

Montana State University Billings

Montana State University Billings (or **MSU Billings**) is a state university. Its main campus is located on 110 acres in downtown Billings, Montana, United States.^[1]^[2] Formerly **Eastern Montana Normal School** when it was founded in 1927, it was then renamed in 1949 to **Eastern Montana College of Education**. In 1965, it became a full-fledged four-year college as **Eastern Montana College**. It merged with Montana State University in 1994 under its present name.^[3] Currently, the university offers associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees through the University's five colleges.^[4] The five colleges of Montana State University Billings are Arts and Sciences, Business, Allied Health professions, Education and City College.^[5] It has the third largest campus population in the Montana State University System.^[6]

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Motto	Access and Excellence
Type	Public
Established	1927
Chancellor	Dr. Ron Larsen
Administrative staff	651 (incl faculty) [2016]
Undergraduates	3972 [fall 2016]
Postgraduates	394 [fall 2016]
Location	Billings, Montana, USA
Campus	Suburban
Colors	Blue and gold
Nickname	Yellow jackets
Mascot	Yellow jackets
Website	w w w .msubillings.edu (http://w w w .msubillings.edu/)



The main Campus of Montana State University Billings sits at the base of the Rimrocks

Student life

With the main campus in the downtown core of Billings many cultural, service, athletic or educational activities are within walking distance of the campus. The school is host to a mix of traditional and nontraditional student body. Approximately 600 students live on campus in the residence halls.

Some of the major student organizations include:

- **The Associated Students of Montana State University Billings**, also known as the student government. This organization is run by and for students, taking in concerns, advocating student issues and rights, and allocating funds.
- **Student Activities Board**, the organizers of many activities from comedians to current movies on campus.
- Student religious organizations including *United Campus Ministry* representing 7 Protestant denominations, other Christian non-denominational organizations, Baha'i, and Catholic groups.
- **Jacket Student Ambassadors**, a student leadership organization on campus which hosts many new student orientations and tours of the campus.
- The **Residence Hall Association**, a student run residence hall association that provides both social and educational programming for residents of Petro and Rimrock Hall.

Full List of Organizations (<http://www.msubillings.edu/StudentLife/OrgList.htm>)

Major structures of the main campus

- McDonald Hall
- Parking Garage / Campus Police
- Art Annex / Poly Building
- Apsaruke Hall
- Cisel Hall
- Alterowitz Arena / Physical Ed Building
- Cenex Stadium
- Tennis Courts
- Academic Support Center
- Rimrock Hall
- Petro Hall
- McMullen Hall
- Student Union
- Library
- Liberal Arts Building
- Science Building
- College of Education



The Liberal Arts Building

Petro Hall

Petro Hall is a 500-room residence hall completed in 1965.^[7] There are 8 floors, including the first floor Petro Theater and the second floor lobby. It is connected directly to the Petro Theater on the first floor, and also connected to the



Petro Hall

Student Union Building.

Rimrock Hall

Rimrock Hall is 300-room residence hall completed in 1962.^[8] There are 6 floors, including the second floor lobby and the first floor Student Union Building.



Rimrock Hall

Student family

housing

The student family housing consists of contemporary two and three bedroom units located on the east end of the campus.^[9]

Athletics

The athletic teams are nicknamed the Yellowjackets and compete in the NCAA's Division II Great Northwest Athletic Conference. Montana State University Billings has an active athletic department, including a newly reformed baseball program that captured the 2015 and 2016 GNAC conference championships.^[10] Other sports include: men's and women's basketball (both making appearances in conference finals over the years), cross country, golf, soccer, cheerleading, softball, volleyball, tennis, indoor track, and outdoor track. The official MSUB song is the Fight Song.

Extensions

City College at Montana State University Billings

City College at MSU Billings is a two-year college that offers degrees and certifications in fields such as business, computer technology, transportation, nursing, and safety.^[11] It was first created in 1969 as the Billings Vocational-Technical Education Center (BVTC). Its governance was passed from the Billings School District to the Montana University System (MUS) Board of Regents in 1987, and in 1994, the BVTC was officially merged with MSU Billings and renamed the College of Technology.^[12] The name was changed to the present name in 2012 when the MUS Board of Regents voted to change the names of all the colleges of technology in the state.^[13] The university currently runs a free shuttle for students between its main campus and the City College.^[14] 1,336 students (all undergraduates) were enrolled at the City College during the 2012 fall semester.^[15]

MSUB Extended Campus

MSUB Extended Campus provides conference facilities, workforce and professional development, personal enrichment, kids' camps, outreach and a Senior Academy for ages 55+. Their event calendars and course listings are available online (<http://www.msubillings.edu/extendedcampus/>).

Distance learning

MSUB Online (<http://www.msubillings.edu/msubonline>) is Montana State University Billings' Online Portal, featuring a wide array of courses (over 240 classes) and complete programs of study ranging from certificates, associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees.

Student services

Essential departments for student service include:

- Academic Support Center
- Admissions, Records and Registrar
- Advising Center
- Beezer's (formerly the Book Depot)
- Business Services (Cashier, Fee Payment)
- Campus Police
- Career Services and Cooperative Education
- Child Care & Enrichment Center
- Dining Services
- Disability Support Services
- Financial Aid and Scholarships
- Graduate Studies
- Honors Program
- Housing & Residential Life
- Information Technology
- International Studies
- Jacket Student Ambassadors
- Multicultural Student Services
- Office for Community Involvement
- Office of Research Compliance
- Parking
- Recreational Activities
- Student Government (ASMSUB)
- Student Health Services
- Student Opportunity Services/TRIO
- Student Union & Activities
- Veterans' Upward Bound

Notable alumni

- James Frankin Battin (Class of 1948), US Representative and federal judge^[16]
- Chet Blaylock (State Senator, delegate to Montana constitutional convention, Montana gubernatorial candidate)^[17]
- Melony G. Griffith, member of the Maryland House of Delegates^[18]

- Monica Lindeen (Montana House District 43, US Congress candidate '06, Montana State Auditor)^[19]
- Judy Martz, 22nd Governor of Montana^[20]
- Roy McPipe (Drafted by the NBA in '73 and '74, played with the ABA's Utah Stars in 1975)^[21]
- Chris Nelson (Founder and CEO of Zoot Enterprises)^[22]
- Deb Prevost (played in the WBL from 1978-80 with the Minnesota Fillies and Milwaukee Does)^[23]
- Kevin Red Star (Native American artist)^[24]
- Bently Spang (Northern Cheyenne multidisciplinary artist)^[25]
- Mikel Kosich (Current NCAA College Men's Basketball Coach)^[26]

See also

- List of college athletic programs in Montana

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