



Montana Campus Compact - Land Acknowledgement

Long-time residents and newcomers, alike, it is important to recognize that for generations the region today familiar to us as the State of Montana has been peopled and stewarded by unique, distinct, and prosperous groups of indigenous peoples. For centuries colonization, invasion, and dishonesty have resulted in the displacement of these people from their spiritual and cultural homelands and the lands reserved to their sovereign rule by treaty. Today, eight federally recognized Tribal Nations that comprise 12 different tribes exist in Montana: The Blackfoot Tribe, the Chippewa Cree Tribe, the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, the Crow Tribe, the Fort Belknap Tribes, the Fort Peck Tribes, the Little Shell Chippewa Tribe, and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.

These are not the only indigenous peoples to have inhabited the Montana region and we acknowledge those tribes. In addition, this land acknowledgment identifies tribal names in their own languages. Montana Campus Compact recognizes that affiliate campuses are guests on these lands:

Little Big Horn College is on the ancestral lands of the Očhéthi Šakówiŋ [**oh-chey-tee shah-koh-ween**], Cheyenne [**shai-AN**], and Apsaalooké [**ap-saw-loo-kay**], peoples and within the present-day Crow Reservation.

Salish Kootenai College is on the ancestral lands of the Séliš [**SAY-lish**], Kootenai [**KOO-tun-ee**] and Pend d' Oreille [**pond oh-RAY**] peoples and within the present-day Flathead Reservation.



University of Montana Western is on the ancestral lands of the Shoshone-Bannock [**sho-SHO-nee ban-ik**] peoples.

Montana State University is on the ancestral lands of the Apsáalooke [**ap-saw-loo-kay**], Tsésthó'e [**sto-ey**], and Séliš [**SAY-lish**] peoples.

Montana State University Northern is on the ancestral lands of the Niitsítapi [**nee-itsee-TAH-peh**] people.

Blackfeet Community College is on the ancestral lands of the Niitsítapi [**nee-itsee-TAH-peh**], Ktunaxa [**k-too-nah-ha**], and Métis [**mey-tees**] peoples and within the present-day nation of the Blackfeet Tribe.

Fort Peck Community College is on the ancestral lands of the Niitsítapi [**nee-itsee-TAH-peh**], Assiniboine [**uh-SI-nah-boyn**], and Očhéthi Šakówiŋ [**oh-chey-tee shah-koh-ween**] peoples and within the present-day nation of the Assiniboine and Sioux tribes.

Miles Community College is on the ancestral lands of the Apsáalooke [**ap-saw-loo-kay**], Cheyenne [**shai-AN**], Métis [**may-TEE**], and Očhéthi Šakówiŋ [**oh-chey-tee shah-koh-ween**] peoples.

Montana State University Billings and Rocky Mountain College are on the ancestral lands of the Niitsítapi [**nee-itsee-TAH-peh**], Apsáalooke [**ap-saw-loo-kay**], Cheyenne [**shai-AN**], and Očhéthi Šakówiŋ [**oh-chey-tee shah-koh-ween**] peoples.



Flathead Valley Community College is on the ancestral lands of the Ktunaxa [**k-too-nah-ha**] people.

Montana Technical University is on the ancestral lands of the Shoshone-Bannock [**sho-SHO-nee ban-ik**] and Séliš [**SAY-lish**] peoples.

Helena College and Carroll College are on the ancestral lands of the Niitsítapi [**nee-itsee-TAH-peh**] and Séliš [**SAY-lish**] peoples.

Great Falls College is on the ancestral lands of the Niitsítapi [**nee-itsee-TAH-peh**], Apsáalooke [**ap-saw-loo-kay**], Séliš [**SAY-lish**], and Očeti Šakówiŋ [**Och-et-eeshak-oh-win**] peoples.

University of Montana is on the ancestral lands of the Ktunaxa [**k-too-nah-ha**] people.

Dawson Community College is on the ancestral lands of the Niitsítapi [**nee-itsee-TAH-peh**], Apsáalooke [**ap-saw-loo-kay**], Očeti Šakówiŋ [**Och-et-eeshak-oh-win**], Nakota [**na-ko-ta**], Métis [**mey-tees**], and Tsésthó'e [**sto-ey**] peoples.

Montana Campus Compact recognizes our responsibility to be stewards of the land we inhabit.