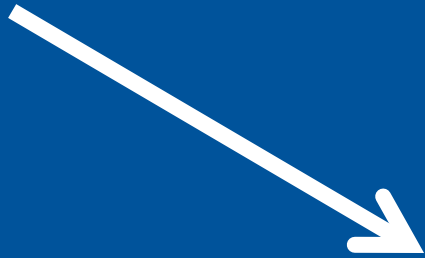
> Exams

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> Instructor Resources

Accessing Recorded Lectures

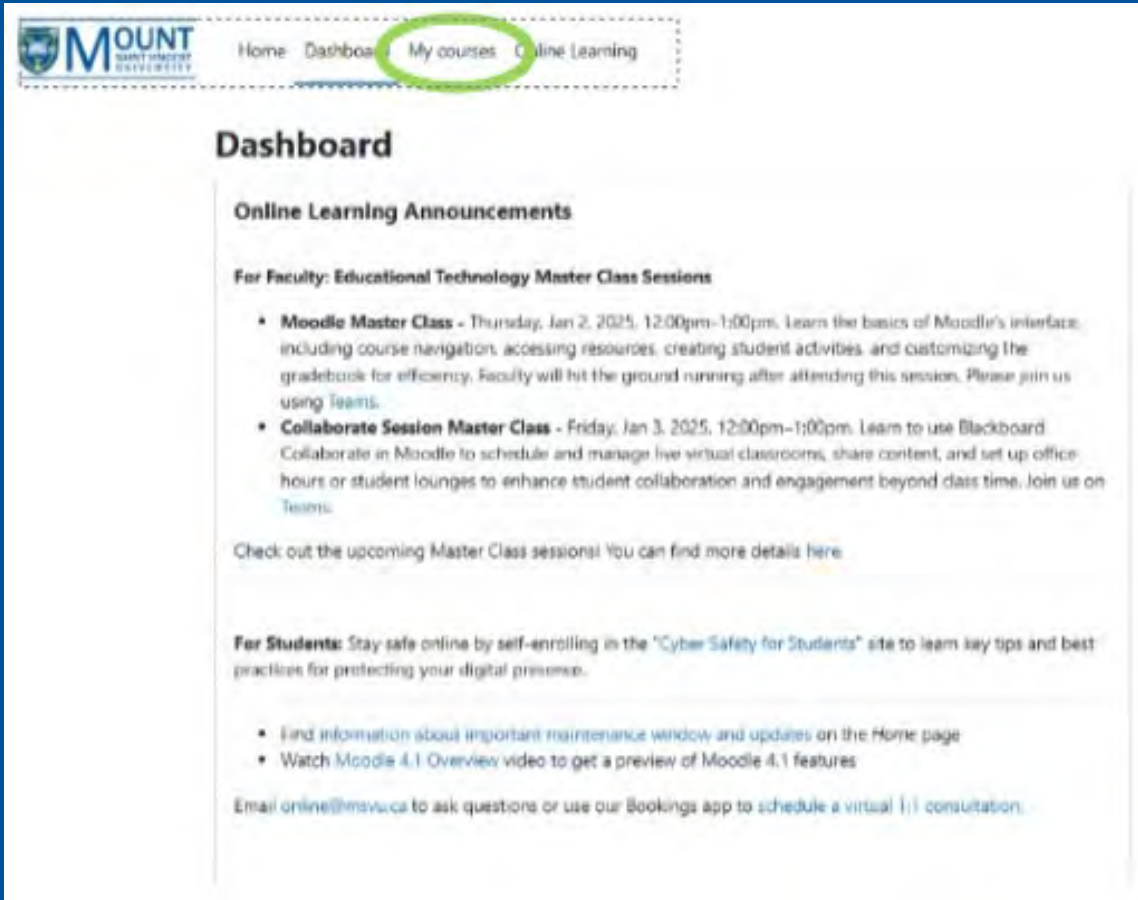
1. Click on the puzzle piece as if you're joining your class.
2. Click on the 3 lines to the left of the "Sessions" tab.
3. Click on "Recordings"



Mount101

- Due on December 4, 2026
- Found on your Moodle Dashboard
- Covers AI, exam policy, study skills, so much more!
- Supports your start here and you'll get reminders to complete it
- Don't drop it!! You can't register for next year's courses without it!
- Mandatory for everyone!!

