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International Education
at the University of Montana
All of us in the UM Office of International Programs, with great assistance from our colleagues across the university, especially those who offices, programs, and activities are listed in this brochure, are pleased to provide this information about the range of international opportunities and related support services at the University of Montana. We are working together to “Build a University for the Global Century”. The high priority that this goal holds for the University is clearly underscored by the fact that this phrase is an integral part of the University’s strategic plan. It is our hope that the information found in this brochure will provide both a good overview of what the University is doing to achieve the goals implied in that plan, as well as practical information about how to learn more about the offices, programs, and activities mentioned.

The University of Montana has a long history with a wide array of international education opportunities and activities dating back nearly 100 years. We have increased these substantially over time, especially during the past two decades, adding many academic programs and courses with international emphases, and increasing support and opportunities for UM community members, students, faculty, and staff to engage in study, research, service, and professional activities outside of the U.S. Likewise, we have expanded opportunities and support services for our student, faculty, and staff colleagues from abroad to engage in unique and productive educational activities on our campus. All of this internationally-focused activity adds important and wonderful diversity to our campus through expansive personal and professional interactions, unique educational experiences, and new and crucial perspectives gained on education, peoples, cultures, the world and ourselves. Great universities like ours, through the goals and efforts described here, have assumed the responsibility of assisting all of our community members to become global citizens, that is, educated citizens about and of the world. That’s what “Building a University for the Global Century” means to us.

In this brochure we provide information about the contacts for a wide range of offices, programs, opportunities, and activities that are provided by the University of Montana, including:

- Admission to UM as an international student
- Study abroad opportunities for UM students
- Foreign languages taught at UM
- Academic programs which have an international focus
- UM’s English Language Institute for international students and professionals
- Academic enhancement programs
- International opportunities for UM faculty and staff
- Support services for international students, faculty and guests

By providing this information in one place, it is our hope that individuals will be able to find what they need to identify opportunities they are interested in, answers to questions, and access to support services to pursue their international educational, research, service, and personal goals.

We look forward to learning about how you found this brochure’s information useful, and how the University of Montana can support you in your international education endeavors. With best wishes on behalf of all UM faculty, staff, and students who are engaged in “Building a University for the Global Century”.

Gerald Fetz, Acting Director, UM Office of International Programs
Opportunities and services for international students and visiting faculty

Undergraduate students (U.G.)

- **General admissions for international U.G. students**
  http://admissions.umt.edu/admissions/international
  Contact: Julie Cahill – (406) 243-5844
  julie.cahill@umontana.edu

- **International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP)**
  UM is a member of International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP), a nonprofit member organization of nearly 300 member institutions in over 40 countries. OIP provides support for these students.
  http://www.umt.edu/ip/exchangestudents/isep
  Contact: Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry – (406) 243-2296
  marjac@mso.umt.edu

- **UM Partner University Exchange Program**
  UM has over 50 partner universities with active student exchange programs. OIP provides support for these students.
  http://www.umt.edu/ip/exchangestudents/partneruniversity
  Contact: Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry – (406) 243-2296
  marjac@mso.umt.edu

Graduate students

- **General admissions for international graduate students**
  http://www.umt.edu/grad/
  Contact: Peggy Miller – (406) 243-2672
  peggy.miller@umontana.edu

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  http://www.umt.edu/ip/foreign_student_faculty_resources/isep/default.php
  Contact: Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry – (406) 243-2296
  marjac@mso.umt.edu

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  http://www.umt.edu/ip/foreign_student_faculty_resources/partner/default.php
  Contact: Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry – (406) 243-2296
  marjac@mso.umt.edu

Intensive English language study

- **English Language Institute (ELI)**
  Provides English language programs for non-native speakers, at any level, and support for those students.
  http://umt.edu/eli/
  Contact: Dr. Sandra Janusch – (406) 243-2334
  sandra.janusch@umontana.edu

Support for international students and visiting faculty

- **Foreign Student and Scholar Services (FSSS)**
  FSSS is responsible for many aspects of the general welfare of foreign students and scholars at UM, from admission to graduation and practical training.
  http://life.umt.edu/fsss/
  Contact: Effie Koehn – (406) 243-5580
  effie.koehn@umontana.edu

- **Conversation partners**
  Facilitates opportunities for international students to practice and improve their English with peers who are native English language speakers.
  http://umt.edu/eli/
  Contact: Joshua Rosenberger – (406) 243-2084
  joshua.rosenberger@mso.umt.edu

