

**Montana University System**  
**PROGRAM REVIEW**

Institution: **University of Montana-Western**

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Program Years: **2014-2015**

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**List of the programs reviewed:**

- Equine Studies
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**Decision(s) concerning the future of the program(s), based on the program review criteria established at the campus:**

See the attached detailed individual Program Review summaries.

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**Rationale or justification for the decision based on the program review process established at the campus. Include graduation numbers and student majors for each of the last seven (7) years for every program under review.**

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Institution: The University of Montana Western

Program Years: 2008-15

**List of the programs reviewed:**

Equine Studies

**Decision(s) concerning the future of the program(s), based on the program review criteria established at the campus:**

The department and its degree programs should be maintained and revised to take advantage of market opportunities.

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Year	Majors	BS –NH Graduates	BS Bus ADM & NH Grad	AAS Graduates	Previous NH - switched to BS Bus ADM in last year	Bus Adm Grads - Minor in Equine
2014-15	106	17	4	12	8	15
2013-14	105	3	3	3	3	10
2012-13	93	9	3	8	3	12
2011-12	74	5	1	9	6	8
2010-11	63	8	0	4	5	5
2009-10	68	17	4	8	5	11
2008-09	78	6	2	5	0	3

Note: Some students change majors in their last year to avoid the Equine Studies' fees.

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- The Program continues to attract more applicants than it can serve.
- External funding continues and is expanding.
- The Program sought external review from the Certified Horsemanship Association and the American Quarter Horse Association.
- With donor backing, the Natural Horsemanship major is preparing to revise its options to include a Natural Horsemanship Instruction option. The revised program will allow students to qualify to take the exams to become CHA Instructors and AQHA Professional Horseman
- Course enrollments are consistently high.
- With careful attention to advising, time to graduation continues to be among the best of all the majors at UM Western.
- The partnership with the private, non-profit Montana Center for Horsemanship (MCH) continues to give UM Western students a comfortable, friendly, and secure place for students and their horse and is only 1.5 miles from the main campus. MCH is committed to expand to meet the anticipated growth in the BS in Natural Horsemanship.
- Faculty participate fully in university committees and in other forms of professional service.
- A high degree of experiential learning is incorporated in courses at all levels.