Mount101



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Home Dashboard **My courses** Online Learning

Dashboard

Online Learning Announcements

For Faculty: Educational Technology Master Class Sessions

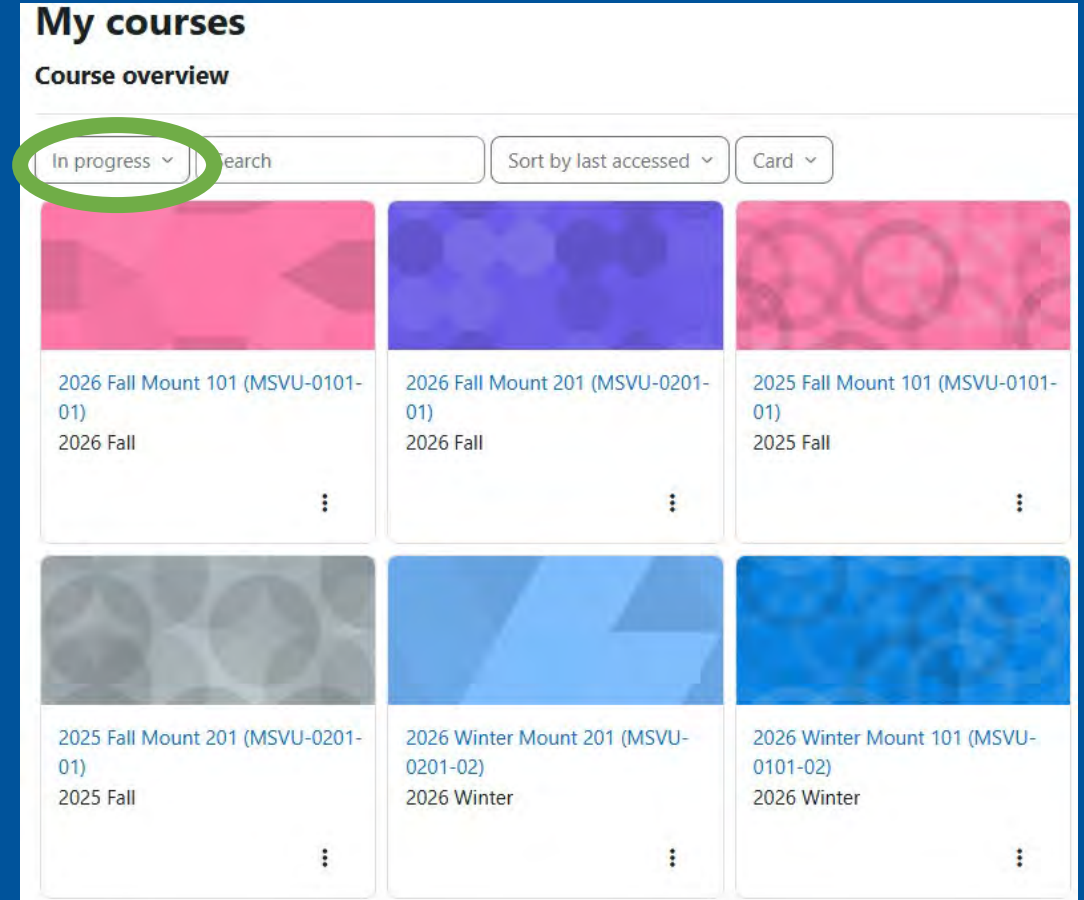
- **Moodle Master Class** - Thursday, Jan 2, 2025, 12:00pm-1:00pm. Learn the basics of Moodle's interface, including course navigation, accessing resources, creating student activities, and customizing the gradebook for efficiency. Faculty will hit the ground running after attending this session. Please join us using [Teams](#).
- **Collaborate Session Master Class** - Friday, Jan 3, 2025, 12:00pm-1:00pm. Learn to use Blackboard. Collaborate in Moodle to schedule and manage live virtual classrooms, share content, and set up office hours or student lounges to enhance student collaboration and engagement beyond class time. Join us on [Teams](#).

