

University Honors Program News

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Important Honors Notices

Honors Club

If you are being a member of the Honors Club, please stop by the LA Building's 7th floor office, and speak with Zach Duval.

Attention Seniors

If you are planning to graduate this spring with an Honors Diploma, please contact Tami Haaland prior to March 1st.

(thaaland@msubillings.edu).

Scholarship Deadlines

Be sure to check the scholarship section of the newsletter and look for scholarships of your own.

You can also check www.msubillings.edu/finaid

Honors Spring Celebration

The Honors Spring Celebration will be taking

place on April 19th. During this celebration the graduating seniors will be honored. In addition, honors scholarships will be awarded during this event.

Honors Survey

Omi Preheim is inviting you to participate in a survey evaluating the experiences of current MSUB honors students. Data will be used strengthen the MSUB Honors Program and provide data useful for ongoing accreditation.

Participation involves a 15-minute survey, to be administered on **Monday, March 14, 2011, 11:30-1:30 p.m.** in the 8th Floor Faculty Lounge of the LA Building. Pizza and soda will be available as compensation for your participation during the panel surveys. Come have some fun, eat a free lunch, and help out the

Honors Program at MSUB!

Honors Housing

Look to upcoming newsletters for information on new Honors housing for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Summer of Service in Washington, D.C.

The Institute of Philanthropy and Voluntary Service is sponsoring an internship opportunity at Georgetown University this coming summer. The application deadline is March 3, to be considered for scholarships. Honors students will be given priority consideration. For more information visit the IPV website at : <http://www.dccinternships.org/IPVS>.

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If you have any events to post in the newsletter, or suggestions please email them to msub.honors@gmail.com.

Have a Fun, Safe Spring Break!



"If we had no winter,
the spring would not
be so pleasant: if we
did not sometimes
taste of adversity,
prosperity would not
be so welcome."
~Anne Bradstreet

Events On Campus

2011 Sigma Tau Delta Poetry Contest

To enter students must submit three anonymous typed copies of each poem with one separate cover sheet for all entries stating name, address/email, phone number, and poem titles. There is a limit of three different poems per entrant, with a title on each poem. The entry fee is one dollar per each different poem. The deadline for this contest is Wednesday, March 9, 2011. Entries may be mailed, or dropped off in LA 437, Department of English, Philosophy, and Modern Languages.

Attention Prospective English 390 Peer Tutoring Students!

Since 2006, students in English 390: Peer Tutoring who wish to tutor in the Writing Lab of ASC must go through a national certification program that requires extra work beyond the 390 requirements. To find out the details and how these extra activities might affect your semester work load and schedule, the 390 instructor, Deborah Schaffer well in advance of the semester you plan to take English 390. You can contact Deborah Schaffer in LA 423, by email at dshcaffer@msubillings.edu, or by phone at extension 2950.

Sigma Tau Delta Wants You!

The international English honor society is recruiting students who have completed at least three semesters, at least two courses in English beyond the academic foundations requirements, and have at least a 3.0 GPA, cumulatively and in the English courses already completed. Non-English majors and graduate students are welcome. There is an initiation fee of \$37, and annual dues of \$5. For more information, contact Dr. Rachel Schaffer in LA 426, by phone at extension 2954 or by email at rshcaffer@msubillings.edu.

Weekly Campus Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
Spring Break ~ No Classes ~ Offices Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00pm Poetry Night – Parmly Billings Library 3rd Floor 8:00pm RHA Mtg Missouri 8:45pm RHA travelling Mtg – Rimrock 5th Floor 	Spring Break ~ No Classes ~ Offices Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 pm ASMSUB Meeting ASMSU-Billings SUB Missouri 7:00 pm Intervarsity Meeting Gallatin 	Spring Break ~ No Classes ~ Offices Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:30 pm Pow Wow Planning Meeting Beartooth 6:00 pm Christians on Campus Madison 	Spring Break ~ No Classes ~ Offices Open	Spring Break ~ No Classes ~ Offices Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 am Hispanic Student Day Lewis & Clark 11:00 am Hispanic Student Day Galleria 2:00 pm Campus Ministry Bible Study Gallatin 8:00 pm BCM Coffee House Upper Galleria 8:00 pm BCM Coffee House Game Room 	

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Established in 1997, the Honors Program at Montana State University Billings provides an enhanced and supportive learning environment responsive to the educational needs of exceptionally motivated undergraduate students. The program is open to all undergraduate students regardless of their major who are interested in opportunities for enriched learning, cultural explorations and fellowship. The program fosters an affordable small college experience with enhanced access to professors while benefiting from the University's size and diverse degree programs.

Scholarship Headquarters

Level 1

- 1) FAFSA.....March 1 deadline
Do not forget to fill for FAFSA.
The priority deadline for MSU B is March 1st
[Application Information](#)
- 2) Billings Branch American Association of University Women.....March 1 deadline
Qualifications: women who are currently enrolled in undergraduate programs at MSU-Billings and who have demonstrated financial need, at the time must have completed at least 24 college credits and be in good academic standing, preference may be given to a non-traditional student.
[Applications available in the Financial Aid Office.](#)
- 3) University Honors Program Scholarships.....March 30 deadline
Scholarships designated for MSU Billings students enrolled in the Honors program. Applications for both Summer 2011 and the 2011-2012 academic year are attached (see pages 7 and 8).

