

# History

## Which employers have hired Montana State University Billings History graduates?

Yellowstone County Museum	CM Russell Museum	MSU Billings
Western Heritage Center	Moss Mansion	Cherokee Public Library
State of Montana	AmeriCorps	Broadcast Law

## What are the average annual wages and potential lifetime earnings for professionals\* working in the History field?

Occupation	Annual Mean Wage in MT**	Potential Lifetime Earnings**
Museum Director / Curator	\$32,610 - \$51,170	\$60,110 x 39 yrs = \$2,344,290
Research Assistant	\$34,600 - \$46,210	\$49,720 x 39 yrs = \$1,939,080
Textbook / History Content Writer	\$39,570 - \$53,620	\$69,510 X 39 yrs = \$2,710,890
High School History Teacher <sup>+</sup>	\$30,200 - \$54,630	\$61,820 x 39 yrs = \$2,410,980
Tour Guide / Historic Site Interpreter	\$21,700 - \$27,520	\$29,780 x 39 yrs = \$1,161,420

\* State wage data is not available for several occupations, including Historic Preservation Specialist, Museum Technician, Archivist and Historian.

\*\* Based on the state mean and national median wage of occupation per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Lifetime earnings are based on the national median wage.

+ Montana educator licensure requires completion of an educator preparation program with supervised teaching experience.

## What percentage of History graduates report having a job after graduating?

Out of the 67% of 2022 History graduates who responded to MSUB'S Graduate Survey, **100% reported being employed\* after graduation.**

\* Employment includes employment in major, employment not in major, continuing education, and military service.

## Not sure if History is for you?

1. Take an introductory class in the program, such as Historian as Detective or American History. Keep mental notes or a journal to track what you like and dislike!

## Employment opportunities with advanced degrees or experience:

- History Professor, MA or PhD in History
- Special Collections Curator, MA in History or Museum Studies
- Archivist, MLS in Library Science or MA in History and Archival Studies
- Cultural Resource Specialist, MS in Archeology or Cultural Resource Management

2. Get a part-time job in the field. Check out CareerLink by scanning the QR Code for the latest job openings!



# HISTORY

## Overview of the History program:

In our history courses, students examine the discipline and methods of history in order to cultivate an appreciation for the past. Students study various approaches to the past, craft historical questions, understand historical methodology and theory, learn and practice research and writing skills and challenge themselves to think historically. The department offers a variety of courses in the areas of Early America, Modern U.S., the Ancient World and Archaeology, Early Modern and Modern Europe, Women's and Gender History and Global History.

## What makes your program unique?

A degree in history is an opportunity to learn not just facts and dates, but skills that translate into a whole host of careers. Beyond preparing our students to become teachers, public historians, writers, archivists, lawyers, preservationists, and a whole lot of other things, the Department of History at MSU Billings offers students the chance to meet other amazing people and develop a real sense of community. The small size of history courses ensures that you build meaningful relationships with peers and department faculty.

History Club brings together lovers of history from all over campus to engage in fun events like movie nights, pizza parties, and volunteer events like Girls 'N' Science. It also sponsors student travel to academic conferences like Phi Alpha Theta, which fosters professionalization, builds your network, and is a whole lot of fun!

With history classes on topics as wide-ranging as food, punk rock, archaeology, and monsters, history students get to branch out beyond traditional courses in American, European, and Global history to think thematically, analytically, and consider diverse perspectives.

## What students like most about the History program:

"You really get to know your professors, and once you know them, they will stick with you through your entire career. They will help you get on the right path for what you really want to do. I've never felt more comfortable with a group of professors and am so happy with the career decisions I've made working under them." — Brynne Dotson, History Education Major



Department Webpage:

<https://www.msubillings.edu/class/history/index.htm>

