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VIEWBOOK & APPLICATION

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Mountains & Minds
Welcome to Montana State University

Here you can choose from more than 120 major options, learn what you want, satisfy your inner scientist or artist with a research or creative experience—and live and play in a spectacular Rocky Mountain setting.

“Montana State University encourages its students to pursue and explore knowledge through education and empowerment. Here you’ll learn through hands-on research and creative experiences, engage with your professors and have more opportunities to succeed. So come, be a Bobcat at Montana State University.” —Waded Cruzado, President
Montana State is a mid-sized university offering all the advantages of a much larger institution, with the friendly community of a smaller campus. On top of that, we’re located in one of the most spectacular college settings in the nation.

Location: Bozeman, Montana
Founded: 1893

Degrees offered: associate, bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees
Enrollment: 12,764 (fall 09)
Faculty/student ratio: 16:1
Average class size: 36
Average HS GPA: 3.30
Average ACT: 25.1
Average SAT: 1157 (Math, Critical Reading)

Academic year: fall and spring semesters, summer sessions
Campus: 1,170 acres
Campus organizations: More than 160 student clubs and organizations
Accreditation: Regionally accredited by Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU); professional schools and departments approved by specialized accrediting organizations

Varsity sports: Men (Bobcats): football, basketball, NRA rodeo, track, cross-country, Alpine and Nordic skiing, tennis and Spirit Squad (cheer and dance); Women (Lady Bobcats): volleyball, basketball, track, cross-country, tennis, NRA rodeo, golf, Alpine and Nordic skiing and Spirit Squad (cheer and dance)

Athletic conference: Big Sky Conference, NCAA Division I (Football Championship Subdivision-FCS)

Top tier education
Montana State is one of only 96 institutions, out of more than 4,400, that meet the Carnegie Foundation for Higher Education’s criteria for the highest research classification. MSU is the only top tier research institution in the five-state region of Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and North and South Dakota.

That means MSU’s level of research activity is comparable to prestigious universities like Cal Tech, Harvard, Berkeley, the University of Washington and the University of Colorado.

Among our top tier peers in the Rocky Mountains and Pacific Northwest, MSU is one of the best values for the education and research opportunities available—and is unique in providing those opportunities to undergraduate students. All MSU students are involved in an undergraduate research or creative project.

map of montana state
about Bozeman

No place is quite like Bozeman, a friendly, laid-back Rocky Mountain college town that’s small enough to have its own personality, but with all the amenities of a larger city. You’ll find stores like REI, Borders, World Market, Old Navy and Macy’s, plus fun local shops and restaurants, coffee houses and great concert venues. Bozeman also has big city cultural attractions including a symphony, opera, and theatre and ballet companies.

Forests and wilderness areas surround Bozeman. The Gallatin National Forest has 2,200 miles of fishable streams and rivers, and 700 high-mountain lakes and reservoirs surrounded by dense timbered valleys and rugged peaks. Hyalite Canyon, just minutes from campus, offers world-class hiking, mountain biking, rock or ice climbing, canoeing and camping.

The Bridger Mountains, north of town, have great hiking and mountain bike trails, along with incredible vistas. Yellowstone National Park, just 88 miles from campus, is a great place to discover amazing natural thermal features and towering waterfalls, view abundant wildlife and explore canyons, forests and peaks.

Bozeman’s free Streamline buses will take you anywhere in town, from campus to downtown—and even to Bridger Bowl, Big Sky and Moonlight Basin ski areas.

The 60-mile (and growing) “Main Street to Mountains” trail system weaves through Bozeman’s neighborhoods on historic railroad corridors and along scenic ridgelines, creating biking and hiking connections between the city and the surrounding natural areas.

Big Skies, Big Fun

Average Daytime Temperatures:
January 33˚F / July 82˚F
Annual Snowfall: 84 inches in town
Bozeman is sunnier than you might expect, with 300 days of sunshine.
Our dry climate makes for comfortable seasons. Summers are pleasant, with warm days and cool nights. Mild winter weather is not unusual, and a week or more of consistently cold weather is rare.

Area destinations:
Bridger Bowl Ski Area—16 miles;
Big Sky and Moonlight Basin Ski Resorts—45 miles;
Yellowstone National Park—88 miles.
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geared for success

At Montana State University, it’s our spirit of discovery and exploration that sets us apart. Our students work alongside faculty experts to gain inspired perspectives and solve real-world challenges. This collaborative environment encourages students to participate in research and creative projects and prepare for successful futures.

