Humanities Career Outlook 2014–2015

Humanities Programs Available at Bemidji State University:
Major: Humanities (B.A.)
Department Website:
http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/humanities/program/

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS:
The family of disciplines known as the humanities explores the diversity of human experience through the study of cultural forms and expressions in particular social or historical contexts. These forms are diverse in themselves, ranging from literary works to historical documents, philosophical constructs to visual artifacts, religious practices to musical and dramatic performances. These often require the special approaches of their particular discipline. At the same time, the humanities disciplines are complementary and collaborative, sharing common goals, methods, and understandings. The Humanities Program at Bemidji State is dedicated to this collaboration. Within a flexible structure, it brings together courses from all the allied disciplines, as well as interdisciplinary courses of its own. Its objectives are threefold: 1) to provide multiple frames of reference for analysis and interpretation; 2) to foster increased awareness of the unique character of each of the humanities disciplines, together with an understanding of interrelationships among visual art, music, language, literature, and history; 3) to promote, through the cultivation of curiosity and multicultural sensibilities, the breadth of learning necessary for successful careers in government, business, or the professions.

Note: The Humanities Program is designed as a “stand-beside” major, and students are encouraged to pursue a second major or set of minors, especially those outside the humanities disciplines. Such range improves a student’s professional preparedness and broadens post-baccalaureate options.

EMPLOYMENT AREAS:
Humanities graduates can go into a variety of different career paths, such as human services, teaching, and business. Most humanities majors specialize by having a second major, and often choose to continue their education beyond the baccalaureate level.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR HUMANITIES GRADUATES:
Of the Bemidji State University class of 2012-2013 Humanities Bachelor of Arts graduates, 50% of graduates reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. Of the remaining graduates, 50% reported continuing their education. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, or had unknown status.

LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU HUMANITIES GRADUATES: (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.)
GIVE MN
Assistant Manager
St. Paul, MN
Bath & Body Works
Store Manager
St. Louis Park, MN
Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center
Child Care Worker
Bemidji, MN
Command Center
Office Assistant/Receptionist
Cambridge, MN

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE HUMANITIES GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:
Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
MN State University Mankato, Mankato, MN
Wichita State University, Wichita, KS
University of Alaska, Anchorage, AK
Note 1: Some of the above job/career titles require advanced degrees or specialized training.
Note 2: Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.
Note 3: Personal Competencies: it is also recommended that individuals be competent in a variety of communication methods, and computer skills are a must.

Bibliography:

For more information, please contact the Career Services Office in Sattgast 207 or call us at 218-755-2038 or toll free at 800-657-3726.

For more job listings please visit:

http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/services/career/job_search/jobs/