



ACCESS & EXCELLENCE

A GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



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Welcome to MSUB

US News

Best Colleges
Business Programs

AACSB

Accredited College
of Business

4,500 Degree Seeking Students

18:1 Student to Teacher Ratio

100+ International Students
from over 20 countries

25 College of Business Client-based
projects completed yearly

90% College of Business Graduates
are Employed after Graduation



The State of Montana

With a population of just over one million people, the state of Montana is known as the “Last Best Place”. Within driving distance to two of the most popular national parks in the U.S., Glacier and Yellowstone, millions of people from all over the world travel to Montana every year to experience the mountains, lakes and rivers that crisscross the state. Montanans have a reputation for being warmhearted and friendly. As an international student studying in Montana, you will have a true American experience in an ideal English immersion environment, offering countless opportunities for exposure to the local community.



Billings, Montana:

Population: 110,263

Average annual temperature: 8.91° C

Average rainfall: 34.69 cm

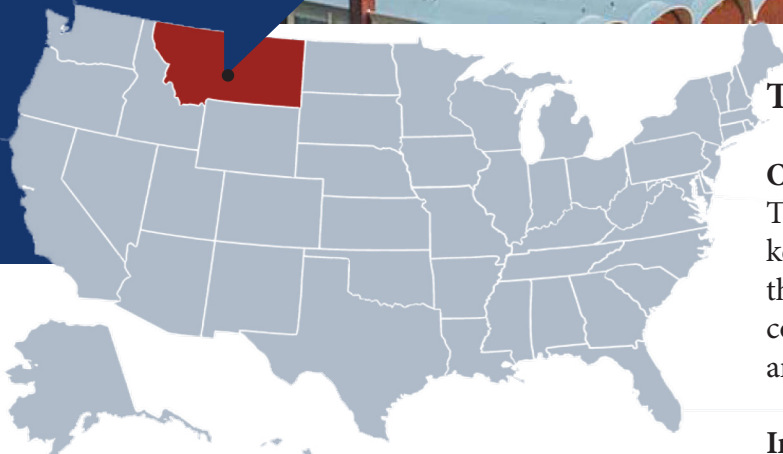
Notable attractions:

Yellowstone National Park,
Red Lodge Mountain,
Dehler Baseball Park,
Metra Park Arena,
Waterparks,
Centennial Ice
Arena,
More.

Outside Magazine: 2016 Best Town
to Live in the U.S.

Forbes Magazine: 2016 Best Small
Place for Business and Careers

Fortune Magazine: 2009 Best Small
City for Launching a Business



The City of Billings

Billings is the largest city in Montana and the trade, retail and distribution center for much of Montana, Northern Wyoming, North Dakota, and South Dakota. MSUB is located 1.5km from downtown Billings, walking distance to a plethora of shops, restaurants, cafes and theaters. As a student at MSUB, you will enjoy the advantages of living and studying in a growing city with ample opportunity for social and professional development. Residents and visitors alike enjoy Montana's distinct four seasons and fill their days eating and socializing in the city or exploring the splendor of Montana's natural environment.

Things to do in Billings, Montana

On Campus:

The MSUB campus has tons of events and activities to keep you busy, including NCAA sports games, fitness at the recreation center, lectures by important public figures, concerts and plays, ping pong and pool, barbecues, fairs and social events.

In the Neighborhood:

Billings is a city on the move, quickly becoming one of the hottest destinations in the Rocky Mountain region. Here, you can enjoy professional sports competitions, over 2,736 bike trails, tax-free shopping, music concerts, dancing, or socializing at one of the many cafes and restaurants popping up in the downtown area.

A Little Farther Away:

If you enjoy nature and all the amazing things it has to offer, MSUB is the ideal place for you. Just outside of the city you can enjoy hiking, backpacking, fishing, kayaking, skiing, rock climbing and mountain biking in one of the most pristine natural environments in the world. Two of the United States' most famous national parks, Yellowstone and Glacier are within driving distance from the MSUB campus.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

International Student Clubs and Organizations

MSUB has several clubs and organizations available to international students to ensure a smooth and pleasant transition to life in Billings, Montana.

