

History or History Education

Which employers have hired Montana State University Billings History and History Education graduates?

Yellowstone County Museum	Broadcast Law	Billings Public Schools
Western Heritage Center	AmeriCorps	Park City School District
State of Montana	MSU Billings	Kalispell Public Schools

What are the average annual wages and potential lifetime earnings for professionals* working in the History and History Education fields?

Occupation	Annual Mean Wage in MT**	Potential Lifetime Earnings**
Museum Director / Curator	\$48,470 - \$57,110	\$61,750 x 39 yrs = \$2,408,250
Research Assistant	\$44,920 - \$51,670	\$56,400 x 39 yrs = \$2,199,600
Textbook / History Content Writer	\$62,040 - \$68,100	\$73,690 x 39 yrs = \$2,873,910
Museum Technician	\$32,120 - \$43,770	\$48,670 x 39 yrs = \$1,898,130
High School History Teacher ⁺	\$32,110 - \$59,000	\$65,220 x 39 yrs = \$2,543,580
Tour Guide / Historic Site Interpreter	\$32,620 - \$36,270	\$36,060 x 39 yrs = \$1,406,340

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

** Based on the 2023 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.

+ Please review the Montana educator licensure requirements on the OPI website at <https://opi.mt.gov/>.

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

Out of the 33% of 2024 History graduates and the 63% of 2023 History Education graduates that we received graduate data on, **100% reported being employed* after graduation.**

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

Not sure if History or History Education 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 or 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>

