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**Montana Department of Labor**

"The master’s degree has become a much more important part of the American mobility story," said Katherine S. Newman, dean of arts and sciences at Hopkins. "Once upon a time, American industry would have expected people to learn on the job. Increasingly, employers are looking to universities."

**Washington Post, May 28, 2013**
A LETTER FROM THE PROVOST

A DEGREE THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME

If you have recently thought about pursuing a graduate degree: NOW IS THE TIME!

Graduate Studies programs at MSUB have been developed to assist you in your professional growth and development. Our degrees will deepen your knowledge base, stretch your thinking, and expand your career options.

A graduate degree from MSU Billings will last a lifetime. With your chosen degree a new world of possibilities awaits. Graduates from our programs have become leaders in health care organizations, non-profit entities, higher education institutions, and more.

Graduate students at MSU Billings have access to a broad range of expertise, intellectual partnerships and mentors to enhance and transform their research. Our graduate faculty can be counted amongst the best in our region. Their commitment to student success is what sets MSUB Graduate Studies apart from any other institution.

I encourage you to pursue your passion and visit with one of our outstanding Graduate Studies team members. Discover the “MSUB Advantage” today.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark Pagano
 Provost
 MSU Billings

ABOUT MSU BILLINGS

Founded in 1927, MSU Billings is a comprehensive, regional University which emphasizes teaching and mentoring students and a commitment to academic excellence. Eighty-six percent -- well above the national average -- of its outstanding faculty hold the highest degrees in their fields.

Spread over 98 acres, MSU Billings has 16 buildings, employs more than 900 full-time and part-time people, and is the fourth largest employer in Yellowstone County. With an overall enrollment in excess of 5,000, MSUB is the third largest unit in the Montana University System. It offers a wide range of academic programs -- from licenses and certificates to associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees.

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The College of Allied Health Professions (CAHP) gives attention to the broader definition of allied health and includes those academic programs in behavioral sciences, therapeutic sciences, and support services.

The College is proud to offer curriculum, faculty, and administrative services that help to prepare students to face the challenges of a changing world. All academic programs in the College emphasize the technical skills required for practice in health and human service professions and also stress the importance of a well-rounded education that includes such life skills as critical thinking, literacy, historical consciousness, multicultural experience, and a sense of values.

**Programs at a Glance**

**Master of Science Interdisciplinary Studies: Exercise and Sport Leadership Option**
The Exercise & Sport Leadership Option is designed for people who are looking to pursue a new career in the sports profession or those who already work in a sports related profession and are seeking to further their career in the sports industry.

**Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT)**
This entry-level master’s program prepares students to become athletic training professionals and prepares them for the Board of Certification Exam (BOC).

**Master of Health Administration**
This online executive program is designed for working professionals who wish to pursue advanced studies in the business and management of healthcare.

**Master of Science in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling**
This program focuses on preparing professionals for employment in a variety of rehabilitation and mental health settings. Coursework from the program may be used in preparation for becoming a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) and a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC).

“"The practicum experience in the Counseling Clinic was awesome and scary. It made me step out of my comfort zone and provided the opportunity to exchange feedback on counseling techniques and strategies.""
Meet Thomas Chameraud, a decorated Yellowjacket student-athlete. Thomas just completed one of the greatest single seasons in MSUB soccer history. For his encore, Thomas is pursuing his passion for coaching by attaining a Master’s degree in Exercise and Sport Leadership. His degree will ultimately help him become an NCAA head coach.

I chose the Interdisciplinary Studies Exercise and Sport Leadership program because it allows me to learn more about my passion, SPORT, especially soccer. My goal is to become a men’s soccer head coach at the college level. I have already played for two years and coached as an interim assistant coach for the MSUB men’s soccer team and I love it. This master’s degree will definitely open more doors for my professional life.

The MHA program has been a phenomenal experience for me and my classmates. The program provides a 360 learning environment that can’t be replicated solely in a classroom. I get instantaneous feedback not only from my professors but from my professional colleagues as well. Without a doubt, this program has helped me advance my career and broaden my base as a healthcare administrator.

Say hello to Parker Powell, CEO at Prairie County Hospital in Terry, Montana. Parker pursued his passion and is completing his Master’s degree in Health Administration. At only 28 years old Parker is making a difference in underserved rural Montana.

Trained to Succeed »

All 10 athletic training graduates took and passed their Board of Certification exam. That makes 3 years in a row of 100% success, when the national pass rate ranged between 60 and 80%.

Experiential Learning »

In the Rehabilitation and Counseling program, students learn by doing. In existence for 45 years, the program prepares its graduates to become Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors and Certified Rehabilitation Counselors.
The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) is a place of intellectual excitement where new knowledge is created, where scholarship and innovation meet, scholars emerge and ideas develop into theories. With its inherent diversity, the work that goes on here reaches across disciplinary boundaries.

