Stop 1: Strand Union Building

Strand Union Building · Student Life
Dining options, coffee shop, MSU Bookstore, student offices, Office of Admissions, Rec Center, Procrastinator Theatre, banks & ATMs

This is the Strand Union Building. The SUB is the student center at the heart of the University. It houses the Admissions Office, the MSU Bookstore, and many of our student services, including the Allen Yarnell Center for Student Success and the Office of Activities and Engagement. The SUB also contains the Procrastinator Theatre, where you can catch a movie on the big screen for $2, and the Recreation Center, which offers billiards and bowling. It’s where our students go to get a bite to eat, study and hang out with friends.

The Student Health Center, including counseling, dental and clinical services, can be found in the SUB, as well as special offices to serve veterans and individuals with disabilities.

The SUB is also a major stop for our Steamline buses. Their routes provide free service to and from Bozeman, Belgrade, Four Corners, Livingston and even seasonal routes to Bridger Bowl ski area. Streamline also connects with the Skyline bus system to provide affordable travel to and from Big Sky Ski Resort.

Stop 2: Norm Asbjornson Hall

Norm Asbjornson Hall · Classrooms & Labs
College of Engineering and Honors College offices, classrooms and labs

Bobcat Stadium · (view south) · Student Life
Home of the MSU Bobcats
Gallatin Range (view south)
Hyalite Peak—highest visible peak: elevation 10,298’

This is Asbjornson Hall, MSU’s newest academic building. Opened in December 2018, it was made possible by several generous alumni donations, including a $50 million donation by Norm Asbjornson ’60. Feel free to explore the building throughout the tour. This building can host up to 1,000 students per hour in its classrooms, and is home to several engineering lab spaces, including the Bill Wurst Maker Space. At MSU, students gain valuable hands-on experience while working toward their degree, with every student completing a research or creative project component prior to graduation.

Speaking of research, MSU is among the top 3 percent of colleges and universities in the nation for research expenditures. MSU is designated among 130 of America’s most prestigious universities with very high research activity, out of over 4,000 institutions, by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. Because of its high undergraduate profile, MSU undergraduates get opportunities to do research of national importance on a variety of topics, opportunities that would typically be reserved for graduate students at other universities. It’s also the only university in the nation with close access to Yellowstone National Park. For MSU students, Yellowstone is a 2-million-acre classroom, lab and adventure hub featuring hot springs, rivers, peaks and wildlife.

On the third floor of Asbjornson Hall, you will find MSU’s Honors College. The Honors College offers academically motivated students a community of excellence. With special seminars capped at 15 students and unique offerings like hike and read classes that let students explore the natural environment, Honors College students get the best of two worlds. The Honors College offers the research infrastructure of a large university, with the
individual attention of a small, liberal arts college. Plus, the Honors College plays an integral role in helping excellent students win prestigious national awards, such as Goldwater and Truman Scholarships.

**Stop 3: Barnard Hall**

**Barnard Hall · Classrooms & Labs**  
Engineering and science classrooms, research labs

This is Barnard Hall. Barnard is home to the Department of Physics, the Gianforte School of Computing, as well as the Physics Learning Center. It’s also home to various research labs, including the Center for Biofilm Engineering, Microfabrication Lab and the Robotics Lab.

Discoveries from MSU’s Center for Biofilm Engineering, or CBE, have contributed to technologies that prevent amputations from chronic wounds, protect groundwater from pollution and develop better disinfectants. More than 730 undergraduates from a variety of disciplines study and work in CBE laboratories every year.

**Stop 4: East Campus**

**Roberts Hall · (view southeast) · Classrooms & Labs**  
College of Engineering classrooms and offices

**Cobleigh Hall · (view southeast) · Classrooms & Labs**  
College of Engineering classrooms and offices

**Hannon Hall · (view northeast) · Residence Hall**  
Women’s residence hall

**American Indian Hall · (under construction) · (view northeast)**  
Classrooms & student support services

**Hapner Hall · (out of view) · Residence Hall**  
Women’s residence hall (5 minute walk north)

**The Quads · (out of view) · Residence Hall**  
Honors College residence hall (5 minute walk north)

You are currently located at the east entrance to the Centennial Mall. The Centennial pedestrian mall was created in 1993 to celebrate MSU’s 100th birthday. From here, you can see several important locations on our campus.