Check out the upcoming Master Class session! You can find more details [here](#).

For Students: Stay safe online by self-enrolling in the "Cyber Safety for Students" site to learn key tips and best practices for protecting your digital presence.

- Find information about important maintenance window and updates on the [Home](#) page
- Watch [Moodle 4.1 Overview](#) video to get a preview of Moodle 4.1 features

Email online@msvu.ca to ask questions or use our Bookings app to schedule a virtual 1:1 consultation.



My courses

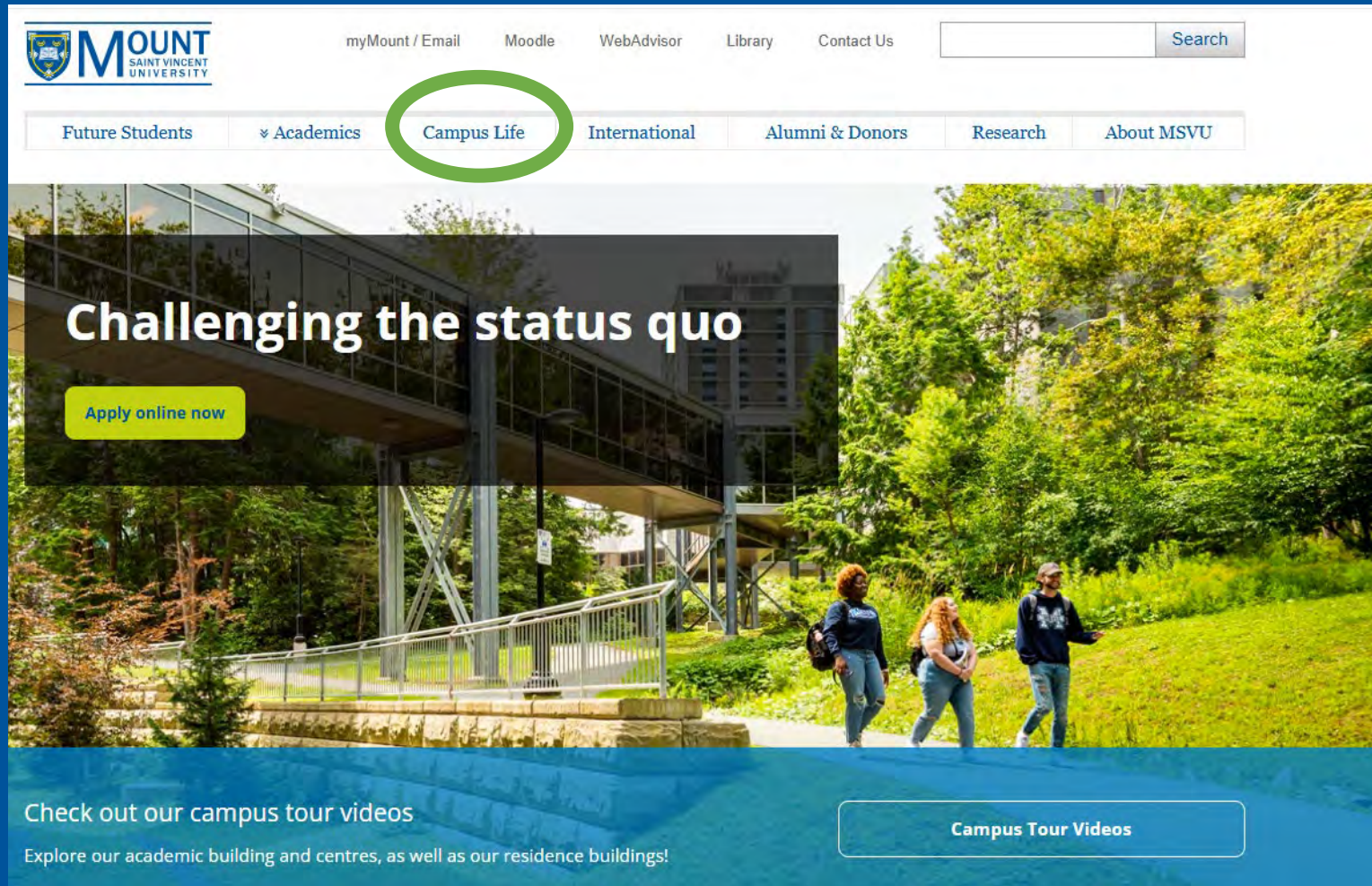
Course overview

In progress ▾ Search Sort by last accessed ▾ Card ▾

2026 Fall Mount 101 (MSVU-0101-01) 2026 Fall	2026 Fall Mount 201 (MSVU-0201-01) 2026 Fall	2025 Fall Mount 101 (MSVU-0101-01) 2025 Fall
