



Our Mission

Montana State University, the State's land-grant institution, educates students, creates knowledge and art, and serves communities by integrating learning, discovery and engagement.

Core Themes

1: Educate Students

- *Our graduates will have achieved mastery in their major disciplines.*
- *Our graduates will become active citizens and leaders.*
- *Our graduates will have a multicultural and global perspective.*
- *Our graduates understand the ways that knowledge and art are created and applied in a variety of disciplines.*
- *Our graduates are prepared for careers in their fields.*
- *We will provide increased access to our educational programs.*
- *Communities and external stakeholders benefit from broadly defined educational partnerships with MSU.*

2: Create Knowledge & Art

- *Students, faculty, and staff will create knowledge and art that is communicated widely.*

3: Serve Communities

Education as a Public Service

- *We help meet a fundamental need of the citizens of Montana by providing degree programs for our students.*
- *We help meet the educational needs of the citizens of Montana by providing a wide range of educational opportunities to a variety of students.*

Service by the MSU Community

- *Our students, staff, faculty, and administrators reach out to engage and serve communities.*

Service to the MSU Community

- *Our students, staff, faculty, and administrators reach in to build the university community.*

4: Integrate Learning, Discovery & Engagement

- *Each graduate will have had experiences that integrate learning, discovery and engagement.*
- *Outreach activities will educate students and address the needs of the communities we serve.*
- *Students, faculty, and staff will create knowledge and art that addresses societal needs.*
- *MSU is a community that will be characterized by synergy within and across disciplines, roles and functions.*

5: Stewardship

Stewardship of the public trust

- *The public trusts the institution to operate openly and use resources wisely.*

Stewardship of human resources

- *The faculty and staff are well-qualified and supported.*

Stewardship of our cultural heritage

- *MSU will support Native American students, programs, and communities.*
- *MSU will be an inclusive community, supporting and encouraging diversity.*

Stewardship of public resources

- *Our publicly provided resources are used efficiently and effectively.*

Stewardship of natural resources

- *Natural resources are used efficiently and sustainably.*
- *MSU nurtures a culture of resource conservation and ecological literacy among students, faculty and staff.*

Stewardship of physical resources

- *Our physical infrastructure (e.g., buildings, equipment, open spaces) will be well-maintained and useful.*