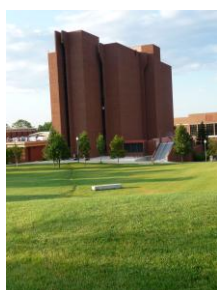
Level 2

- 1) Montana Tuition Assistance Program Baker Grants..... Deadlines vary
Grant is to offset any Pell Grant dollars lost due to earned wages
[Application Information](#)
- 2) Governor's Best and Brightest Scholarship.....March 15 deadline
Must be a Montana resident attending college in Montana.
[Application Information](#)
- 4) Circle of Success Grants..... March 1 deadline
Must be a Montana student attending college in Montana at least half time. Have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Have successfully completed their first year of college and are in their second, third or fourth year of higher education.
[Application Information](#)

Level 3

- 1) The Proof-Reading.com Scholarship.....June 1 deadline
This scholarship requires writing a 1500 word essay response to the scholarship prompt closely following MLA formatting guidelines.
[Application Information](#)

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Educational Opportunities
For Students**



Conferences

The International Honors Society In Psychology

Psi Chi/APS Annual Convention

Washington, DC

May 26–May 29, 2011

[Conference Home Page](#)

National Collegiate Honors Council

Phoenix, Arizona

October 19-23, 2011

[Conference Home Page](#)



Western Regional Honors Council Conference

Constructing Places of Collaboration

Park City, Utah

March 31-April 2, 2011

[Conference Home Page](#)



Sigma Tau Delta (International English Honors Society)

Beyond Words

Pittsburgh, PA

March 23-26, 2011

[Conference Home Page](#)

National Conference on Undergraduate Research

Ithaca, New York

March 31-April 2, 2011

[Conference Home Page](#)

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY BILLINGS
University Honors Program
Class List Fall 2011

COMT 130.10 Hon: Public Speaking (3 credits)

Melinda Tilton, TR 10:30-12:00

Develops the student's speaking abilities. Students acquire an understanding of basic rhetorical theory and its application in a variety of speech situations. Listening, speaking and critiquing abilities are emphasized. This course addresses the following topics: speech preparation and delivery, forming and fielding questions, audience analysis, listening skills, critiquing and speaker anxiety.

EDU 105.2 Hon: Education and Democracy (3 credits)

Anton Hecimovic, MWF 8:10-9:10

Explores what it means to be an educated person in a democratic society. Although schooling is generally the primary formal means whereby societies educate citizens, this course focuses on education broadly to examine a) the ways people create and share knowledge, b) society's responsibilities to provide the rich and varied opportunities needed by all citizens who would be educated, c) the consequences of disenfranchising anyone from those opportunities, and d) the critical link between democratic society and education.

HON 121.01 Hon: Perspectives and Understanding (3 credits)

TBA, TR 12:10-1:40

Explores classic and contemporary works of literature, art, and philosophy with an emphasis on cultural and historical contexts in order to develop critical and multi-disciplinary analytical skills. This course will serve as an introduction to Honors and will be required for university honors students.

PLCI 230.1 Hon: International Relations (3 credits)

Craig Wilson, MWF 11:40-12:40

Considers the nature of relations among nations, various dimensions of international politics and the nature of political challenges occasioned by the changing milieu in which international affairs are conducted.

HON 290 or 490 Internships (1-3 credits)

HON 291 or 491 Independent Study (1-3 credits)

HON 292/492 (1 credit) Students, if you have an idea for a 1-credit seminar, or if a group of students can agree on an academically rigorous, creative topic they would like to pursue in a 1-credit seminar, it's likely we can make it work. Be proactive, and communicate with Tami to see what's possible. thaaland@msubillings.edu.

Honors Contract: By special arrangement students may negotiate an Honors Contract with a professor. This contract will suffice to make a regular class fulfill an honors requirement through advanced work as specified by the contract. Requires the Director's approval.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, MI) _____

Student ID Number _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Permanent Address _____

Student Mailing Address _____

Montana Resident ____ Yes ____ No U.S. Citizen ____ Yes ____ No

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Cumulative Grade Point Average (please use 4.00 scale) _____

Estimated number of credits per semester for which you will be enrolled at MSU Billings for the academic year 2011-2012:

Fall Semester _____ Spring Semester _____

Major/Minor _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Honors Courses Completed (list courses and semester completed) _____

Honors Courses Anticipated _____

REQUIRED MATERIALS

In order to be considered for the University Honors Scholarship, the following materials must accompany this application:

1. A formal letter including information about your current academic progress, involvement in community and/or school activities, work experience, educational goals, financial situation, and any other relevant information you would like the scholarship committee to consider.
2. A working copy of your most recent grade transcript (an unofficial transcript).

ALL APPLICANTS PLEASE SIGN AND DATE BELOW

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct. If selected for this scholarship, I permit the release of my academic, financial, and biographical information to outside agencies (donors, hometown newspapers, college publications, etc.)

Signature of applicant

Date

The complete application must be received on or before **March 30, 2011** in order to be considered. Return this completed application with all required information to:

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Number of credits for which you are or will be enrolled at MSU Billings for Summer 2011: _____

Major/Minor _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

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