2025 Fall Mount 201 (MSVU-0201-01) 2025 Fall	2026 Winter Mount 201 (MSVU-0201-02) 2026 Winter	2026 Winter Mount 101 (MSVU-0101-02) 2026 Winter

Completion of Mount 101 is mandatory! Deadline is December 4, 2026!

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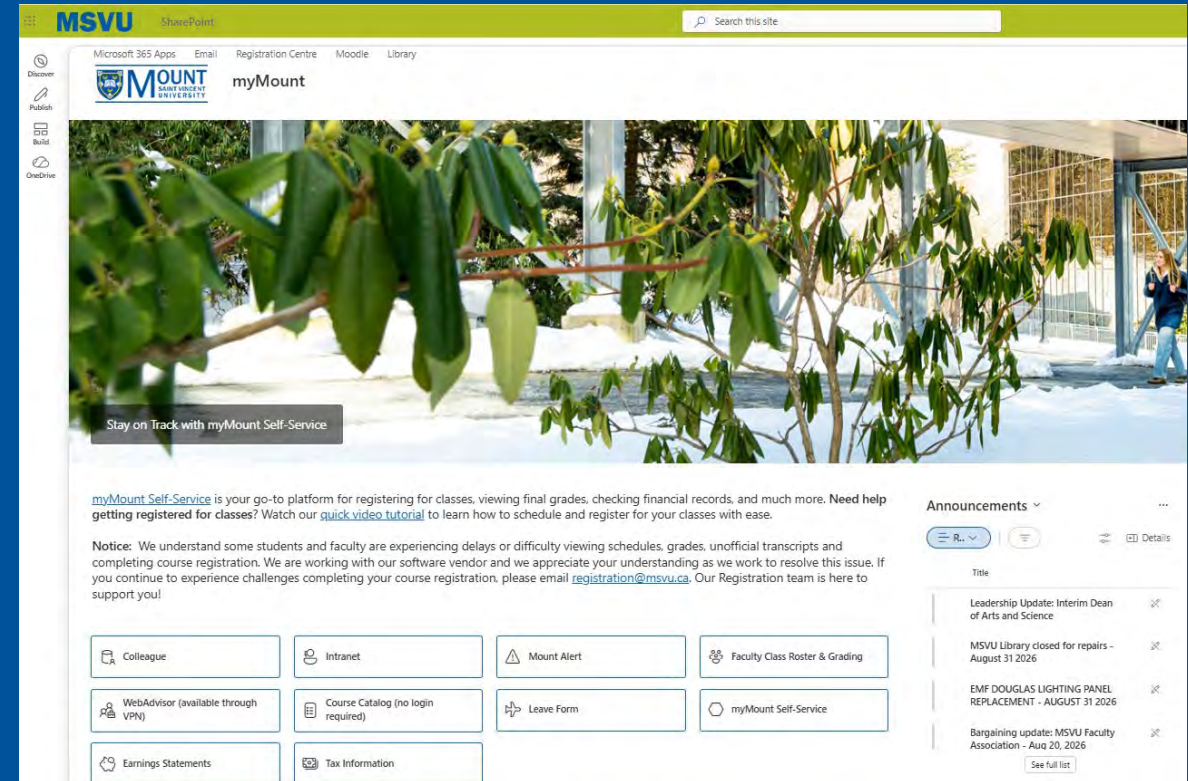
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Stay on Track with myMount Self-Service

myMount Self-Service is your go-to platform for registering for classes, viewing final grades, checking financial records, and much more. Need help getting registered for classes? Watch our [quick video tutorial](#) to learn how to schedule and register for your classes with ease.

