

# University Honors Program News

MSU Billings

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## Important Honors Notices

### Honors Housing

New housing arrangements are being made available to Honors students during the 2011-2012 academic year. First- and second-year students can request to be placed in honors housing in the residence halls. If you are interested, please put in your request with the housing office prior to May 1.

For junior and senior honors students, there will be an honors house that seven to eight students will have the opportunity to live in. If you are interested in living in the honors house, please send your contact information to [honors@msubillings.edu](mailto:honors@msubillings.edu).

### Scholarship Deadlines

Be sure to check the scholarship section of the newsletter and look for scholarships of your own. The University Honors Program Scholarship Application is due March 30. You can also check [www.msubillings.edu/finaid](http://www.msubillings.edu/finaid)

### Honors Spring Celebration

The Honors Spring Celebration will be taking place on April 19<sup>th</sup>. During this celebration the graduating seniors will be honored. In addition, honors scholarships will be awarded during this event. Please look to future newsletters for further details.

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

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## Reminders

### 2011 Sigma Tau Delta Poetry Contest

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.

### Prospective English 390 Peer Tutoring Students!

Students in English 390 who wish to tutor in the Writing Lab must go through a certification program. To find out the details, contact Deborah Schaffer, by email at [dshcaffer@msubillings.edu](mailto:dshcaffer@msubillings.edu), or by phone at x 2950.

### Sigma Tau Delta Wants You!

The international English honor society is recruiting students. For more information, contact Dr. Rachel Schaffer by phone at x2954 or by email at [rshcaffer@msubillings.edu](mailto:rshcaffer@msubillings.edu).

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If you have any events to post in the newsletter, or suggestions please email them to [msub.honors@gmail.com](mailto:msub.honors@gmail.com).

*"A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions."  
~Oliver Wendell Holmes*

## Events On Campus

### Advising and Career Services Blitz

Career Services, Library 100  
March 7th - 11 am to 1 pm  
Advisors will be located in Career Services so you may visit about career options and then an advisor.

### Coffee with Advisors

Liberal Arts, 2nd Floor  
Tuesday, March 8th from 10am to 11am  
Friday, March 11th from 9am to 11 am  
Ask registration questions and find out when you can register.

### Undecided Fair

Liberal Art, 2nd Floor  
Friday, March 11th from 9 to 11am  
Learn more about each of the 5 Academic Colleges and Career Services and what each of them has to offer.

## Weekly Campus Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
<b>Welcome Back!!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March Madness Brackets available in residence halls</li> <li>Housing &amp; Residential Life Summer staff applications available online</li> <li>8:00 am Music Festival Music - Ballroom</li> <li>10:00 am International Student Meeting - Beartooth</li> <li>11:00 am Advising and Career Services Blitz - LI 100</li> <li>6:00 pm JSA Meeting - Missouri</li> <li>6:30 pm Ballroom Dancing - Banquet A &amp; B</li> <li>8:00 pm Residence Hall Association: RHA Meeting - Missouri</li> <li>8:45 pm RHA Traveling Mtg - Petro 6th</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 am Coffee with Advisors - 2nd Floor LA</li> <li>4:15 pm HEROES Team Meeting Student Wellness Program - Gallatin</li> <li>5:00 pm ASMSUB Meeting - Missouri</li> <li>6:15 pm Student United Way Meeting - Missouri</li> <li>7:00 pm Intervarsity Meeting - Gallatin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 am United Campus Ministries Meeting</li> <li>11:30 am Native American Sign Language Presentation - Lewis &amp; Clark</li> <li>11:30 am Ash Wednesday Service - Beartooth</li> <li>3:00 pm PB&amp;J for the HUB - 220 Stud. Org Wrk Rm</li> <li>3:10 pm Student Recital - Cisel Hall</li> <li>3:30 pm Pow Wow Planning Meeting - Lewis &amp; Clark</li> <li>5:00 pm Forge Production House - Gallatin</li> <li>6:00 pm Christians on Campus - Madison</li> <li>7:00 pm Intervarsity Bible Study - Missouri</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3:45 pm 5:00 PM ASMSUB Financial Board - Admin Conference</li> <li>7:00 pm 9:00 PM HEROES Bingo - Lewis &amp; Clark</li> <li>7:00 pm 9:00 PM Intervarsity - Beartooth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Coffee with Advisors and Undecided Fair - 2nd Floor LA</li> <li>10:15 am Relay for Life - Missouri</li> <li>2:00 pm Campus Ministry Bible Study - Gallatin</li> <li>4:50 pm 4:50pm Housing Staff Applications due to Housing Office</li> <li>6:00 pm RHA: Pizza, Pop, Pool &amp; Ping Pong - Game Room</li> <li>8:00 pm BCM Coffee House - Upper Galleria</li> <li>8:00 pm BCM Coffee House - Game Room</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 am Service Saturday - Ballroom, Fireplace Lounge</li> <li>11:00 am ELP Wkshop - Beartooth</li> <li>11:30 am Environmental Awareness Club Meeting - Missouri</li> <li>7:30 pm Senior Recital, Katie Ellis - Cisel Hall</li> </ul>