MultiCultural Club

The MultiCultural Club celebrates diversity and culture on the MSUB campus by managing various events and activities that aim to create cultural awareness and provide cross-cultural opportunities for students, staff/faculty, and the Billings community. Activities and events managed by the MultiCultural Club, include the annual International Food Fair, weekly Cultural Presentations, winter ski trips, summer hiking excursions, paintball, and bowling, to name a few.

Billings Friendship Families (BFF)

The Billings Friendship Families program was designed to provide international students with the support and friendship of a local Billings family while simultaneously giving a local family the opportunity to learn about an international culture. Students are matched with a family based on common interests and hobbies. Billings Friendship Families participate by inviting students for home-cooked meals, weekend excursions, and holiday celebrations. The program is highly successful, enjoyed by students and families alike.





On-Campus Convenience

The MSUB campus has everything you need for an active, happy, healthy lifestyle. Two buildings for student housing, Rimrock and Petro Hall, provide comfortable and modern accommodations with plenty of activities nearby. A short walk from student housing is the university cafe, the student store, basketball courts, weight room, climbing wall, swimming pool, tennis and raquetball courts, a game room, and the library.

The campus is a park-like environment filled with trees, flowers, walking paths and a canal that runs through the south-end of campus. The university is surrounded by upper-middle class family homes in one of the most desirable neighborhoods in the Billings community.

The city of Billings experiences little-to-no crime; however, for added safety, the university has on-site security that patrols and safeguards the campus 24 hours a day and student housing can only be accessed using state-of-the-art handprint recognition technology.

More detailed information about housing and residential life can be found at: msubillings.edu/reslife



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Join our Family

<https://www.msubillings.edu/internationalstudies/admissions/>

Undergraduate

For admission as an international undergraduate student, the following basic requirements must be met. More detailed information can be found at:

<http://www.msubillings.edu/internationalstudies/admissions/admissions.htm>

- Completion of the equivalent to a U.S. high school diploma
- Demonstrate English proficiency, typically with a Duolingo, the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam. The minimum acceptable scores are: Duolingo: 90 / TOEFL (IBT): 68 / IELTS: 5.5
- U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service requires that international students show proof that adequate resources are available to meet their first year of educational and living expenses

Graduate

For admission as an international graduate student, the following basic requirements must be met. More detailed information can be found at:

<http://www.msubillings.edu/internationalstudies/admissions/admissions-graduate.htm>

- Completion of the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree
- Minimum acceptable English proficiency scores Duolingo: 100 / TOEFL (IBT): 79 / IELTS 6.5
- Proof that adequate resources are available to meet first year of educational and living expenses

Provisional Admission

Applicants who do not have the required English language proficiency test score for full admission to MSU Billings but are academically qualified, may be considered for provisional admission through required attendance in the Intensive English Language Program. More detailed information about the Intensive English Language Program can be found at:

msubillings.edu/internationalstudies/ielp-home.htm

Admission Process:

Step 1: Scan the adjacent QR Code & complete MSUB's international student application

Step 2: Pay the \$30 application fee

Step 3: Email the following application support documents to internationaladmissions@msubillings.edu

- Financial statement form and institutional bank letter
- Proof of English language proficiency
- Copies of transcripts or records of previous school work
- Copy of passport



SCHOLARSHIPS



Explore Montana Tuition Awards

Awards students \$2,000 to \$10,000 per year based on academic merit at their most recent educational institution. The amount awarded is dependent on program and level of study and determined by GPA. There is no separate application for this scholarship award. Rates are based on the 2022/2023 academic year.

GPA	Annual Tuition Rate	Award	Tuition Rate (after award)
2.75-2.99	\$20,396	\$2,000	\$18,396
3.00-3.24	\$20,396	\$4,000	\$16,396
3.25-3.49	\$20,396	\$6,000	\$14,396
3.50-3.74	\$20,396	\$8,000	\$12,396
3.75-4.00	\$20,396	\$10,000	\$10,396

Criteria for Qualification and Renewal:

Maintain MSU Billings institutional GPA of 2.75 or greater - Earn a minimum of 15 credits per semester at MSU Billings - Maintain non-resident status - Maintain continuous enrollment (excluding summer) - New first-time freshman must live on campus for their first two years at MSU Billings

Yellowstone Scholarship

The Yellowstone Scholarship is a \$1,000.00 scholarship awarded to MSU Billings international students, on a per semester basis, who are eligible, successfully complete the application process, and are selected.

