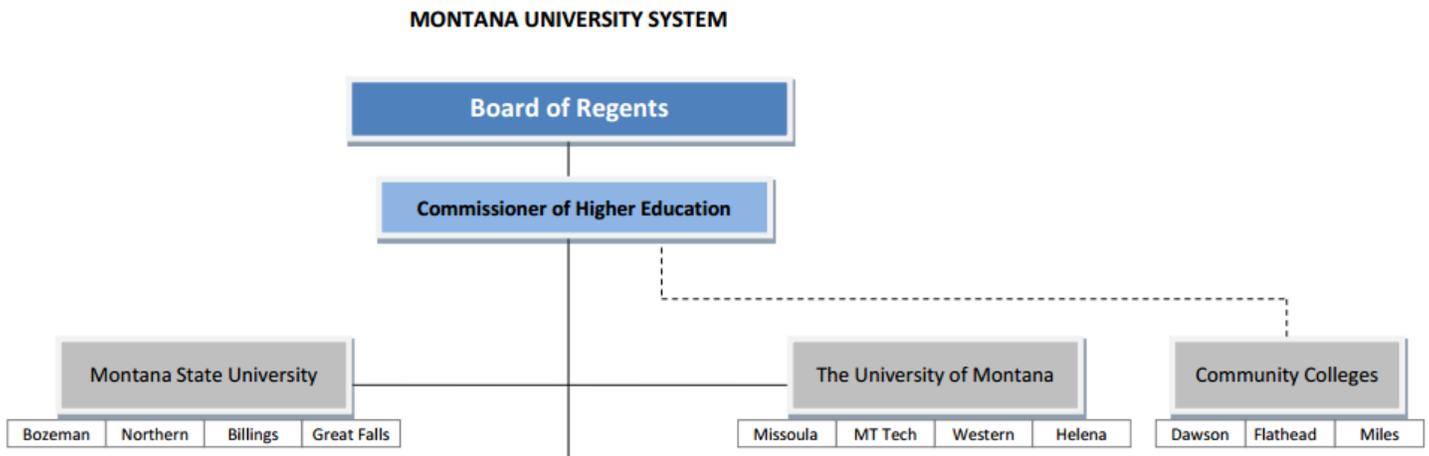




MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PROFILE

Overview

The Montana University System comprises two doctoral flagship universities, four four-year regional comprehensive institutions, and ten two-year colleges, enrolling more than 46,000 students. The annual operating budget for the system is approximately \$1.5 billion.



Montana Board of Regents

The governance and administration of the Montana University System is vested with the Montana Board of Regents, which has full power, responsibility, and authority to supervise, coordinate, manage and control the Montana University System, and supervise and coordinate other public educational institutions assigned by law. The Board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Senate, to seven-year overlapping terms. One of the members of the board is a student appointed by the Governor who is registered full-time at a unit of higher education under jurisdiction of the board. The length of the term of the student member is one year with possibility of reappointment to successive terms. The Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Commissioner of Higher Education are ex-officio members of the Board.

Strategic Plan

The Board of Regents' strategic plan for the Montana University System consists of the following:

Goal 1: Access & Affordability

Increase the overall educational attainment of Montanans through increased participation, retention and completion rates in the Montana University System.

- College Participation
- Retention & Completion
- Financial Aid
- Affordability
- K-20 Collaboration
- Two-Year Education
- Distance Learning



Goal 2: Workforce & Economic Development

Assist in the expansion and improvement of the state's economy through the development of high value jobs and the diversification of the economic base.

- Workforce Development
- Research & Development
- Graduate Education

Goal 3: Efficiency & Effectiveness

Improve institutional and system efficiency and effectiveness.

- Information Technology
- Efficiency
- Transferability
- Budget Allocation



Office of Commissioner of Higher Education

The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) is the central administrative unit of the Montana University System and the Board of Regents. The Commissioner of Higher Education and his staff are responsible for providing quality and timely service to the Board of Regents, government entities including the executive and legislative branches, the public and the media, students and staff, and others in the education community when they request information or assistance.

Policies and directives of the Board of Regents are communicated and implemented by the Commissioner and the staff, using the Regents' statutory and constitutional authority in an effective and professional manner. The Commissioner's Office works to strengthen the credibility of the Montana University System to provide effective advocacy and provides balance between the needs and interests of the campuses and the needs and interests of the State and our students.

[Organization Chart of the Office of Commissioner of Higher Education](#)

System Universities and Colleges



Campus	Website	Location
Montana State University – Bozeman		
Gallatin College MSU	http://www.montana.edu/gallatincollege/	Bozeman
Montana State University – Billings	http://www.msubillings.edu/	Bozeman
City College at MSU Billings	http://citycollege.msubillings.edu/	Billings
Montana State University – Northern	http://www.msun.edu/	Billings
Great Falls College MSU	http://www.gfcmsu.edu/	Havre
		Great Falls

**The University of Montana –
Missoula**

Missoula College UM

Bitterroot College UM

Montana Tech

Highlands College of Montana Tech

The University of Montana Western

Helena College University of Montana

<http://www.umt.edu/>

<http://mc.umt.edu/>

<http://www.umt.edu/bitterroot-college/>

<http://www.mtech.edu/>

<http://www.mtech.edu/academics/highlands/>

<http://umwestern.edu/>

<http://www.umhelena.edu/>

Missoula

Missoula

Missoula

Butte

Butte

Dillon

Helena

Dawson Community College

Flathead Valley Community College

Miles Community College

<https://www.dawson.edu/>

<http://www.fvcc.edu/>

<https://www.milesccl.edu/>

Glendive

Kalispell

Miles City



About Helena

Helena is Montana's capital city and carries a rich history related to the region's gold rush in the 1860's. Located between Yellowstone National Park and Glacier National Park, Helena gives residents and visitors alike world-class mountain biking, hiking, and other outdoor recreation opportunities. Helena also is the county seat of Lewis and Clark County. With a population of about 30,000, the city is served by the *Helena Independent Record* and several media outlets. The Helena Regional Airport has flight connections through Alaska, Delta, and United airlines.