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*Dining options, coffee shop, MSU Bookstore, student offices,
Office of Admissions, Rec Center, Procrastinator Theatre, banks & ATMs*

Bobcat Stadium · (view south) · Student Life
Home of the MSU Bobcats

Norm Asbjornson Innovation Center Site (opening 2018) · (view south) **Classrooms & Labs**
College of Engineering classrooms and labs

Welcome to Montana State University, home of the Bobcats. This self-guided walking tour will introduce you to MSU and our campus. Guided tours are offered Monday through Friday, departing at 9 AM and 2 PM from the Office of Admissions in 201 Strand Union Building, also known as the SUB.

This tour is designed to take place outside, in case the buildings are closed during your visit. The audio tracks are most clear when played entirely at designated stop points, rather than while walking between points. A script of the tour is available for download, if needed. If the buildings are open, feel free to go inside and take a look around. If classes are in session, please try to be as considerate as possible.

Since the tour is divided into tracks, you can stop and listen at each point, or choose which points you would prefer to visit. The tour takes about an hour and requires 1.3 miles of walking across our campus, which is mostly flat. If you are visiting in the wintertime, please watch your footing as you walk.

Take a moment to look at the map and get oriented: we'll tell you to look to the north, south, east and west at several points during the tour, and it will be easier to follow along if you know your directions.

We'll begin our tour here, in front of the south entrance to the Strand Union Building.

Strong academics, real-world research and creative projects, and the energy of an active Rocky Mountain community define Montana State. MSU's campus includes 4.7 million square feet of buildings on 950 acres. It's where about 20,000 students, faculty and staff study, work and play. This tour is intended to introduce you to MSU by giving you a basic overview of the campus and university. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Admissions. Let's get started!

Behind you is the Strand Union Building (also known as the SUB). 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.

In the traffic circle directly in front of you, the Streamline buses make several stops every day. Streamline offers free service throughout the Bozeman area. Their routes provide 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.

Directly in front of you, across Grant Street to the south is the new parking garage and the site of the new Norm Asbjornson Innovation Center, which will serve students in the College of Engineering and the Honors College.

Beyond the parking garage is Bobcat stadium, which holds more than 20,000 fans. Students attend athletics events for free, including the exciting first football game of the season, called Gold Rush. Students can choose between 15 NCAA Division 1 men's and women's teams, plus intramural and club sports. From rugby to rodeo, MSU students have a wide variety of athletic activities to choose from.

In the distance, on the horizon to the south, are the peaks of the Gallatin Range, where you can find millions of acres of national forest to explore. We hope you get a chance to explore Bozeman and the surrounding area while you're here.

Continue the tour by walking east toward Barnard Hall, pausing at stop 2 in front of the building, next to the large sculpture at the entrance.

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

This is Barnard Hall. You are standing next to the Wind Arc sculpture, affectionately nicknamed the 'Noodle'. This sculpture was created by Gallatin Valley artist and MSU Art alumnus Gary Bates through the Montana Percent-for-Art Act.

This building houses the Physics and Computer Science Departments, 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.

In the lobby of Barnard Hall, you'll see Studio 1080. Named for its three high-resolution 65-inch plasma touch screen monitors, it serves to raise awareness of the high quality research projects conducted at MSU. It's also where the College of Engineering hosts NASA launch parties, when satellites built by MSU students are launched into space.

Building satellites for NASA is just one example of the many research projects our students pursue. MSU is among the top 3 percent of colleges and universities in the nation for research expenditures. 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 20 million acre classroom, lab and adventure hub featuring hot springs, rivers, peaks and wildlife.

Continue the tour by walking past Cobleigh and Roberts Halls, pausing in front of the large teal archway, called the Pete Waite Gate, at the east entrance to the Centennial Mall, marked stop 3 on the map. The Centennial pedestrian mall was created in 1993 to celebrate MSU's 100th birthday.

3 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

Hapner Hall · *(out of view)* · [Residence Hall](#)
Women's residence hall (5 minute walk north)

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

Before arriving here, you passed Cobleigh Hall, which houses the Departments of Civil, Chemical, Electrical and Computer Engineering, as well as Construction Engineering Technology. It also contains the hydraulics and fluid mechanics lab, concrete and building materials lab, the space science engineering lab and the Sub-Zero lab, which Popular Science named one of 15 "mind-blowing college labs." In the Sub-Zero Lab, MSU researchers and students investigate the way snow behaves at different

temperatures, helping to understand snow as a material to better predict avalanches and keep people out of harm's way.