- **Global Partners Program**
  A campus peer-mentoring program for incoming international students with help from veteran UM students.
  http://life.umt.edu/fsssresources/globalpartners-um.php
  Contact: Mary Nellis – (406) 243-6040
  mary.nellis@umontana.edu

- **International House**
  An on-campus activity center for international events
  http://life.umt.edu/fsssresources/I-house.php
  Contact: Mona Mondava – (406) 243-6059
  mona.mondava@umontana.edu

- **International student organizations**
  Different international student groups have been organized to conduct outreach and provide support. Some of these include: Chinese Student and Scholar Association, Japanese Student Association, Persian Student Association, Muslim Student Association, International Student Association, and others.
  A complete list of student groups can be found at:
  http://life.umt.edu/asm/student_groups/student_group_listing.php

- **Missoula International Friendship Program**
  The mission of the Missoula International Friendship Program is to promote global awareness, understanding, friendship, and intercultural learning between international students and scholars at The University of Montana and the greater Missoula community.
  http://mifp.org/

536 international students from 72 countries studied at UM in 2012, including approximately 100 students at the English Language Institute.
UM’s International academic programs and partners

Regional studies programs

- Asian Studies option (Liberal Studies Program)
  - Undergraduate major
    http://www.cas.umt.edu/liberal/

- Central and Southwest Asian Studies
  - Undergraduate major & minor
    http://www.umt.edu/cswa/

- East Asian Studies
  - Undergraduate major
    http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/

- Irish Studies
  - Undergraduate minor
    http://www.cas.umt.edu/casweb/programs/irish.cfm

- Latin American Studies
  - Undergraduate minor
    http://www.cas.umt.edu/casweb/programs/latin.cfm

- Russian Studies
  - Undergraduate major & minor
    http://www.umt.edu/catalog/cat/cas/russ

- South and Southeast Asian Studies
  - Undergraduate minor
    http://www.umt.edu/catalog/cat/cas/ssoutheastas

Foreign language learning

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* Language taught but not degree-bearing.
** Masters in Languages and Literatures which allows for an emphasis in the languages listed above.
*** Part of the Irish Studies undergraduate minor.

For more information, visit: http://www.cas.umt.edu/mcll/
Undergraduate major programs

- **International Business**
  Focuses on the managerial, economic, cultural, political, and social dimensions that will prepare students to participate in a global business community.
  [http://www.business.umt.edu/DegreesPrograms/UndergraduateStudies/BusinessMajors.aspx](http://www.business.umt.edu/DegreesPrograms/UndergraduateStudies/BusinessMajors.aspx)

- **International Field Geosciences**
  Provides students with the opportunity to discover the world by pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree that is offered in collaboration with two partner universities in Europe. US students seeking the degree are required to participate in a year-long study-abroad program either at the University of Potsdam in Germany or at University College Cork in Ireland.
  [http://www.cas.umt.edu/geosciences/IFG/](http://www.cas.umt.edu/geosciences/IFG/)

Undergraduate minor programs

- **Global Public Health**
  An interdisciplinary field of study focusing on public health issues facing the world that will require insight and problem-solving leadership from future generations.
  [http://www.umt.edu/catalog/cat/cas/globalpubhlth](http://www.umt.edu/catalog/cat/cas/globalpubhlth)

- **International Development Studies**
  An interdisciplinary field of study focusing on the interconnected processes of social, political, economic, cultural, and environmental change taking place in developing countries and low-income regions of wealthy countries.
  [http://www.cas.umt.edu/ids/](http://www.cas.umt.edu/ids/)

Graduate programs

- **International Conservation and Development, MS**
  Provides opportunities for graduate students to develop an integrated understanding of the ecological and social aspects of global environmental change, conservation and management, and further opportunities to apply that knowledge through international professional field assignments. The program is affiliated with the United States Peace Corps as a partner school for their Master’s International Program.
  [http://www.cfc.umt.edu/grad/degrees/ICD/](http://www.cfc.umt.edu/grad/degrees/ICD/)

- **Intercultural Youth and Family Development, MA**
  For students who wish to engage in culturally-relevant volunteer work or paid employment in the realm of child and family assistance. This program is affiliated with the United States Peace Corps as a partner school for their Master’s International Program.
  [http://coehs.umt.edu/departments/counsed/IYFD/](http://coehs.umt.edu/departments/counsed/IYFD/)

UM partner institutions abroad

OIP administers university-wide agreements with over 100 institutions worldwide.
[http://www.umt.edu/ip/resources/um_faculty_staff/um_partners.php](http://www.umt.edu/ip/resources/um_faculty_staff/um_partners.php)
Opportunities and services for UM students to study abroad

UM study abroad programs

• Faculty-directed study abroad programs
  Groups of students, usually led by a UM faculty member, explore specific topics while earning credit towards their degrees. Some of the programs are semester-long, while some are short-term. OIP provides support for faculty members and students participating in these programs.
  
