

# 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

# Your Schedule

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

**Classes and Registration**

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**1 Log-in to MyMount**

**2 Click "My Schedule"**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
MATH*1112-01	BIO*2018-01	MATH*1112-01	BIO*2018-01	
BIO*2018-01		BIO*2018-01		
BIO*2018-01		BIO*2018-01	MATH*1112-01	
BIO*2018-01	BIO*2018-01	BIO*2018-01	BIO*2018-01	BIO*2018-01
BIO*2018-01				

**3 Check out your schedule in "Calendar View"**

Mon	Tue
MATH*1112-01	BIO*3310-01
BIO*3312-01	
BIO*3501-01	

**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

**Location**

Seton Academic Centre AUD B (Lecture)

**Click on a course in your calendar to learn more about it, like where your classroom will be!**

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

# 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](http://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](mailto: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!



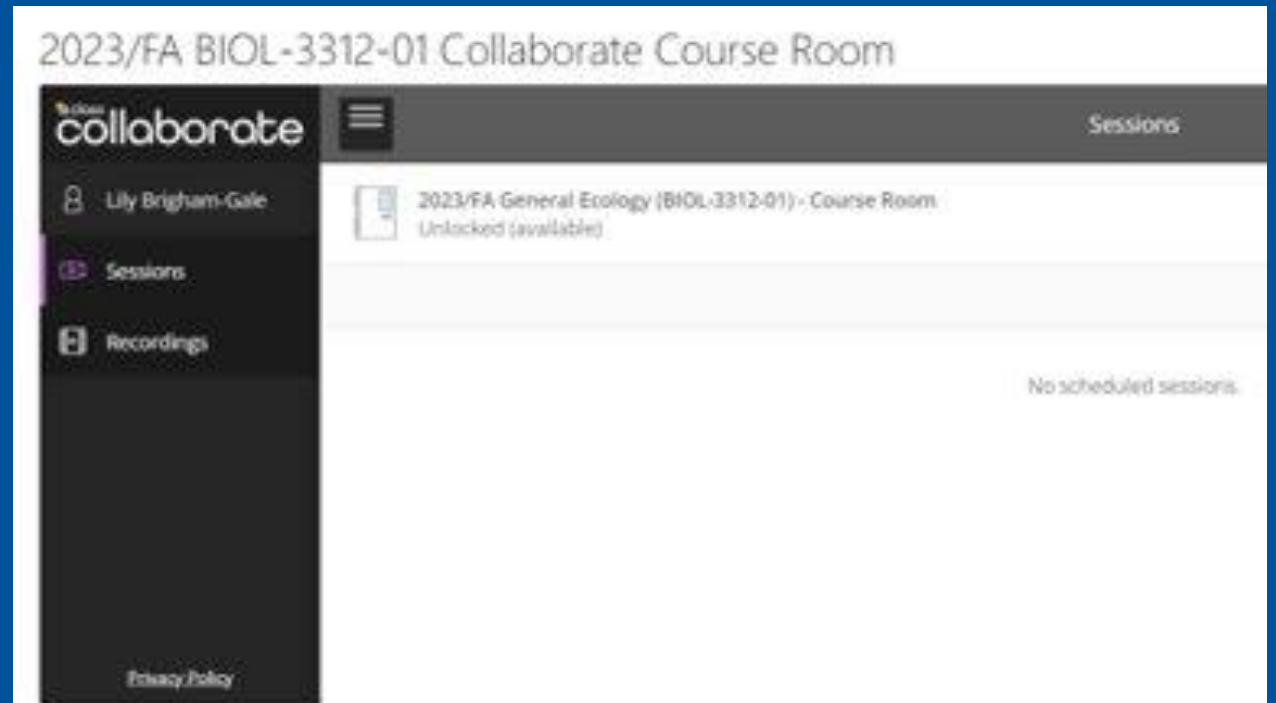
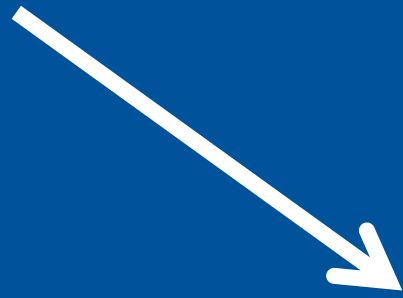
BIOL\*4451\*01.2024/WI - Collaborate Course Room

A screenshot of the Moodle course navigation sidebar for the course '2020/FA MSVU-0101-01'. The sidebar is a vertical list of navigation options, each with an icon and text. The top bar is blue with a graduation cap icon and the course ID. Below it, the options are: Participants (people icon), Competencies (checkmark icon), Grades (grid icon), a folder icon, 'Click Here to Get Started!' (folder icon), 'Part 1: Welcome to the Mount' (folder icon), 'Exploring the Virtual Mount' (folder icon), 'Living the Undergrad Life' (folder icon), and 'Part 2: Preparing for Class' (folder icon).

2020/FA MSVU-0101-01	
	Participants
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# 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](mailto: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](https://msvu.ca/studentservices) or check out our guides on Instagram
- Follow us on social media!
  - [msvu\\_mountmentors](#) on TikTok and Instagram!



# Top 10 Tips From Your Mount Mentors!