To the south 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 Greek Life at MSU is made up of 7 fraternities and 4 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.

To the northeast is Hannon Hall, an all-female residence hall. MSU also has an all-male hall on the north side of campus called Langford Hall, and another all-female hall behind Herrick Hall called Hapner Hall. Several dining options are available near Hannon and Langford. There will be more information about MSU's living options later in the tour.

Behind Hannon is the home of MSU's Honors College, the Atkinson Quadrangle, commonly called "The Quads." 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.

Continue the tour by walking to stop 4, between Hamilton Hall and Wilson Hall, before pausing to listen to the next track.

4 Wilson Hall · *(view north)* · [Classrooms & Labs](#)
College of Letters and Science classrooms and offices

Hamilton Hall · *(view southeast)* · [Classrooms & Labs](#)
Gallatin College MSU classrooms and offices

Hamilton Hall stands to the southeast. It 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.

Across from Hamilton Hall is 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. As you pass by, take a look and say "hello" to Walt Whitman, seated on a bench in the courtyard.

Continue the tour by walking over to the west entrance of Jabs Hall.

5 Jabs Hall · [Classrooms & Labs](#)
College of Business classrooms and offices, Sola Café

Langford Hall · [\(view northwest\)](#) · [Residence Hall](#)
Men's residence hall

To the southwest 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. If you post a picture during your campus visit, use #montanastate to connect with our community on social media. #montanastate can be used on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

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.

To the northeast of Spirit is MSU's newest addition, Jabs Hall. 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.

Business courses are held in this brand 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.

If you have a moment and the building is open, step inside of Jabs Hall to check out the fireplace and lounge area on the first floor. 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.

To the northwest is Langford Hall, an all-male residence hall featuring newly remodeled rooms and public areas, a full-length outdoor basketball court, free cable and a ski wax room.

Move to point 6, in front of the Chemistry and Biochemistry Research Facility, to continue the tour.

6 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.

Move to the west side of Alumni Plaza, to point 7, to continue the tour.

7 Linfield Hall · [\(view west\)](#) · [Classrooms & Labs](#)
College of Agriculture classrooms and offices

Montana Hall · [\(view southeast\)](#) · [Administrative](#)
University administration and offices

Down the sidewalk to the west of Spirit is 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.

At the top of the hill to the south is Montana Hall, the 2nd oldest building at MSU, and the most iconic. The offices of the 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 made a donation that restored Montana Hall to what you see today.

Move to stop 8, next to Leon Johnson Hall, to continue the tour.

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

To the northeast, just beyond Jabs Hall are the Bridger Mountains and the "M" in the distance, although you can't see it from here. The "M" was built by MSU students in the fall of 1915, and completed in the spring of 1916. It is constructed entirely of limestone rocks and boulders carried by hand from the surrounding mountainside. It is two hundred and forty feet high and one hundred feet across.

The Bridgers are the closest mountain range to Bozeman and home to Bridger Bowl Ski Area, just 20 minutes from campus. Next to Bridger Bowl is Bohart Ranch, which provides almost 20 miles of scenic groomed trails for cross-country skiers. Bridger Bowl and Bohart Ranch often host NCAA ski competitions featuring our Bobcat ski teams.

Leon Johnson Hall 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.

The south entrance to Leon Johnson brings you to 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.

To continue the tour, walk to stop 9, pausing at the top of the hill next to Montana Hall.

9 **Reid Hall** · (view south) · **Classrooms & Labs** *College of Education classrooms and offices*

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

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.

To the southeast, 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.

To continue the tour, move to stop 10 next to the flagpole north of Romney Hall.

10 **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

To the northwest is 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.

The building has 4 windows on one side and 7 on the other because construction began just before World War One started. Funding was diverted to the war, and construction was put on hold until the building could be finished in 1919.