CAS graduate programs provide a rich blend of specialized knowledge in a field of study, intersecting with the boundaries and frontiers of other fields. Graduate students acquire and hone analytic and research skills that are critical for success in a variety of professional contexts.

**PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE**

**Master of Science in Psychology**
This program provides advanced, concentrated study for students wishing to prepare for additional graduate study, employment in a clinical or research setting, teaching at the community college level or preparing for licensure. The program has an excellent record of getting graduates into doctoral training programs at many of the nation’s top institutions.

**Master of Science in Public Relations**
This program provides students with the essential theoretical and practical tools they need to develop their careers in public relations and public communication. Students graduating with the MSPR leave with an enhanced understanding of the processes of facilitating and negotiating communication between individuals, groups and organizations.

**Master of Public Administration**
The MPA degree provides training for those people who are beginning a new career, are changing careers, or are presently working in a professional setting and wish to upgrade their work skills and knowledge. The MPA program provides the knowledge and skills to allow these workers to function successfully as a public administrator.

MPA graduate Ken Siebert is the General Manager of Yellowstone Public Radio (YPR). Over 300,000 people in Montana and Wyoming are reached by YPR’s 4 stations and 28 translators.

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Dr. Tasneem Khaleel, Arts & Sciences Dean, visits with a student in a lab on the University campus.
pursue your passion

Keeping up with Kelli Morse is tough. Her Public Relations degree led her on an odyssey of assignments and places—deputy communications director for Senator Max Baucus’s 2008 campaign; a stint in the Office of Homeland Security which among other places took her to Afghanistan, Australia, and Switzerland; to Dillon to work for Great Harvest, and now back to Billings where she manages partnerships for KOA.

Regardless of where I worked, good communication was key. I knew the PR program would help me take my skills to the next level. Looking back on the program I have to admit that it really changed my outlook on how to think about things and it helped me push myself beyond my current abilities. While I was working at the Department of Homeland Security in D.C., I was sitting next to graduates from Harvard and Columbia and I knew I was just as well prepared.

The MPA program was an ideal fit. Evening classes, coupled with flexible curriculum was very important since I was working full-time. What I learned in the program was extremely valuable and prepared me for the next steps in my career. When I decided to pursue the Alumni Relations position at my alma matter I knew I was ready for the challenge. Today, I have the privilege to work with alumni across the country who pursued their passion at MSU Billings.

Have you met Sarah Brockel? If you happen to be one of the over 20,000 Yellowjacket Alumni scattered throughout the country you have probably received a letter or email from her in the past year. Thanks, in part, to her Public Administration degree, Sarah realized her dream by becoming just the second Alumni Relations Director in MSU Billings’ storied history.

Fresh Perspectives »

Paul Pope is the new director of the master’s in Public Administration program. He has taught a variety of graduate courses from “Non-Profit Governance” to “Public Budgeting and Finance” and “Local Government Administration.” His current research project analyzes the gun regulation debate in terms of the conflicting language and stories that each side uses.

Sam Boerboom is the new director of the master’s in Public Relations program. A University of Minnesota Ph.D., he looks at what rhetorical theory can tell us about such contemporary issues as citizenship, the debates surrounding planned parenthood, abortion, and the “culture of cancer.”

Brent Finger joined the Psychology Department in the fall of 2012. Finger is a University of Chicago Ph.D. and Research Scientist at the Research Institute on Addictions in Buffalo, New York. His research includes a study on the parent-child bond, especially on how parental substance abuse affects this relationship.

Marie Schaaf Gallagher, a practicing clinical psychologist, will bring fresh field experience to the graduate program. Marie recently spent time investigating the effects of farm/ranch stress on farming/ranching men and women, especially in the differences in the way women and men experience stress. She has been a faculty member since 2011.
The College of Education (COE) has been a pivotal part of MSU Billings since the University’s inception.

Students who attend the COE find the combination of theoretical and practically oriented classes help them develop the knowledge, skills, and dispositions that will enable them to become effective and successful educators.

School administrators throughout the West seek out MSU Billings education graduates because of their reputation for being well prepared and innovative teachers.

Dr. Mary Susan Fishbaugh, Education Dean, right, visits with professor Connie Landis at an NCATE accreditation event.

**PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE**

**Master of Education »**

Curriculum & Instruction: Teacher Licensure Option (Montana Educator Licensure) This program is designed for people who have bachelor’s degrees in fields other than education from accredited institutions and who wish to become licensed.

Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure Programs (Montana Educator Licensure) This is not a degree program, but provides an opportunity to obtain teacher licensure.

Educational Technology Option: Focus On Online Pedagogy (Notation on Montana Educator License) This program prepares educators for leadership positions utilizing technologies online and in the classroom.

Interdisciplinary Studies Option – Theory & Practice or Special Education This program allows students to develop a comprehensive plan for advanced study in their educational interest area.

Reading (Endorsement on Montana Educator License) This program provides learning opportunities for teachers, reading supervisors, and principals. Obtaining an endorsement is optional.