## In the Area :

### Billings Studio Theatre

This March, Billings Studio Theatre will be conducting auditions for the comedy *Bloody Murder*. This comedy originated in the work of author Agatha Christie.

Auditions will be held March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Billings Studio Theatre. Roles being cast are for females age

twenty-five to seventy-five, and males age thirty to sixty.

The play is being directed by Dave Kinnard. The performances will take place in May.

For more details call the Billings Studio Theatre Box Office at 248-1141.



**BILLINGS STUDIO  
THEATRE**

*"Your Community Theatre"*

**1500 RIMROCK RD BILLINGS MT**

**For Reservations call 1.406.248.1141**

### Venture Theatre Auditions

This month Venture Theatre performances include the following:

*Hank Williams: Lost Highway*, directed by Sarah Butts, and musical direction by Donna Ayers.

This is a musical about Hank Williams, a singer-songwriter from Louisiana. The show will be running from March

fourth through March twenty-seventh.

1984, directed by Patrick Wilson, and assistant directed by Ryan Gage.

This play is based on George Orwell's well-known novel which portrays a world in which freedoms such as speech, press, and expression do

not exist.

This show runs March eleventh through the nineteenth.

For more information call 591-9535.



### University of Montana Wilderness Institute

In Wilderness and Civilization at the University of Montana, 25 students get both campus and field learning. Students spend 30 days in the field. Field trips include a ten-day backpack into the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area and shorter trips to Yellowstone National Park, the Flathead Reservation, and the Mission Valley.

Students study wilderness and conservation issues through literature, policy, art, ecology, economics, and Native American studies. Many classes are taught by award-winning teachers, internationally-renowned scientists, and inspiring artists and writers. Students earn a Wilderness Studies Minor upon successful completion of the program.

Students learn practical skills and build their resumes through internships focused on an area of their interest. Wilderness and Civilization students are placed with one of hundreds of educational, agency, and non-profit organizations in the Missoula area.

Interested students need to apply soon. Applications can

be obtained online at [www.cfc.umt.edu/wc](http://www.cfc.umt.edu/wc). The program is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors of any major with a GPA of 3.0 or greater. The general application deadline is April 1st.

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[University Honors Program](#)

[National Collegiate Honors  
Council](#)

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.

#### Level 1

### Scholarship Headquarters

- 1) FAFSA.....March 1 priority deadline  
Do not forget to fill for FAFSA.  
The priority deadline for MSU B is March 1<sup>st</sup>, however you are still eligible to fill out the FAFSA after this date for federal aid.  
[Application Information](#).
- 2) 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).

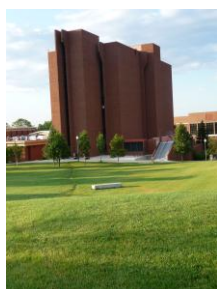
#### Level 2

- 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](#)

#### 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](#)

**Providing Enriched  
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](mailto: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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