Liberal Studies—Global and Multicultural programs\(^1\) expose students to global and international issues from the perspective of humanities, social sciences, political science, and related fields. It will prepare individuals for decision-making in a changing world. You will learn about the search for world order, law, and human rights. You will study the political, ethnic, and religious responses to what is perceived as cultural and economic homogenization on a global scale. You might take electives in global business, health, human rights, or culture. A bachelor's degree prepares you for positions in government, business, communications, and education. A graduate degree is required to do research, plan your own projects, or teach in a college or university. An internship will increase your chances of being accepted into a postgraduate program and finding a job in the field. Further training may be required throughout your career to keep abreast of fast-paced world events and current policy development.

Programs at Montana State University\(^2\) offer students a broad perspective on international and American cultural, ethnic, and gender issues spanning a wide range of disciplines. Students are encouraged to participate in a Study Abroad or National Student Exchange Program in a region appropriate to their field of studies. Students in this option will also achieve competence, at an intermediate level, in a foreign language appropriate to their studies.

Characteristics associated with success\(^1\) in this major include an interest in world history, relationships between countries, and general politics and economics.

You should be\(^1\):
- Self-motivated and directed
- Able to understand and relate well to people of different cultures
- Willing to learn at least one foreign language
- Patient, tactful and curious
- Intrigued by new ideas and ways of thinking
- Interested in solving complex problems in new and creative ways
- Interested in reading and writing
- Poised and sensitive to the feelings of others
- Able to express yourself clearly in both written and oral communications
- Able to work independently
- Empathetic yet impartial

Occupations in this field require the ability to\(^1\): take an interest in helping mankind and have sensitivity and dedication to the welfare of others.

Related occupations include\(^1\):
- Legislator
- College/University Faculty
- Journalist
- Diplomat
- Writer/Author
- Intelligence Specialist
- Policy Analyst
- Lobbyist
- Foreign Service Officer
- Public Administrator
- Environmental Engineer
- Political Scientist
- Mediator
- Project Manager
- Legislator
- Urban Planner
MSU graduates (Bachelor’s degree) were hired in the following selected fields:

Administrative Assistant- Airovation Interior Restyling
Teller- First Security Bank
Customer Service Representative- Croakies
Clinic Manager- Massage Envy
Journalist and Magazine Publisher- Hondo Company/Practical Pedal
Policy Analyst- Third-Way
Spa Director- Moonlight Spa
Truck Driver- FedEx
Police Officer- Livingston Police Department
Assistant- Cherry Hills Country Club
Owner/Manager- Bobcat Mattress
Expeditor- Inserv
Administrative Assistant- KIHOMAC
Founder and Director- Tias Y Tios
Cashier- REI
Supervisor of Housekeeping- Vail Resorts
Photographic Assistant- Play Action Photos
Security Officer- Hewlett Packard

Salary averages of survey respondents: (# of respondents in parentheses)

2009: MT: $28,641 (2) Out of State: $26,000(2)
2008: MT: $23,400 (2) Out of State: Insufficient Data*
2007: MT: $40,000 (1) Out of State: Insufficient Data*

Graduates from this program entered programs of further education at these institutions:

University of British Columbia

Please note: The Liberal Studies program began in 2004 and to date has graduated 7 classes. Therefore, information and data is admittedly limited.

*Insufficient Data: Each year the Career, Internship & Student Employment Services Office at Montana State University conducts a survey to determine placement rates and salary survey information from recent MSU graduates. Graduates were requested to participate in the survey to provide relevant information regarding the transition from college to career/graduate school. At times, there are limited or no respondents. Statistics, therefore, are not always based upon the response of the total sample group and are sometimes listed as “Insufficient Data”.

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3 Montana State University Career & Internship Services
Number of graduates/number of respondents: 2007: 9/4; 2008: 6/3; 2009: 18/6; 2010: 14/7