First is Roberts Hall, the home of the Mechanical, Industrial and Financial Engineering programs. About 90% of MSU Engineering students pass the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam, about 10% higher than the national average. Engineering graduates report the highest job placement rates among MSU graduates at the highest average starting salaries.

Across the street to the east, you can see one fraternity and one sorority house. The fraternity and sorority life program at MSU is made up of 7 fraternities and 5 sororities where students can find a community that fits them, easing the transition into college life. Recruitment takes place at the beginning of each semester, with about 5% of MSU students joining a fraternity or sorority.

Next, you can see a tepee sculpture, designed by alumnus Jim Dolan. This sculpture marks the position of MSU’s new American Indian Hall, slated to open in 2021. This $20 million donor-funded building will offer classroom and academic collaboration spaces, a cultural activities center, and space for an expanded Native American Student Success center.
Beyond this sculpture, you can see Hannon Hall, one of several residence halls located on the MSU campus. Additional residence halls will be covered throughout the tour.

**Stop 5: Wilson & Hamilton Halls**

**Wilson Hall** · (view north) · *Classrooms*
College of Letters and Science classrooms and offices

**Hamilton Hall** · (view southeast) · *Classrooms*
Gallatin College MSU classrooms and offices

Moving toward the center of campus, you can find several academic-centric buildings and centers for students.

Hamilton Hall was built in 1910 as the first Women’s residence hall on campus. Today it houses Gallatin College, which offers certificate programs and associate’s degrees. On the third and fourth floors are MSU’s Army and Air Force ROTC programs, which provide leadership training and scholarship opportunities to students interested in officer training for the military. MSU has the only Air Force ROTC in Montana.

Next door, you will find Wilson Hall, home of the College of Letters and Science, MSU’s largest academic college. It also contains the Math Learning Center and the Writing Center, where students get help mastering math and writing. You might notice Wilson Hall’s unusual, horseshoe shape. That’s because students wanted to save the grove of trees growing in the center. Inside, you will find a statue of Walt Whitman, seated on a bench in the courtyard.

**Stop 6: Alumni Plaza**

**Jabs Hall** · *Classrooms*
College of Business classrooms and offices, Sola Café

**Rendezvous Dining Pavilion** · (view northwest) · *Dining*
Dining, lounges, coffee shop

**Langford Hall** · (view northwest) · *Residence Hall*
Men’s residence hall

This is Alumni Plaza, and in the center of Alumni Plaza is Spirit, the bronze bobcat who proudly appears in many students’ and visitors’ photos. It’s tradition for students to take a picture with Spirit when they first come to MSU, and again on their graduation day.

The bobcat was chosen as MSU’s mascot for its cunning intelligence, athletic prowess and independent spirit. Depending on the time of year, Spirit might be dressed up to celebrate homecoming or the holidays.

Next to Alumni Plaza you will find Jabs Hall, one of MSU’s newer academic buildings. It is the home to the Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship, one of the fastest-growing colleges at the university. The college is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Only 5% of elite business programs worldwide have achieved this accreditation. Feel free to explore the inside of Jabs Hall while located at this stop.

Business courses are held in this new, LEED Gold certified, collaborative learning space. Featuring 2 fireplaces, local food options, and daylight views in more than 90% of regularly occupied spaces, Jabs Hall was designed to inspire collaboration and innovation, all while operating efficiently to save energy.
This is one of many gathering spaces in the building, where students from all over campus interact with professors and each other. Student organizations, such as the LaunchCats entrepreneurship club, help real businesses in the Bozeman area grow, as well as give students the tools they need to create their own start-ups.

Past Jabs, you will find Rendezvous Dining Pavilion. This new, $18 million 800 seat dining complex opened in 2018, and serves thousands of meals each day to students, faculty, staff, and community members. Eating options include foods sourced from across Montana, as well as a bakery and café offering espresso, pastries, and crepes.

Surrounding Rendezvous, you will find several of MSU’s residence halls. Living options on this side of campus include single gender and co-ed living communities, as well as several academically themed living learning communities.