MSU has the programs and resources you’ll need

Throughout your college experience, there’s support when you arrive so you can make an easy transition into college, and there’s help when you’re preparing for the next phase, whether it be right into a career or further education. Career Services is there to engage you in the career planning process through self-assessment and understanding of what is available in the world of work so you can set goals and market yourself. We’ll help connect you with employers to embark on a successful career path (whatever that might be to you). Here are just a few services available:

- Resume and cover letter assistance
- Career coaching
- Self assessment
- 5 different career fairs each year

www.montana.edu/careers

we prepare our grads for great futures

MSU students outperform their peers nationally on professional preparation exams:

- Engineering students at MSU have a cumulative pass rate of 88.5% on the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam compared to the national average of 78.2% (since 2000).
- Health and Human Development students have a 96% first-time pass rate on the Registered Dietetics Exam compared to 80% nationally.
undergraduate areas of study

**College of Agriculture**

**Business**
- Agricultural Business Management
- Farm & Ranch Management

**Agricultural Education**

- Ag Education Broadfield Teaching
- Agriculture Relations

**Animal Science**

- Equine Science
- Livestock Management & Industry

**Biotechnology**

- Animal Systems
- Microbial Systems
- Plant Systems

**Environmental Horticulture**

- Environmental Horticultural Science
- Landscape Design

**Environmental Sciences**

- Environmental Biology
- Soil & Water Sciences

**Geospatial and Environmental Analysis**

- Land Reclamation
- Natural Resources & Rangeland Ecology
- Range Management & Livestock

**Plant Science**

- Crop Science
- Plant Biology

**Sustainable Food & Biomass Systems**

- Agroecology
- Animal Systems
- Sustainable Crop Production
- Veterinary Medicine

**College of Arts and Architecture**

**Architecture (Environmental Design)**

- Architecture Master’s Program

**Art**

- Art Education K-12 Broadfield Teaching
- Art History
- Graphic Design
- Studio Arts

**Film & Photography**

- Motion Picture/Video/Theatre
- Photomedia

**Music**

- Music Education
- Music Technology

**College of Business**

**Business**
- Accounting (Accounting Master’s Program, 5-years)
- Finance
- Management
- Marketing
- Business Administration
- Entrepreneurship & Small Business Mgt.

**College of Education, Health & Human Development**

- Early Childhood Education
- Mathematics
- Reading K-12
- Science Education
- Special Education
- Family & Consumer Sciences
- Nurturing
- Teaching
- Food & Nutrition
- Dietetics
- Nutrition Science

**College of Education, Health & Human Development**

- Health Enhancement K-12 (Health & PE)
- Health & Human Performance
- Exercise Science
- Kinesiology

**Secondary Education**

- General Science Broadfield Teaching
- Social Studies Broadfield Teaching
- Technology Education Broadfield Teaching
- Departmental Teaching Minor
- Ag Education Broadfield Teaching
- Art Education K-12 Broadfield Teaching
- Biology Teaching
- Chemistry Teaching
- English Teaching
- Family & Consumer Sciences Teaching
- French Teaching
- German Teaching
- History Teaching
- Mathematics Teaching
- Math Teaching
- Physics Teaching
- Spanish Teaching

**Sustainable Food & Biomass Systems**

- Sustainable Food Systems

**Technology Education**

- Industrial Technology

**College of Engineering**

- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering Technology

**College of Letters & Science**

- Anthropology
- Biological Sciences (Ecology)
- Biology Teaching
- Ecology & Evolution
- Fish & Wildlife Management
- Organismal Biology

**College of Letters & Science**

- Cell Biology & Neuroscience
- Biomedical Sciences
- Cell Biology & Neuroscience

**Chemistry**

- Blacksmithing
- Chemistry Teaching
- Earth Sciences
- Geography
- Geology
- Geology
- GIS/Mapping
- Paleontology
- Snow Science

**Economics**

- English Teaching
- English Literature
- History
- History Teaching
- Japan Studies
- Religious Studies
- Science, Environment, Technology & Society

**Mathematics**

- Applied Mathematics
- Mathematics
- Mathematics Teaching
- Statistics

**College of Letters & Science (continued)**

- Microbiology
- Environmental Health
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Modern Languages and Literatures

**College of Letters & Science**

- Business Administration
- Entrepreneurship & Small Business Mgt.
- International Business

