Humanities Career Outlook 2009-2010

Humanities Programs Available at Bemidji State University:
Major: Humanities (B.A.)

Major Highlights:
The humanities are devoted to the study of human values and the spirit of humanity. The Humanities program has three major objectives:

- To provide a multiple frame of reference for the analysis and interpretation of the sources and evolution of the humanities.
- To foster increased awareness of the unique values inherent in each of the humanistic disciplines, while acquainting the student with the interrelationships among art, music, philosophy, language, literature, and history.
- To establish, through the cultivation of curiosity and multicultural understanding, the breadth of background necessary for successful careers in government, business, or the professions.

Note: Students who major in Humanities should consider completing a second major and the focus on ideas that have shaped civilization is well complimented by specialized study outside the humanities. Such a double major improves students’ professional preparedness and may increase career and graduate study 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 2007-2008 humanities graduates, 50% chose to continue their education. This does not include students who were employed, not seeking employment, unavailable, or had unknown status.

A Partial List of Employers Who Have Hired BSU Humanities Graduates:
- Bath & Body Works, St. Louis Park, MN
- Northwestern Minnesota Juvenile Center, Bemidji, MN
- Child Care Worker, Bemidji, MN
- Store Manager, St. Louis Park, MN

Colleges and Universities Where Humanities Graduates Have Gone to Continue Their Education:
- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- University of Alaska, Anchorage, AK
- University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- Wichita State University, Wichita, KS
- MN State University, Mankato, Mankato, 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.

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