**Stop 7: Chemistry & Biochemistry Building**

**Chemistry & Biochemistry Building** · *Classrooms & Labs*

Research labs

The Chemistry and Biochemistry Research Facility houses chemistry research labs, and was funded entirely by research grants awarded to MSU. Research expenditures at MSU typically exceed $100 million annually. Undergraduates are required to conduct a research project or creative experience before graduation within their individual area of study.

MSU research takes place in 44 research centers across the state, and 25 on-campus labs, some of which you’ll hear about on this tour. From agricultural experiment stations, to groundbreaking work in biofilm engineering, to optics and photonics research, MSU students are discovering the scientific and creative advancements that power the modern world. That’s one reason MSU leads the nation in recipients of the Goldwater Scholarship, the nation’s premier math and science award. MSU has produced more Goldwater Scholars than other leading institutions such as Yale University.

**Stop 8: Linfield & Montana Halls**

**Linfield Hall** · *(view west)* · *Classrooms & Labs*

College of Agriculture classrooms and offices

**Montana Hall** · *(view southeast)* · *Administrative*

University administration and offices

Beyond the Chemistry building, you can see Linfield Hall. This historic building houses several programs in the College of Agriculture, including Agricultural Education, Agricultural Economics and Economics.

The College of Agriculture is another fast-growing college at MSU. It awards more than $350,000 in scholarships to its students annually. It provides traditional agricultural training, as well as cutting-edge programs in all the technologies necessary to feed the world. From our popular equine science option to biotechnology, ecology, and financial engineering, our Agriculture graduates marry traditional agricultural techniques with advanced research and technology to become highly sought after by employers when they graduate.

To the south, you will find Montana Hall, the 2nd oldest building at MSU, and the most iconic. The offices of the President, Registrar, Student Accounts, and the Graduate School are all located in Montana Hall.

At the top of the building, you’ll notice a cupola, which gives Montana Hall its distinctive shape. In the early days of the University, a group of students walked a cow up into the cupola as a prank. You may have heard that cows can physically walk upstairs, but not down them. To their dismay, the students discovered that this was true. The cow got stuck in the cupola. A crane was required to lift the cow out, and the cupola crumbled in the
process. The University did not rebuild this structure until its centennial anniversary in 1993, when an alumnus donated that restored Montana Hall to what you see today.

**Stop 9: Leon Johnson Hall**

Leon Johnson Hall · (view west) · Classrooms & Labs
Classrooms, research labs and offices

(view northeast) · Bridger Range
Sacagawea Peak–highest visible peak: elevation 9,665'

From here, you can see Leon Johnson Hall. This building houses the College of Agriculture’s Land Resources and Environmental Sciences and Plant Sciences and Plant Pathology departments. The introductory soils class includes a lab in which students analyze soils from across the Gallatin Valley, taking them outside the classroom and into the field.

Leon Johnson also houses the health professions advising program and the Anatomy and Physiology lab. MSU’s strong programs in math and science, as well as its health professions advising office, combine to make our students incredibly competitive medical school applicants. Our Anatomy and Physiology labs use real cadavers, which give students preparing for all manner of health professions a better understanding of the human body. The medical school acceptance rate for MSU students is more than 20% above the national average. In addition, MSU students lead the state in acceptance to WWAMI, the regional medical education program for the northwest. Almost a third of all students admitted to WWAMI since its inception graduated from MSU, nearly twice as many as any other college or university in the state.

Inside, you will also find the third largest lecture hall on campus holding 221 students. Some introductory classes can be large, but all large classes have teaching assistants who give students the individual attention they need to succeed. The average class at MSU has 30-35 students, and over 90% of classes are taught by university professors.

**Stop 10: Central Campus**

Reid Hall · (view south) · Classrooms
College of Education classrooms and offices

Renne Library · (view southeast) · Student Life
Library collections, computer workstations, study areas

At this stop, you are located right in the middle of campus. Events are held on the Centennial Mall throughout the school year, including welcome back to school tents in front of Montana Hall at the start of each semester. From here, you can see two important academic centers for our students.

Reid Hall is the home of the Department of Education, the Education Advising Center, the Food and Nutrition program and several large classrooms. Most students will have a class in Reid Hall. It also contains several computer labs.

