

2009-2010 Course Catalog

The University Of Montana

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The unique mission of The University of Montana Western emphasizes experiential learning that combines theory and practice through projects and field experiences. In order to better facilitate this type of learning, UMW has adopted a course scheduling system, termed Experience Once, where students take a single course at a time for about one month. Montana Western embraces as its mission the privilege and obligations to capitalize on its beautiful landscape in southwest Montana. This mission infuses the University's curriculum: in its century-long tradition for excellence in professional programs in teacher education, business and technology; in its strong program in the interdisciplinary arts and sciences; and in its two year associate degree programs responding to regional needs.

Montana Western offers the Bachelor of Science degree in: Elementary Education, Secondary Education with options in traditional subject areas, Business, Early Childhood Education, and Natural Horsemanship. In addition, Montana Western offers Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degrees. BA options include Biology, Environmental Interpretation, Environmental Science, Literature and Writing, Mathematics, Social Science, and Visual Arts. BAS students may use an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree as a base for the BAS degree with most of the credits from the two-year degree transferring into the BAS at Montana Western. UMW also offers Associate of Arts and Associate of Sciences degrees for those who want to obtain their general education before transferring to another campus, Associate of Applied Science degrees for those needing entry-level job skills in Business, Early Childhood Education, Education Studies, Equine Studies, Natural Horsemanship, and Tourism & Recreation; and certificate programs in Early Childhood Technology, and Information Technology & Network Administration.

Individualized education has been a campus hallmark for over 100 years. An average of 1200 students enroll at Montana Western each fall. Class sizes are kept small (average class size is 18 students). The faculty is nationally recognized for its excellence, creativity, and genuine concern for maintaining the high quality academic and personal experience that is a tradition at Montana Western.

In addition to fulfilling academic life, Montana Western offers National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Frontier Conference sports in football, volleyball, men's and women's basketball and golf, men's and women's National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association teams, and Equestrian team competition. A varied sports program is also available for students seeking intramural activities. Montana Western's geographic location makes an ideal setting for individuals who enjoy the rugged outdoors, including proximity to Yellowstone, Grand Teton, and Glacier national parks for those interested in viewing natural wonders and wildlife. Although it has a small town atmosphere, Dillon offers all the amenities of a much larger community. Ranching, mining and tourism are the chief industries of the area. Montana Western's picturesque 34- acre campus and friendly atmosphere enhance the community and area. For more information about The University of Montana Western, call 877-683-7331.