

Liberal Studies

Which employers have hired Montana State University Billings Liberal Studies graduates?

Opportunity Bank	Billings Clinic	Valley Federal Union
State of MT: DPHHS	MSU Billings	MSU Nutrition Extension Program
Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch	Comparison Insurance Agency	Enterprise Rent-A-Car

What are the average annual wages and potential lifetime earnings for professionals* working in the Liberal Studies field?

Occupation	Annual Mean Wage in MT*	Potential Lifetime Earnings*
Loan Officer	\$62,410 - \$81,110	\$69,990 x 39 yrs = \$2,729,610
Human Resource Specialist	\$44,190 - \$66,160	\$67,650 x 39 yrs = \$2,638,350
Family Support Coordinator	\$50,330 - \$72,670	\$63,770 x 39 yrs = \$2,487,030
Insurance Sales Agent	\$83,660 - \$80,660	\$79,700 x 39 yrs = \$3,108,300
Administrative Assistant	\$44,970 - \$49,040	\$50,680 x 39 = \$1,976,520

* 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.

What percentage of Liberal Studies graduates report having a job after graduating?

Out of the 45% of 2024 Liberal Studies 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.

Employment opportunities with advanced degrees or experience:

- Public Relations Manager, MS in Public Relations
- Public Health Administrator, MS in Public Admin.
- Financial Manager, MBA in Finance
- Marketing Director, MBA in Marketing

Not sure if Liberal Studies is for you?

1. Meet with an Academic Advisor to explore thematic concentration options that fit your career interests and potential transfer or earned college credits.

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



LIBERAL STUDIES (BSLS)

The Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies at MSU Billings is designed to meet the following objectives:

- Provide students with the opportunity to participate in integrated thematic programs of an interdisciplinary nature utilizing resources currently available at MSU Billings.
- Offer students with credits from many sources the opportunity to complete a baccalaureate degree which has focus and integrity.

Academic Requirements

Students must:

- Earn at least 120 credits with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better.
- Satisfy the General Education requirements at MSU Billings.
- Earn a minimum of 30 credits from MSU Billings.
- Complete at least 36 upper division credits, of which at least 24 must be earned from MSU Billings.
- Complete a thematic concentration of 30 credits including at least 15 credits from one discipline. This concentration shall be prepared in collaboration with a faculty advisor and approved by the Dean of the College where the primary discipline in the plan of studies resides.
- A grade of “C” or higher is mandatory in all courses in the thematic concentration.
- A minor is not allowed with this program.

Additional Information:

- Meet with an Academic Advisor to explore the Thematic Concentration options
- Liberal Studies may be an option to explore if students already have earned credits from MSUB or transfer credits from another college
- Meet with a Career Specialist to explore Career Pathways and related careers that fit your interests, personality characteristics and academic programs of study.