**Management of Information Technology**

- Aerospace
- Military Aerospace Studies-Air Force ROTC
- Military Science-Air ROTC

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- Medical Laboratory Science
- Modern Languages and Literatures
- Commerce
- French Teaching
- French & Francophone Studies
- German Teaching
- German Studies
- Hispanic Studies
- Japanese Studies
- Latin American & Latino Studies
- Spanish
- Spanish Teaching
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Physics
- Physics Teaching
- Interdisciplinary
- Political Science
- Analysis & Policy
- International Relations
- Political Institutions
- Political Theory
- Psychology
- Applied Psychology
- Psychological Science

**Sociology**

- Anthropology
- Museum Studies
- Native American Studies
- Pre Health (Pharmacology, PrePediatrics, PrePhysician Assistant)
- Pre Law
- Water Resources
- Women’s Studies

**College of Nursing**

- Nursing

**University College**

- American Studies
- Directed Interdisciplinary Studies
- Liberal Studies
- Environmental Studies
- Global/Multicultural Studies
- Quaternary
- Leadership Fellows Program
- Undergraduate Scholars Program
- University Honors Program
- University Studies

**Associate of Applied Science degrees offered in Aviation, Design Drafting and Science Design.**

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You’ll learn by doing:
As an undergraduate student you’ll have real opportunities to conduct hands on research in science labs or engage in creative projects from architecture to film, music or literature.

You can get to know your professors:
A low 16:1 student faculty ratio means more face time with your professors and a collaborative, supportive environment.

You’ll have access to the best MSU’s world-class labs and research centers regularly make groundbreaking discoveries. Many undergraduate students work on cutting-edge research with guidance from faculty experts, and are involved in everything from collecting data in the field to analyzing the results to publishing findings.

You’ll get truly helpful advice:
Whether you are changing majors, exploring your options or have settled in a field that suits you, you’ll benefit from the expertise of professional academic advisors who can provide assistance each step of the way. Because 30 percent of our incoming students are "exploring," or undecided on a major, we’ve developed innovative programs to help students discover their interests, select a major and stay on track to graduate in four years.

You’ll get a well-rounded education:
MSU’s Core 2.0 is a unique inquiry- and research-based curriculum required for all students. Core 2.0 ensures exposure to a broad range of disciplines and a research or creative experience in four areas: the arts, humanities, natural science and social sciences. You’ll explore a variety of academic disciplines, find areas of academic interest and take classes that complement your major.

You’ll learn how to succeed:
Every MSU student takes a First Year Seminar class, which introduces critical thinking, reading and writing at the university level, and eases the transition to college. To benefit exploring students, the seminar is closely integrated with academic advising. The freshman seminar will help you develop critical reading and writing skills so you can get started on the right track.
Katie Hubbard  
College of Agriculture  
Hometown: Willow, Ore.  
Major: Rangeland Ecology  

Why did you choose to attend MSU?  
I loved the atmosphere of Bozeman and MSU was a very welcoming campus.

What is your favorite thing about your major?  
It is full of hands-on opportunities.

Favorite Bozeman restaurant?  
Pickle Barrel

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Plant Science students learn grafting techniques from professor Tracy Dougher.
Students in one of the film industry’s most respected filmmaking programs produce their senior film on location, using professional equipment.

Questions? Contact the College of Arts & Architecture: 406-994-4405 | caa@montana.edu | www.montana.edu/caa

Lauren Nydam
College of Arts & Architecture
Hometown: Great Falls, Mont.
Major: Architecture
Do you have plans to study abroad?
I would love to, and the School of Architecture offers many exchange opportunities!
Best way to spend free time in Bozeman?
During the school year, I enjoy watching movies with my sorority sisters, and just hanging out with friends. In the summer, I enjoy floating on the Madison River.

Architecture
• Architecture students have year-round study abroad opportunities. More than 50 percent of students study abroad. Design/build projects engage students from conception to final build with sites as far away as Nepal and as near as the Bridger Mountains.
• The ceramics program has a strong relationship with the renowned Archie Bray Foundation. “Bray Days” brings visiting artists to campus.
• MSU music programs perform nationally and internationally, including recent trips to Europe, Canada and China.
• The Music Technology degree is the only program in the region integrating sound engineering and composition.