Next door, you can see the MSU Library, which is one of the busiest buildings on campus. The library features expanded hours, often remaining open until 2 AM during the semester, an innovative learning studio, which includes iPads, projectors, and large monitors available to all students, and a full-service coffee shop.
Stop 11: Romney Oval

Romney Hall · (view south) · Classrooms & Labs
Health & Human Performance research labs and classrooms

Traphagen Hall · (view northwest) · Classrooms & Labs
College of Letters and Science classrooms and offices

This is the Romney Oval, one of the large open green spaces on the MSU campus. Students can be spotted on the oval playing frisbee, studying for classes, or grabbing a bite to eat. Concerts are also periodically held out here throughout the year. Several academic buildings also ring the oval.

First, you can see Traphagen Hall, built in 1919 and named after Frank Traphagen, an early chemistry faculty member. It currently houses the Department of Earth Sciences, offering options in Paleontology and Snow Science, and the Department of Psychology. The paleontology program works with MSU’s Museum of the Rockies located near the MSU campus, which has the largest collection of T-Rex fossils in the world. World famous paleontologist Jack Horner, who consulted on the Jurassic Park films, worked for the museum for decades, and even taught undergraduate courses at MSU.

Next, you’ll see a distinctively shaped building called Romney Hall. It was built in 1922 and was the home of the 1929 Golden Bobcats who won the national basketball championship. Romney is currently undergoing a massive renovation program that will convert it into a student-centric hub on campus, with offices like the Writing Center, Veteran’s Center, study spaces, classrooms, and more.

Stop 12: Gaines Hall & Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center

Gaines Hall · (view south) · Classrooms & Labs
College of Letters and Science classrooms, University Studies Office

Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center · (view south) · Student Life
Fitness center, gyms, indoor running track, swimming pool, climbing wall, racquetball & squash courts, fireplace lounge

Outdoor Recreation Center · (view southwest) · Student Life
Recreational gear rental, guided outdoors adventures

From here, you can see Gaines Hall. Starting in 2008, Gaines was renovated to house instructional labs for undergraduate students in chemistry, biochemistry, biology, earth sciences, and physics. The building also holds the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures with its language laboratories, as well as the Academic Advising Center and seven new classrooms, including a new 300-person lecture theatre. Gaines Hall is a LEED Silver certified building.

The University Studies program headquarters are located at 130 Gaines Hall. University Studies is the academic program of choice for students who are trying to choose a major or change majors at MSU. University Studies students get individualized advising that addresses their career interests and goals to help them select the right major. 93% of University Studies students declare a major in their 2nd or 3rd semesters.

Across the street is the Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center. Access to the fitness center is included for all students in activity fees. It contains several recreation-oriented spaces and facilities for our students. There is a fireplace and lounge area at the entrance, saunas in the locker rooms and a massage therapy room. The fitness center offers more than 70 fitness classes per week, including yoga, Pilates, Zumba, spinning and pink gloves boxing. The Health and Human Development Advising Center and Health Enhancement faculty is also housed here.
Stop 13: Visual Communications Building & Brick Breeden Fieldhouse

**Visual Communications Building** *(view northeast)* · *Classrooms & Studios* · School of Film and Photography classrooms and studios, KUSM–Montana PBS, Black Box Theatre

**Brick Breeden Fieldhouse** *(view south)* · *Student Life*
Venue for basketball, track meets, rodeo, concerts and lectures *(view south west)* · Spanish Peaks, Madison Range
Gallatin Peak—highest visible peak: elevation 11,014'

This is the Visual Communications Building, home to the School of Film and Photography and KUSM, Bozeman’s PBS station. Additionally, film students have access to two sound stages used to film scenes, as well as the Black Box Theatre, which has a full set construction shop attached to the stage.

Film students can use 17 different types of cameras, plus nonlinear digital photo and video editing labs equipped with the latest software. Photography students have access to digital and analogue labs and dark rooms. Very few photography programs at other schools continue to offer training in analogue processes, which can be used to create artistic images unavailable through digital processes. MSU photography students are routinely selected as finalists and winners in national photography contests such as Critical Mass, by Photo Lucida.

Film and photography graduates have won 3 Academy Awards, and have had work selected for recognition in many prestigious film festivals, including a recent Telluride Mountain Film Festival. Alumni have worked on large-scale projects, including The Walking Dead, Cosmos and Rise of the Planet of the Apes.

