# What to expect in your first week of classes





From your Mount Mentors!

# 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

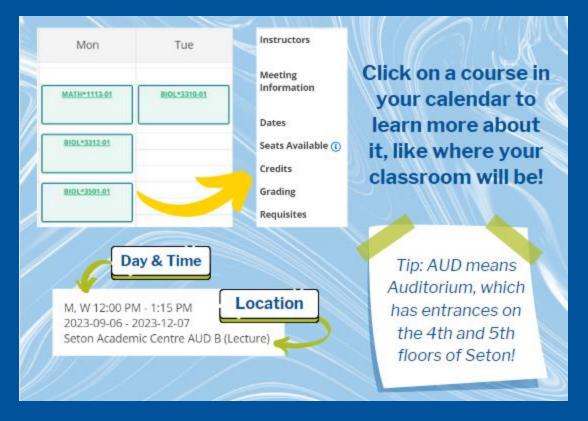
#### Al at MSVU

- 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

#### Your Schedule

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





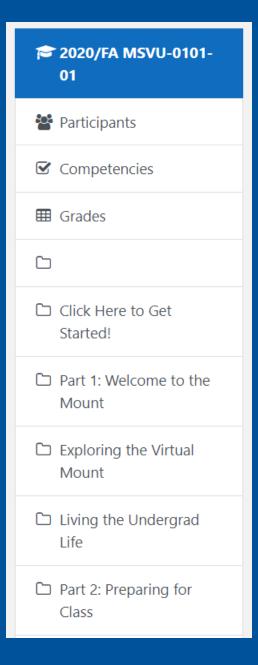
#### Moodle Overview

- Moodle: the web platform for online classes and most inperson 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

- 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!



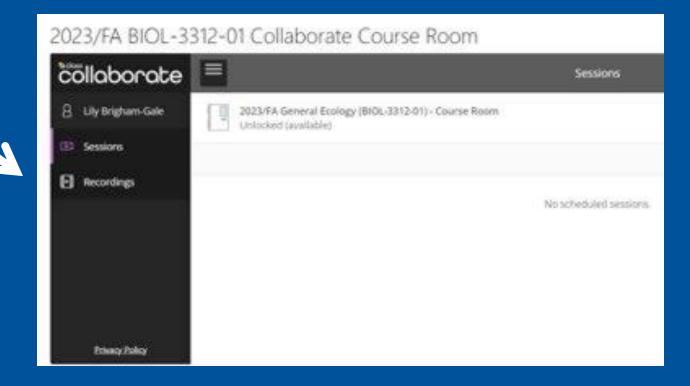


## Accessing Recorded Lectures

1. Click on the green 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"



## 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!

#### Mount101

- Due on November 28<sup>th</sup> 2025
- Covers AI, exam policy, 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!!

# AMA today 3-4pm!