Film & Photography
• Undergraduates work with all phases of filmmaking from script writing, acting, directing and cinematography to lighting, editing and sound recording.
• MSU is a recognized leader for merging digital technology and alternative photography processes.

The College of Arts and Architecture houses superb studio facilities including fully equipped computer labs, a print-making studio, a bronze casting facility, a ceramics studio, a metalsmithing studio, an iron casting foundry, digital and wet darkrooms, film and editing studios, prototyping and fabrication equipment, practice rooms, recital halls and the recently renovated Black Box Theater for performances.

The curriculum is centered on small class sizes, one-on-one instruction and hands-on learning. The faculty excel in both academics and in their areas of expertise—they are not only teachers, but working professionals in their fields. Internship opportunities, community service learning and international study programs are fully integrated.

The College of Arts & Architecture’s nationally accredited programs offer a rich array of academic experiences unique to our region and vital to our world. Faculty and majors perform in many regional cultural events; students exhibit in local galleries and create award-winning graphic designs; and film and photography students have the opportunity to explore and document nearby Yellowstone Park’s rare natural wonders.

Enrollment:
1,522

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MAJORS AND PROGRAMS

Business Options
- Accounting
- Finance
- Management
- Marketing
- Professional Accounting (5-year Master’s program)

Specialized areas of study
- Business Administration
- Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management
- International Business
- Management of Information Technology

The Bracken Center for Excellence in Undergraduate Business Education offers programs that enhance business educational opportunities including scholarships, internships, study abroad, career counseling and mentoring. Additionally, the Bracken Business Communication Clinic provides writing coaches to any student enrolled in a business course.

MSU’s Alderson Program in Entrepreneurship provides students with hands-on experience through working in teams, assisting start-up businesses, designing operation plans, structuring sales channels and building financial forecasts. The program—the only entrepreneurship program in Montana—was ranked by Entrepreneur magazine in the top 10 in the nation for Entrepreneurial Emphasis.

PROFESSIONAL ADVANTAGE

MSU’s College of Business is among the 10 percent of business colleges worldwide accredited by the AACSB—the most rigorous and difficult accreditation to earn and retain. Students benefit from the College’s focus on academic and professional development. An entrepreneurial spirit is fostered by faculty who are committed to preparing responsible and ethical business leaders. Every course in MSU business students should feel very fortunate to have such a great program. It is not every undergraduate business program that offers its students the chance to present and think on their feet as very challenging questions are thrown at them in front of a business-savvy audience of hundreds.”
— Joe Long, adjunct instructor of marketing (regarding the Business Plan Competition)

The College of Business hosts an annual event called “The Executives’ Closet” to provide students who are preparing for interviews with appropriate business attire, donated from the local business community—for free.

- MSU seniors consistently score in the 90th percentile on the Major Field Test—Business, which is administered to students nationwide.
- The accounting program has an illustrious history. For 17 years, our students scored in the top 10 in the nation for first time CPA pass rates—first in the nation for five of those years. Although CPA exam data collection no longer provides national ranking data, our students continue to score well and are highly recruited.
- More than 200 students have provided over 8,000 hours of pro bono business analysis through the Alderson Program in Entrepreneurship.
- A newly redesigned Management of Information Technology minor focuses on e-business applications and business strategy to give our graduates a competitive advantage.
- A popular advertising class is a unique blend of marketing and graphic design taught by faculty experts, many of whom are industry veterans and national research leaders in their respective fields.

Katherine Snapp
College of Business

Hometown: Billings, Mont.
Major: Business Marketing & Management and a minor in Museum studies focusing on Art History

What was your first impression of MSU?
It was a friendly place! I could see myself as a student on this campus!

Do you have plans to study abroad?
Yes—England! I also am planning to go on a National Student Exchange to South Carolina for a semester to study historic preservation.

Highlights

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Shayna Butler
College of Education, Health, and Human Development
Hometown: South Lake Tahoe, Calif.
Major: Exercise Science

What was your first impression of MSU? I was walking down the mall on a sunny day and I loved how people were sitting on the grass between classes. People were laughing with friends and they all looked so happy to be at MSU.