Across the way and behind the Fitness Center, you can see the domed roof of the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse. This is home to Bobcat basketball and track and field and is a top concert and event venue seating thousands of spectators and fans for concerts and lectures. From concerts featuring top recording artists like Elton John and Jason Aldean to lectures such as popular science educator and astrophysicist Neil DeGrasse Tyson, in addition to Bobcat basketball games, track meets and rodeos, there’s always something exciting happening at the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse.

Stop 14: West Campus Mall

**Sherrick Hall** *(view southeast)* · *Classrooms & Labs*
College of Nursing classrooms and offices

**Cooley Lab** *(view northeast)* · *Labs*
Biomedical research and environmental biology labs

You are currently located at the west end of the Centennial Mall. From here, you can see several buildings relating to our health and science fields.

First is Anna Pearl Sherrick Hall, home to the College of Nursing. MSU has one of the largest nursing programs in the nation and was the first public generic baccalaureate program in Montana. That means graduates can work in a variety of areas such as the emergency room, intensive care, and pediatrics, to name a few. Students enter as pre-nursing majors and then apply for upper division classes after their pre-requisites have been met. The program begins with 2 years at MSU, followed by 2 years at a clinical site in Bozeman, Billings, Great Falls, Missoula or Kalispell. Nurses are among the highest paid graduates of MSU and have nearly 100% job placement.
rate. MSU’s is the first and only graduate Nursing program in Montana, offering a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).

Across the mall from Sherrick Hall is Cooley Laboratory, a recently renovated, state-of-the-art research facility that houses biomedical research and environmental biology labs. A grant from the National Institutes of Health paid for a renovation completed in 2013. This was MSU’s first LEED Gold certified building. Here, undergraduates get unparalleled opportunities to do cutting edge biomedical research. Connected to Cooley Laboratory is Lewis Hall, home to the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

**Stop 15: Bioscience Complex**

**Plant Growth Center** · (view northwest) · Classrooms & Labs  
College of Agriculture research greenhouses

**Plant Bioscience Building** · (view north) · Classrooms & Labs  
College of Agriculture research labs and classrooms

**Animal Bioscience Building** · (out of view) · Classrooms & Labs  
College of Agriculture research labs and classrooms

In this corner of campus, you will find several buildings offering classroom and lab space for the College of Agriculture.

You are located at the front entrance of the Plant Growth Center greenhouses. Next door, you will find the Plant Biosciences Building, and beyond that the Animal Bioscience Building. The Animal Bioscience Building opened in 2010, funded mostly by Montana ranchers. It houses the Department of Animal and Range Sciences. MSU is home to the Montana portion of the WIMU Regional Veterinary Program that allows Montana students to attend veterinary school partially in-state at reduced cost.

The Plant Bioscience Building is primarily a research facility for plant pathogens. It contains labs for scientists who are, for example, breeding new grain varieties; seeking strategies for controlling weeds, plant diseases, and insect pests; and developing new uses for cereal products. It also contains the Shutter Diagnostic Lab, where agriculture producers and homeowners can submit plant and insect samples for diagnosis and control recommendations.

The Plant Growth Center contains 29 greenhouse rooms, plus 13 environmentally controlled, walk-in grow rooms and insect quarantine facilities. Students and researchers can mimic any climate by adjusting temperature, pressure and humidity. It includes everything necessary to simulate any environment from Alaska to Hawaii. It also houses the Montana Potato Lab that is responsible for providing disease free seed stock to Montana potato producers. MSU also conducts seed potato certification for the entire state.

Across the street to the east is Taylor Hall, MSU’s first building, constructed in 1894. Originally an agriculture experiment station, it is now home to Montana 4-H and MSU Extension.