Notice: We understand some students and faculty are experiencing delays or difficulty viewing schedules, grades, unofficial transcripts and completing course registration. We are working with our software vendor and we appreciate your understanding as we work to resolve this issue. If you continue to experience challenges completing your course registration, please email registration@msvu.ca. Our Registration team is here to support you!

Announcements

- Leadership Update: Interim Dean of Arts and Science
- MSVU Library closed for repairs - August 31 2026
- EMF DOUGLAS LIGHTING PANEL REPLACEMENT - AUGUST 31 2026
- Bargaining update: MSVU Faculty Association - Aug 20, 2026

Colleague Intranet Mount Alert Faculty Class Roster & Grading

WebAdvisor (available through VPN) Course Catalog (no login required) Leave Form myMount Self-Service

Earnings Statements Tax Information

Important Dates



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Things you should know

Orientation Schedule

We can't wait to welcome new and returning students to MSVU this September! Orientation is your chance to learn more about MSVU, connect with people, make friends, and learn what it means to be a Mystic!

Campus Safety

MSVU has many resources for providing you a safe campus. Learn about MSVU SAFE and Mount Alert, where you can receive safety resources and be notified about campus closures and alerts.

Access your myMount Account

Through myMount, you can access financial information, class registration, emails, and more.



Mount News

Rethinking AI in the Classroom: Meet MSVU's Dr. Michael Pin-Chuan Lin

Food For Thought and MSVU Appetite Lab partner to advance healthier school meals

Marking Emancipation Day

Helpful Links

- [Important dates](#)
- [Classroom Solutions](#)
- [Safety & Security](#)
- [Indigenous Resource Hub](#)

Important Dates in the University Year

Campus Life

- A-Z List
- Academic Supports
- Accessibility Services
- Centre for Academic Advising and Student Success
- Campus Services
- Career Services
- Captain's Calendar
- MSVU Athletics and Recreation
- Health & Wellness Services

Registrar's Office

- Undergraduate Admissions
- Registration
- Forms

2026-2027 Academic Year



Academic Calendar information

Please note: The important dates included in this list are those that are approved by CAPP as defined in accordance with the guidelines for setting academic calendar dates. Additional dates may be added and dates may be subject to change.

Please click here for [Academic Course Add/Drop Dates](#)

2026 Summer Sessions 1 & 2 (May to August)

2026 Fall Term (September to December)

2027 Winter Term (January to April)

2027 Summer Sessions 1 & 2 (May to August)

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Career Services

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Health & Wellness Services

Registrar's Office

Residence Life at MSVU

Students' Union

Student Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Student Policies

Varsity - Home of the Mount Mystics



Find the academic support you need, when you need it. Use the online resources and guides below to help support your academic journey at MSVU.

Can't find what you're looking for or want more personalized support? Make an appointment with one of the many academic support services available to you as a student. Learn more about the different services and when to access them in the [We're Here to Help](#) section below.

I'm looking for help with....

Use the dropdown menu below to find academic support resources and guides.

Studying and Note-taking ▾

Research ▾

Time Management, Motivation, and Focus ▾

Preparing for Tests and Exams ▾

Maintaining Academic Integrity ▾

Citations ▾

Writing ▾

Adjusting to University ▾

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Welcome to Captain's Calendar

Captain's Calendar is the #1 way to find out what events are happening and how to get involved!

In-person OR virtual, Captain's Calendar has all the information you are looking for to enhance your overall student experience.

Please complete the [Event Submission Form](#) to have your MSVU student event featured on Captain's Calendar.

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Frequently Asked Questions

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Writing Centre

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Mount Mentor Tips

Your First Six Weeks at MSVU

Your First Year of University

Mount 201: Information for



The Mount Mentors

The Mount Mentors are here to help you. They know what it's like to be an MSVU student because they are MSVU students! Think of them like a cross between a personal tour guide and an experienced MSVU student, who can answer your questions and provide you with advice on how to get the most out of the upcoming year. And they really mean it when they say: Ask Us Anything.

Follow on Instagram



AMA with Mount Mentor Megan
today 3-4pm!