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MAJORS AND PROGRAMS
Bioengineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
• Bio-Resources Engineering
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
• Interdisciplinary
Construction Engineering Technology
Electrical Engineering
Industrial Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Mechanical Engineering Technology

Specialized areas of study
• Aerospace
• Military Aerospace Studies—Air Force ROTC
• Military Science—Army ROTC

Chemical & Biological Engineering
Integrates chemistry, physics, biology and mathematics. Chemical and biological engineers play an important role in protecting the environment, inventing cleaner technologies and calculating environmental impact. www.cbhe.montana.edu

Civil Engineering
Applies engineering fundamentals to the planning, design and construction of structures to ensure that buildings can withstand earthquakes, road systems avoid traffic jams and bridges withstand stress. www.coe.montana.edu/ce

Computer Science
Encompasses design, construction and operation of computer systems from software to hardware. Computer science is a flexible, highly marketable degree that prepares students to make contributions to healthcare, the Internet, space shuttles, digital photography, games, business, robotics and much more. www.cs.montana.edu

Electrical and Computer Engineering
Applies knowledge of electronics, electromagnetics, mathematics and engineering design principles to create products and services that shape the modern world. www.ece.montana.edu

Mechanical and Industrial Engineering
Mechanical engineering examines design and manufacturing processes that lead to better products, tools, systems and devices. Industrial engineering focuses on the connection between humans and technology to ensure that work processes and tools are safe, comfortable and efficient. www.coe.montana.edu/me

POWERING CHANGE
MSU engineering students learn how to apply scientific and technical knowledge to benefit our world. They consistently outperform peer groups on the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam—with an 11 percent NCEES cumulative pass rate—better than the national average. Our graduates are prepared to launch flexible, rewarding careers as problem-solvers. At recent career fairs on campus, top employers, like Boeing and Microsoft, recruited MSU’s engineering and computer science graduates for high paying positions.

• MSU is in a prime location for studying snow and avalanches. The Subzero Science and Engineering Research Facility, with eight cold-research labs, is among the top facilities in the world.
• The Center for Biofilm Engineering is the premier center where researchers from all over the globe share knowledge about biofilms or bacterial colonies. Supported in part by NASA, the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation, the center’s world-class scholars explore biofilm-related problems and potential advantages.
• Renewable energy research from fuel cells to wind is ongoing at MSU. The wind turbine work has led to the creation of one of the world’s largest databases of material testing results for wind turbine blades.
• Students gain hands-on experience with circuits, the building blocks of computer chips, in the state-of-the-art circuit design lab, where they are involved in a worldwide effort to improve communications and defense technology.

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MAJORS AND PROGRAMS

Anthropology
Biological Sciences (Ecology)
- Biology Teaching
- Ecology and Evolution
- Fish and Wildlife Management
- Organismal Biology
Cell Biology & Neuroscience
- Biomedical Sciences
- Cell Biology and Neuroscience
Chemistry & Biochemistry
- Biochemistry
- Chemistry, Professional Option
- Chemistry, Teaching Option
Earth Sciences
- Geology
- Geohydrology
- Geology
- GIS/Planning
- Paleontology
- Snow Science
Economics
- English Teaching
- Literature
History
- History
- History Teaching
- Japanese Studies
- Religious Studies
- Science, Environment, Technology & Society
Mathematics
- Applied Mathematics
- Mathematics
- Mathematics Teaching
- Statistics
Microbiology
- Environmental Health
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Microbiology
Modern Languages & Literatures
- Commerce
- French Teaching
- French & Francophone Studies
- German Teaching
- German Studies
- Hispanic Studies
- Japanese Studies
- Japanese Language
- Spanish Teaching
- Korean Studies
Philosophy
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
Physics
- Physics, Interdisciplinary Option
- Physics, Professional Option
- Physics, Teaching Option
Political Science
- International Relations
- Policy Analysis
- Political Institutions
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College of Letters and Science

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E N G A G I N G  M I N D S

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Questions?
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College of Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
The BSN prepares students to practice as registered nurses (RN). RNs provide clinical care in diverse settings, and a major focus of their practice is on health promotion and risk reduction within communities.

Statewide Placement
MSU offers upper-division nursing placement throughout the state: Bozeman, Billings, Great Falls, Missoula and Kalispell.

Intensive Interaction
MSU’s College of Nursing maintains a student to faculty ratio of 8:1, which allows for an ideal health care learning environment.

Accreditation
The MSU College of Nursing programs are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and the Montana State Board of Nursing.