K-12 School Counseling (Endorsement on Montana Educator License or Montana School Counselor License) The School Counseling program is designed to meet the licensure requirements for counseling in a K-12 school setting.

"Teaching graduate students is so rewarding because they all bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the classroom. At the end of a course, we have all learned and grown from sharing our knowledge and insights about teaching and learning.”
Master of Science
Special Education »

Special Education - Generalist Option (Endorsement on Montana Educator License) This program is designed for individuals with teaching degrees who have had no undergraduate preparation in special education and who wish to pursue the endorsement.

Special Education – Advanced Studies Option This program is designed for students who have an undergraduate degree in Special Education and wish to pursue advanced studies in Special Education but do not wish to teach P-12 Special Education.

Special Education Advanced Studies – Applied Behavior Analysis Track The Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) has approved the course sequence at MSU Billings as meeting the coursework requirements for professional certification.

The best teachers I’ve ever had have been in the MSUB COE. I loved the classes I’ve taken for my M.Ed. in Reading, and can honestly say that I have learned more in my two years at MSUB than at any other time in my life. I am a better educator and a better person because of the experiences I’ve had while attending MSUB. I have also been inspired and encouraged to pursue additional education beyond an M.Ed.

Donna Bulatowicz is ready to inspire a new generation of teachers. Prior to pursuing her master’s degree at MSUB, she taught elementary students for 12 years. As a teacher of students Donna realized she could only make a difference in the lives of her pupils. That is why she decided to become teacher for those who teach, which would allow her to exponentially increase the number of students she could help. Donna will pursue her Ed.D. this fall.

Other Programs »

Supervisory Endorsements: These programs of study at the post-master’s level are available as an administrative endorsement in Montana for specific fields of teaching. We offer supervisory programs in Reading and Special education.

Reading Supervisor: The Secondary Endorsement in Reading is intended for individuals pursuing advanced studies in Reading Education and planning to be employed in a supervisory position in school settings.

Special Education Supervisor: The Supervisory Endorsement in Special Education is intended for individuals who are pursuing advanced studies in special education and plan to be employed as a director of special education.
Partnerships For The Greater Good

When Billings entrepreneurs Bill Simmons and Chris Dimock launched their new company Elation, they did so with the belief that partnerships should work toward the greater good. As a company, Elation is helping people achieve extraordinary outcomes for themselves and their organizations by elevating the ways they think. True to their beliefs in partnerships, when building the company’s unique curriculum, Simmons and Dimock partnered with Professor Michael Scarlett and four graduate students from the College of Education—Kristin Kulaga, Kristin Piatkowski, Samantha Brown, and Megan Jones.

For Kristin Kulaga, the experience of working with Elation marked a return to her past and preparation for her future. She had worked in finance, but left the industry to become a math teacher in order “to teach them how to become better people.” Now she is taking what she is learning in the classroom to help Elation validate and enhance its curriculum. She expects the experience to make her a better teacher when she student-teaches next spring.

As a result of his work with Elation and with the MSUB students, Dimock sees another and larger partnership, one in which business supports research and research supports business—in what he calls “a mutual embrace.”

A Dream Realized

“I hadn’t realized what I had been missing in communication until I enrolled in the Master’s in Public Relations program.” Now 64, Clark Swan has been a successful small business owner, branch manager, and a financial services advisor, but, in the communications courses that he took as part of master’s program, he came to understand his career and even his life in a new way. He saw the professional communication patterns that he experienced in his career as if he were looking at their x-rays. He gained new insight into health care policies, economics, and issues that affected his family’s life.

Swan’s graduate program enabled him to exercise his passion for research. His master’s thesis examines the ethics of lobbying and advocacy in the relationship between non-profit organizations and the Montana State Legislature. The issue is a highly personal one for Swan because his wife Sharon, who resides in a memory care facility suffering from Alzheimer’s disease, has been affected by legislative decisions.

Graduate study also provided Clark with new professional experiences. He served as a graduate assistant to Provost Mark Pagano. He did research for the provost and assisted him in leading the university’s strategic planning initiative.

What Swan calls his incredible journey will launch into the next stage of his career. Fueled with the energy and enthusiasm of having accomplished a dream, he is ready for the challenges that come after graduate school.
Career Advancement »
Dustin Ahrens, 26, received his master’s degree in Health Administration in May and has already been on the job for a month as the chief executive officer of the Liberty Medical Center in Chester, Montana.

After earning a degree in history from the University of Montana, Ahrens sold supplemental health insurance. Although he didn’t like the sales part of the job, he enjoyed health care. The death of his grandmother spurred him to re-evaluate what he wanted in a career, and he came to Billings to enroll in the Health Administration master’s program.

The program is the only one of its kind in Montana and is only offered on-line.

Ahrens enjoyed learning from his fellow students—many of whom were midlevel professionals—as well as from his professors. Now he is on the job leading a hospital, which he describes as “exciting and a little nerve-wracking.”

Learn more about Dustin via the Online Billings Gazette

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