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Liberal Studies Career Outlook 2014–2015

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

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS:
The Liberal Studies major is an interdisciplinary program in which students pursue broad interests or develop a specialized program in areas where majors are not currently offered. It encourages skills for responsible citizenship, including critical thinking, self-knowledge, and interdisciplinary understanding, and is appropriate for students who wish to participate fully in shaping their university education to their needs and interests.

Note: the Liberal Studies major by its nature does not aim at a single career path. Rather, it offers a meaningful liberal education to students who 1) have broad career goals, 2) already have a career and wish to advance it with a bachelor’s degree, 3) seek to enrich their lives through a classic liberal education, and 4) wish to prepare for graduate or professional study.

EMPLOYMENT AREAS:
Liberal Studies graduates can go into a variety of different career paths, including the arts, business, communications, education, government, human services, law, library science, medicine, and nonprofit.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR LIBERAL STUDIES GRADUATES:
There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Liberal Studies graduates. Of the Bemidji State University 2012–2013 Liberal Studies graduates, 66.7% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation and 11.8% of graduates went on to continue 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 LIBERAL STUDIES GRADUATES: (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.)

- Anoka County
- Baron's Pharmacy
- Bemidji Area Schools – Bylaw
- Bi County CAP
- Boys & Girls Club of the Bemidji Area
- Camp Lebanon
- Celebration United Methodist Church
- Cooper Door Spa
- Employee & Economic Development Dept.
- Excell Print & Promotions
- Mergough
- MN State University Student Association
- Northern Lights Community School
- Primrose School of Champlin Park
- Self Employed
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Juvenile Probation Officer
Technician
Behavioral Management Para
Supportive Housing Counselor
Education Coordinator
Program Assistant
Director of Ministries
Massage Therapist
EED Business Specialist
Chief Operating Officer
Project Coordinator
Director of Campus Organizing
AmeriCorps
Lead Teacher
Court Interpreter
Freelance Copy Editor

Andover, MN
Hibbing, MN
Bemidji, MN
Bemidji, MN
Burtrum, MN
Brandon, SD
Walker, MN
Blaine, MN
White Plains, NY
St. Paul, MN
Minneapolis, MN
Warba, MN
Brooklyn Park, MN
Lake Crystal, MN
Bemidji, MN
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU LIBERAL STUDIES GRADUATES
HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:
Argosy University, Bloomington, MN
Concordia University, St Paul, St Paul, MN
Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN

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:

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