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• To date, all MSU graduates from the master’s degree program have passed the national certification exam on their first attempt.
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• MSU’s graduate nursing program is nationally recognized for excellence in rural nursing practice, research and the preparation of health care providers to serve rural states.
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Specialized areas of study

- Leadership Fellows Program
- Undergraduate Scholars Program
- University Honors Program
- University Studies

American Studies explores the cultures, arts, history and literature of the United States. Students have access to exceptional collections at the Museum of the Rockies, in Yellowstone National Park and at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyo.

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A Liberal Studies degree enables students to have a multidisciplinary education, selecting either a broad-based liberal arts education or a thematically-based area of study such as Environmental Studies or Global and Multicultural Studies.

www.montana.edu/lsdegree

The McNair Scholars Program offers minority and first-generation/lower income college students support and resources to pursue advanced education beyond a college degree. Students can apply as sophomores to qualify for financial support, academic advising and mentorship in their chosen field of study.

www.montana.edu/mcnair
Extra curricular activities are a big part of the college experience, and there’s no better place to find an outlet for your creativity than MSU. Whether you’re interested in team sports, academic clubs, or learning a new skill, you’ll find opportunities to get involved on campus. Here’s a taste of what you’ll find:

• **Team Club Sports**: There are over 20 club sports teams at MSU, including soccer, volleyball, lacrosse, ultimate frisbee, and more.
• **Academic Clubs**: Clubs are available for majors in Accounting, Computer Science, Education, and more.
• **Recreational Clubs**: Places like the Margy Housaus Fitness Center offer cardio training machines, free weights and strength machines, and more.
• **Dance and Photography Clubs**: These clubs allow you to pursue your passion in a supportive environment.
• **Cultural Clubs**: Clubs like the Korean Student Association and the Latino Student Union offer opportunities to learn about different cultures.
• **Intramural Sports**: Intramural sports at MSU are a great way to stay active and meet new people.

In short, there’s a club for that. Whether you’re interested in outdoor activities like hiking and camping, or indoor activities like pottery and video editing, MSU has something for everyone.
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**Bobcat Spirit**

**MSU and Community Events**
- Blue & Gold Fridays
- Sweet Pea Festival
- Move-In Day
- Convocation
- Gold Rush—first home football game
- MSU/Bozeman arts festival
- Parent Family Weekend
- Homecoming
- Paint the “M”
- Undie Run
- Col/Gal (MSU vs. U of M)
- Bobcat Fest in Downton Bozeman

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**Bobcat Fest in Downtown Bozeman**

**Explore**

The “M” trail located at the mouth of Bridger Canyon on the south flanks of Baldy Mountain, was started by MSU students in 1915. The 250 foot white-washed “M” has two access routes. The right fork follows the ridge for a short and steep hike. The left fork switchbacks through a fir and juniper forest, making a more gradual ascent. The left fork is the beginning of the Bridger Mountains National Recreation Trail, a 21-mile ridge route following the contours of the Bridger Range to spectacular upper Fairy Lake.

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**We reach higher**
Montana State Bobcats

Athletics: NCAA Division I—Big Sky Conference

Men's Sports
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Rodeo (NIRA)
- Skiing (Alpine and Nordic)
- Tennis
- Track and Field

Women's Sports
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Rodeo (NIRA)
- Skiing (Alpine and Nordic)
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Volleyball

Additional Opportunities
- Cheer and Dance

Big Sky Conference Members
- Eastern Washington
- Idaho State
- Montana
- Montana State
- Northern Arizona
- Northern Colorado
- Portland State
- Sacramento State
- Weber State

Patrick Casey
Track and Field
Hometown: Laurel, Mont.

January 29, 2010 was a big day for sophomore Patrick Casey. He ran the mile in 3:59.17—the first sub four-minute mile on Montana soil—at an open meet in the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse. "Nobody at MSU has ever run that fast in the mile," said head track and field coach Dale Kennedy. Casey thinks he will major in exercise science. He's worked hard in school, earning a spot on the Academic All-Star team, which requires a minimum grade point average of 3.25. "Whatever he chooses, he'll work hard and be successful," Kennedy said. "He has an inner confidence and a lot of humility. That's the sign of a true champion."
Living on campus is a big part of the college experience. At MSU, you can choose a residence hall or theme floor that fits your interests so you’ll feel at home right away. With students from all over Montana and every part of the country, you’ll make new friends, start your own traditions and begin a whole new life.