**Stop 16: Creative Arts Complex**

**Cheever Hall** · (view north) · Classrooms & Studios  
School of Architecture classrooms, studios, workshops and offices

**Howard Hall** · (view south) · Classrooms & Practice Spaces  
School of Music classrooms, practice and performance spaces, Reynolds Recital Hall

**Haynes Hall** · (view southwest) · Classrooms & Studios  
School of Art studios, classrooms, computer labs and offices
Haynes, Cheever and Howard Halls make up the Creative Arts Complex. Haynes is home primarily to the School of Art offering degree options in Art Education, Art History, Graphic Design and Studio Arts. The School of Art has all the tools and equipment students need to sculpt, print, design and create beautiful and thought-provoking works of art. From state-of-the-art computer labs with touch screen technology to a jewelry making studio to a fully functioning 19th century letterpress, MSU students work in a variety of mediums and have all the tools they need to create. In one example of a recent art project, a student used scientific measurements taken from the surface of Mars to replicate Martian soil as a material for ceramic sculptures.

Cheever Hall is the home of MSU’s Architecture program. MSU offers a five and a half year Master’s degree in Architecture. A Master’s degree is required to become a licensed architect, and MSU’s program gets students through their education faster so they can become the architects that design the structures that shape our world.

Students have access to laser cutters, a 3D printer and a CNC milling machine, as well as their own desk space. The architecture program has open enrollment the first year. Architecture students have an experience-learning element as upperclassmen, in which they contribute to design-build projects or study abroad. Students can work in MSU’s Community Design Center, which has contributed to projects in the US, Nepal, Kenya, England and Morocco.

Cheever is also home to the Design Sandbox for Engaged Learning, or DSEL. DSEL is an interdisciplinary space that hosts classes, events and “visiting instigators,” or speakers who help students think about problems differently. Classes at DSEL focus on solving problems using expertise from many disciplines. DSEL has hosted classes such as “Surviving and Thriving in a Freelance Economy”, “Farm to Market Dynamics”, and “Innovative Ideation”. By combining ideas from many disciplines, DSEL helps students learn to be more innovative, creative and all-around better problem solvers.

Howard Hall is the home of the School of Music, offering degree options in Music, Music Education and Music Technology. Howard Hall is also the location of about 100 concerts every year, as well as practice spaces for MSU’s 15 ensembles and musical groups. Ensembles are composed of students from all disciplines, many of whom receive scholarships for their participation.

One of the School’s most unique programs is Music Technology, integrating music composition, sound design and audio engineering. Students in this program learn from Grammy and Emmy winning producers and engineers so they can design their own sounds and find their footing in today’s music industry.

**Stop 17: West Side Housing Neighborhood**

**Headwaters Complex** · *Residence Hall*
Gallatin, Jefferson and Madison residence halls, sophomore and above

**North Hedges Hall** · *(view southeast)* · *Residence Hall*
Residence hall

**South Hedges Hall** · *(view southeast)* · *Residence Hall*
Residence hall

**Miller Dining Commons** · *(view southeast)* · *Dining*
Dining commons, fireplace lounges, coffee shop

**Roskie Hall** · *(view southeast)* · *Residence Hall*
Residence hall

**Yellowstone Hall** · *(view south)* · *Residence Hall*
Freshman residence hall
This area shows some of the options for living on campus, as well as Miller Dining Commons. From here you can see South Hedges, North Hedges and Roskie Hall (the rounded towers). Each building has 11 stories, with co-ed, single gender and living learning community floors. Living learning communities include Emerging Leaders, Global Village, as well as several areas of study. These communities allow students to immerse themselves in their interests, and find their home at MSU quickly. MSU works hard to build a residence life system that connects students meaningfully with the on-campus community, integrating their studies, social lives and the outdoors.

Miller Dining Commons connects North and South Hedges and is the largest dining hall on campus. It was recently renovated, and features fresh dining concepts, including a Mongolian Barbeque, wood-fired pizza oven, locally sourced, vegan and gluten free options and an espresso coffee shop – all included in the meal plan at MSU. Plus, it has a fireplace and soft seating for hanging out and studying.

Located behind the high-rise residence halls and Miller Dining Commons is MSU’s newest freshman residence hall, Yellowstone Hall. This residence hall features a spacious entryway, storage for bikes and skis, and lounge areas providing stunning views of the surrounding mountain ranges.

Also located behind the high-rise residence halls and Miller Dining Commons is the Headwaters Complex. It is made up of Jefferson, Madison and Gallatin Halls, named for the nearby rivers that form the headwaters of the Missouri River. These halls are for sophomores and above.