To be considered for the Yellowstone Scholarship, current MSU Billings students must:

- Submit a scholarship application
- Be an enrolled degree-seeking international student who has successfully completed at least one semester at MSU Billings
- Have at least a 2.5 GPA (undergraduate) 3.0 (graduate)

Global Leadership Scholarship

The Office of International Studies Global Leadership Scholarship is an award proudly given to MSU Billings international students who are eligible, successfully complete the application process and are selected. This award will be given to two students who fit one of the following preferences:

- 1 award given to a student in financial need
- 1 award given to a student who further promotes the internationalization efforts at MSU Billings

To be considered for the Global Leadership Scholarship, current MSU Billings students must:

- Submit a general MSU Billings scholarship application form
- Submit a two-page essay detailing how they will use their experience at MSU Billings to further global understanding between their home country and Montana
- Be an enrolled degree-seeking international student who has successfully completed at least one semester at MSU Billings
- Have at least a 3.0 GPA

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Explore the academic program options available at Montana State University Billings whenever you like by visiting the undergraduate program guide at msubillings.edu/future/degrees.htm and the graduate program guide at msu-billings.edu/grad/programs.htm. New programs and specializations are added regularly. To apply, visit msubillings.edu/internationalstudies/admissions/index.htm.

B: Bachelor's Degree BO: Bachelor's Degree Option TM: Teaching Minor A: Associate Degree M: Minor C: Certificate

A					
		3+2 BS Health & Human Performance/MS Athletic Training	B	MS Public Relations	
Applied Science	B	Health and Physical Education (K-12)	B	M.ED	
Art	B - M	History	B	City College	
Art - Fine Arts	B	History Education	B - TM	Accounting Technology	A
Art (K-12)	B	Human Services	B	Automobile Collision Repair Technology	C
B		I		Automobile Refinishing Technology	C
Biology - BA, BS	B	Information Systems	M	Automobile Collision Repair and Refinishing Technology	A
- Medical Laboratory Science	BO	L		Automotive Technology	A - C
Broadfield Science	B	Liberal Studies	B	Business Administration	A
Business Administration	B - M	M		Computer Desktop/Network Support	A
- Accounting	BO - M	Math Education	B - TM	Computer Programming & Application Development	A
- Finance	BO	Music Performance	B	Computer Systems Technology	A
- General Business	BO	Music (K-12)	B	Construction Management	A
- Management	BO	N		Construction Technology	C
- Marketing	BO - M	Native American Studies	M	Cyber Security/Networking	A
C		O		Criminal Justice	A
Chemistry	B - M	Outdoor Adventure Leadership	B	Diesel Technology	A - C
Coaching	M	P		Fire Science	A
Communication Arts	B	Political Science	B	General Applied Business	A
- Media Studies	BO - M	Political Science Education	TM	General Studies	A
- Organizational Communication	BO	Psychology - BA, BS	B - M	Human Resources	A - C
Criminal Justice	B	Pre-Physical Therapy		Instrument and Electrical Technician	A
E		Public Relations	B - M	Medical Coding and Insurance Billing	C
Early Childhood Studies	TM	Pre-Nursing		Networking Technology	C
Earth Science	M	Psychiatric Rehabilitation	B	Paramedic	A
Elementary Education	B	R		Pre-Dental Hygiene	
English	B - M	Reading (K-12)	M	Process Plant Technology	A
English Education	B	S		Radiologic Technology	A
Environmental Studies	B	Sociology	M	Registered Nurse	A
G		Spanish	M	Ultrasound Technology	C
General Studies	A	Special Education	B	Welding/Metal Fabrication Technology	A - C
H		Graduate Degrees & Programs			
Health & Human Performance	B	MS Athletic Training			
- Health & Wellness	BO	MS Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling			
- Human Performance	BO	MS Psychology			



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