To the south, 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. Now it is the home of several Health and Human Performance programs. It contains a movement science/biomechanics lab where students can study the body in motion on various pieces of training equipment, including a treadmill large enough to fit a car on it, which is used to fitness test the ski team.

To continue the tour, move to stop 11 in front of the entrance to Gaines Hall.

11 **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

Starting in 2008, Gaines Hall 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 to the south is the Marga Hosaeus Fitness Center. Access to the fitness center is included for all students in activity fees. It contains 3 gyms, a swimming pool, 10 racquetball courts, a squash court, 2 indoor tennis courts, an indoor running track and a student-designed climbing wall. 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.

MSU also has an Outdoor Recreation Center, located to the west, on Lincoln Road, adjacent to Roskie Hall. This student-owned center offers outdoor gear such as backpacks, tents, skis and kayaks for rent at reduced cost, as well as group outings like paddle boarding at Hyalite Recreation Area or snowshoeing in Yellowstone National Park.

To continue the tour, move to stop 12 at the intersection of Grant Street and Eleventh Avenue, in front of the Black Box Theatre.

12 **Visual Communications Building** · (view northeast) · [Classrooms & Labs](#) · *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

The Black Box Theatre is attached to 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*.

To the south, beyond the parking lot across the street, 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.

To the southwest, you can see the Spanish Peaks of the Madison Range. The Madison Range contains rugged public wilderness areas that grizzly bears, elk and wolves call home. The Madison Range is also home to Big Sky Resort, one of the biggest ski areas in America.

To continue the tour, proceed north on Eleventh Avenue to stop 13, between Sherrick Hall and Cooley Laboratory, in front of the teal arch—the Aasheim Gate -- at the west entrance to the Centennial Mall.

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

Cooley Lab · *(view northeast)* · [Classrooms & Labs](#)
Biomedical research and environmental biology labs

On your walk here, you passed the Duck Pond, which was to your right. It's naturally heated year round by a hot spring, so the ducks never leave. An anonymous donor gave MSU \$250,000 to renovate the pond, which was completed in 2008. People come to the duck pond year-round to feed the ducks, and take a break from their busy days. The ducks are also unusually savvy with social media: "like" the MSU Duck Pond Facebook page to keep up with the ducks.

Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, a statewide outreach program associated with the MSU College of Arts and Architecture, presents Shakespearian plays every summer in the grove behind the Duck Pond. Admission is free.

To the southeast of where you are standing 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 Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP).

To the northeast 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.

To continue the tour, go west and cross 11th Avenue. Walk north to stop 14, between Haynes Hall and the Plant Growth Center.

14 **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

Haynes Hall · *(view southwest)* · [Classrooms & Labs](#)
School of Art studios, classrooms, computer labs and offices

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.

To the north are the Plant Growth Center greenhouses and the Plant Bioscience 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. If you step inside, you can see the atrium, where students can often be found studying.

To the southwest is Haynes Hall. 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.

To continue the tour, move to stop 15 between Cheever and Howard Halls.

15 **Cheever Hall** · (view north) · [Classrooms & Labs](#) *School of Architecture classrooms, studios, workshops and offices*

Howard Hall · (view south) · [Classrooms & Labs](#)
School of Music classrooms, practice and performance spaces, Reynolds Recital Hall

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. The pavilion at Hyalite Reservoir is an example of an MSU Community Design Center project. Alternatively, students can study abroad as upperclassmen. 50-75% of architecture students study abroad their 4th year.

MSU's Office of International Programs offers students more than 250 study abroad opportunities in more than 60 different countries. Some students opt for short, faculty-led trips, and others choose semester or yearlong exchange programs in locations from Europe to Africa and beyond.

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.

To continue the tour, move to the 16th and final stop in front of Gallatin Hall in the Headwaters Complex.

16 **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) · [Residence Hall](#)
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. From here you can see South Hedges, North Hedges and Roskie Hall (the rounded towers). Each building has 11 stories, with co-ed, single sex 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.

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



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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.

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.

For more information about MSU's many housing options, visit the Residence Life webpage or take a designated residence life tour.

Thank you for visiting us at Montana State University. We hope this tour has been interesting and informative. Additional information and resources can be found on the MSU website at www.montana.edu. Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Admissions with any questions you may have or to schedule a more in depth visit. We look forward to seeing you again soon!