Living Options
MSU offers 10 residence halls, each with its own personality and features. In addition to a choice of halls, students can select from various theme floors. The popular Outdoor Pursuits floors, for example, are for students who want to experience the great outdoors surrounding Bozeman. Students on these floors take part in whitewater rafting, hiking in the Bridger Mountains and special programs on outdoor safety. Students who choose academic theme floors will be living and learning with other students from their majors.

Hannon and Hapner Halls: all female; sinks in each room; two dining halls within walking distance.
South Hedges: co-ed; newly remodeled weight room; kitchen; billiards room; Hedge Hog convenience store; spacious lounges and study rooms on each floor; Special interest floors: Sophomore Year Experience; Honor’s Community; many academic theme floors including business; arts and architecture – equipped with a project lab; and First Year Experience (University Studies).

Hodges Centers: co-ed; suite-style living with community kitchens, dining rooms, TV lounges and living areas; intimate and studious environment; Honor’s Communities.

South Hedges Suites: co-ed; for continuing sophomores, juniors and seniors; two to four-bedroom carpeted suites; kitchenettes and shared living rooms in three and four bedroom suites. Free housing during breaks.

Food for Thought
Good eats are easy to find on campus. In fact, Bobcat Court, located in the Strand Union, was named best university food court in a national contest. Here’s a sample of other tasty campus options:

- Gourmet burgers at Bobcat Grill
- Pizza and pasta made-to-order at Tomassito’s Italian Cafe
- Wraps, soups, sandwiches and salads at Avogadro’s Number
- Short-order and ethnic foods, cafeteria-style at Union Market
- Fresh treats at Freshen
- Specialty coffees at SIGO Cafe
- Plus additional dining options, and convenience stores in several of the residence halls.

{ we make our home at the base of the mountains }
Financial Aid Options at MSU

Financial aid is money to help students pay for college. The money comes from the federal government, state governments, the university, and a variety of other public and private sources.

- Scholarships
- Grants
- Tuition waivers
- Loans
- Student employment

Need-based Financial Aid

Most financial aid is awarded on the basis of need. There are three types of need-based aid:

- Grants
- Loans
- Scholarships

Grants

Typically grants do not have to be paid back. Federal grant programs include Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Academic Competitiveness Grant, National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant.

Loans

Loans are borrowed money that has to be paid back over a period of time after you leave school. Federal loans and programs include Federal Perkins Loans and the Federal Stafford Student Loan Program, which include Federal Stafford (subsidized and unsubsidized) Loans and Federal Stafford PLUS Loans for parents of dependent students.

Work Study

Money you earn by working at a part-time job is called “work study.”

Need-based Financial Aid

Applying for need-based financial aid is a straightforward process.

- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This can be done online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- The good news is that there is no deadline. However, to be considered for the widest range of financial aid, MSU’s priority deadline for filing the FAFSA is March 1 (for the following fall semester).
- The results are sent to the colleges you listed on the FAFSA form, so be sure to list MSU’s school code 002532 on your application.
- Once we receive your FAFSA information, we may contact you if any additional information is needed.
- Your financial aid eligibility will be sent to you based on the information you provide.
- Financial aid offers have an expiration date, so be sure to accept or reject the offers. If you don’t respond by the deadline for need-based aid, the award will be cancelled.
- Once you are accepted for admission and have registered for classes, you will receive a bill listing your charges and the financial aid you accepted. You’ll just need to confirm your attendance with University Student Accounts Office to arrange payment.

Financial Aid Assistance

The Office of Financial Aid Services provides informational brochures to help you determine which type of financial aid is best suited for you. Most of these publications are available on our Web site or the U.S. Department of Education’s Web site. If you would like to speak to us about specific questions, please contact us.

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www.montana.edu/waffles
For more information about federal student aid: www.studentaid.gov

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If you qualify, some fall freshman scholarships are renewable for up to a maximum of $2,000 per year. Montana State University’s most prestigious freshman scholarship award, the National Merit Scholarship, is awarded in the spring of the student’s junior year to students who have sat of the three. The Presidential Scholarship

Montana State University’s most prestigious freshman scholarship award, this award recognizes academic achievement as well as special personal qualities. Recipients receive merit grants and annual tuition waivers. Scholars who maintain the required academic standards may expect to have their awards renewed for four years. To be a competitive applicant, a cumulative GPA of 3.75 and a composite score of 30 on the ACT or 2000 on the SAT is recommended.

College and Departmental Freshman Scholarships

Some academic colleges and departments at MSU offer scholarships that award academic achievement. If financial need is one of the criteria for a college or departmental scholarship, it will be necessary for students to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) prior to March 1. Contact the college of your choice or visit the web site for details.

Audition/Portfolio Review Scholarships

Some scholarship awards are available through music and theatre auditions, art and photography portfolio reviews, and screening of videotapes and films. For details, contact: Music 406-994-3561; Film and Photography 406-994-2484; School of Art 406-994-4501.

National Merit Scholarships

MSU is proud to sponsor Merit Scholarships each year. Students are eligible for a minimum of $750 per year and up to a maximum of $2,000 per year depending on financial need. Native American Scholarships

Both need-based and merit-based academic scholarships are awarded to qualified Native American students. For need-based scholarships, applicants should contact the Center for Native American Studies, P.O. Box 172340, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717-2340, 406-994-3881.

Indian Fee Waiver

The Indian Fee Waiver is available to Montana residents who are one-fourth (1/4) enrolled with a federally recognized tribe and demonstrate financial need. For more information, contact the MSU Office of Financial Aid at 406-994-2845. Other funding opportunities can be found in the Native American College Funding Guide.

American Indian Research Opportunities (AIBO)

works with Montana’s seven Tribal Colleges and has implemented specialized programs for American Indian students interested in science, engineering and math. Army ROTC focuses on developing valuable leadership skills and providing officer career opportunities through hands-on course instruction in physical fitness, basic rifle marksmanship, small unit tactics and effective team building. Army ROTC also provides scholarship opportunities.

Associated Students of Montana State University (AMSU)

MSU’s student government, provides tutoring, legal services and student employment, as well as leadership opportunities. Career Services serves students, employees and faculty to ensure MSU students are well-prepared for internships and career endeavors. Counseling and Psychological Services, staffed by trained professionals, offers free, confidential personal counseling regarding academics, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, relationship issues and identity exploration. Dean of Students Office advises for MSU students and works with parents in addressing their questions and concerns. Disability, Re-Entry and Veteran Services provides direct, advice and referral services for all disabled, veteran and nontraditional age students; also helps determine eligibility for disability accommodations and processing certification for VA educational benefits. Experimental Education is an exciting learning concept which provides Ropes courses, hiking and backpacking trips, leadership training and service learning outings. This program isn’t about lectures, tests or research papers. It is about actively learning about yourself and others while having fun.

Parent/Family Association (PFA) provides a way for families to continue their involvement with their student’s education and to communicate their thoughts and ideas to the university administration.

Pro-Professional Programs

Students may choose an undergraduate curriculum that will lead to a professional degree program in veterinary medicine, medicine, dentistry, optometry, physical therapy or law. Academic preparation, experience and internship opportunities allow the focused and qualified student to proceed to graduate school.

student services

Student Health Services offers primary health care, including women’s health services, lab work, x-rays, pharmacists, preventive and emergency dental services, health promotion and preventative services. It also offers a health insurance program for students who do not have other insurance coverage.

Summer Sessions offer supplemental Studies courses and other summer programs.

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Office of International Programs offers more than 250 study abroad programs in more than 50 countries. Students can earn credit toward their major, master a foreign language and learn about another culture.

Outdoor Recreation Program offers equipment rental, group outings, a resource center, special events, bicycle and ski workshops, and other recreational activities.

To provide the best possible learning experience, MSU has support services and resources to help you through any challenge that may come up. Whether it’s deciding on a major, figuring out how to find a job or getting a little assistance in math or writing, you’ll find all of the help you need to succeed.
Campus Visits
We invite you and your family to experience Montana State University. The Office of Admissions offers campus visits any weekday (except holidays) all year round.

Campus Visits offer general campus tours Monday through Friday at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. (except holidays). These one-hour walking tours are led by one of our trained faculty and staff and attending actual classes are encouraged to complete your visit. Plan on spending a whole day with us.

It is advisable to schedule your visit at least two weeks in advance. This will allow us plenty of time to schedule requested appointments and send you a confirmation e-mail. Maps will be sent to you a confirmation e-mail, schedule and maps. Please call us at 1-888-MSU-CATS (or 406) 994-2452 or e-mail us at admissions@montana.edu.

To complement the general tour, the Residence Life Office offers daily tours of residence halls at 11 a.m. Monday–Friday. Also, the Host Program allows you to spend an evening with a current residence hall student. For more information, contact the Residence Life Office at 406-994-2661 or e-mail housing@montana.edu.

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