  Example: University of Montana in Chile
  
  Contact: Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry – (406) 243-2296

Examples of semester-long faculty-directed study abroad programs:

- **Chile:** Students enroll in the Universidad Mayor, UM’s partner University in Chile, which is located in Santiago, the capital of Chile. Universidad Mayor provides field trips and students stay with host families.
- **Germany and Austria:** Students first spend two weeks in Berlin and Potsdam exploring the city and visiting places of historical and cultural interest. This is followed by a two month stay in Vienna, including trips to Salzburg and the Austrian Alps. Students enroll in five University of Montana courses and participate directly in many aspects of European culture and contemporary life.

Examples of short-term faculty-directed study abroad programs:

- **Greece:** Students travel throughout Greece studying the art, archaeology, and culture of Ancient Greece. Students encounter ancient culture (from the Bronze Age to the Classical Age) through extensive visits, including Minoan sites (Knossos, Phaistos, Chania), Mycenaean sites (Mycenae, Tiryns), and major sites of the classical period in Athens, Olympia, and Delphi. Classes are conducted in museums and at archaeological sites.
- **India:** Students trek through the remote parts of the Himalaya, living in a remote mountain village, meeting with development officials, sustainability activists and stakeholders in the region, and learning through readings, discussions and field experience.
- **Vietnam:** Students explore climate change in Vietnam and study the river deltas, beaches, and city life. Classes include: Society, Economy, Environment of the Mekong Delta, and Effects and Mitigation of Climate Change in the Mekong Delta.

• Global Grizzlies
  For UM students enrolled in the Davidson Honors College, to provide humanitarian services while having an international experience.
  
  Contact: Davidson Honors College – (406) 243-2541
  dhc@umontana.edu

• IE3 global internships
  Through IE3 Global Internships UM students earn academic credit while gaining professional experience abroad.
  
  Contact: Kevin Hood – (406) 243-2815
  kevin.hood@umontana.edu

• International Student Exchange Program (ISEP)
  Choose from nearly 300 member institutions in over 40 countries that are members of ISEP's worldwide network for international education. OIP provides support for these students.
  
  Contact: Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry – (406) 243-2296
  marjac@mso.umt.edu

• UM Partner University Exchange Program
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Non-UM study abroad opportunities

Students can choose to study abroad through a program not administered by UM.

Study abroad funding

Most UM scholarships and student loans, except work-study, may be applied toward UM Study Abroad Programs. There are many scholarship opportunities through offices on campus and organizations off campus. The scholarships listed below are administered by outside entities.

• Boren Scholarships and Fellowships
  Awards for U.S. undergraduate and graduate-level students to study abroad in world regions, languages and fields of study critical to U.S. interests (including Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America & the Caribbean, and the MiddleEast).
  
  Contact: Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry – (406) 243-2296
  marjac@mso.umt.edu

• Critical Language Scholarship
  Fully-funded group-based intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences in thirteen critical foreign languages.
  
  Contact: Laure Pengelly Drake – (406) 243-6140
  laure.pengellydrake@umontana.edu

• Fulbright Scholarship
  Grants for individually designed study/research projects or English Teaching Assistantships for graduating or recently graduated students.
  
  Contact: Dr. Liz Ametsbichler – (406) 243-5001
  Liz.Ametsbichler@umontana.edu

• Gilman Scholarship
  Awards for U.S. undergraduate students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding at a two-year or four-year college or university to participate in study abroad programs worldwide.
  
  Contact: Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry – (406) 243-2296
  marjac@mso.umt.edu

• Other sources of financial support to study abroad
  
  Contact: Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry – (406) 243-2296
  marjac@mso.umt.edu

318 UM students studied abroad in 35 countries throughout 2011-12.
Other international programs, opportunities and administrative units and centers

Programs

- Global Leadership Initiative (GLI)
  Guides students to graduate as critical thinkers ready to lead on the global stage by providing seminars, courses and out-of-classroom experiences crafted to help them become engaged, articulate global citizens.
  http://umt.edu/gli/

- Multicultural Learning Solutions (MLS)
  Provides professional global competence courses, workshops and seminars to reduce ethnocentric attitudes, while simultaneously increasing multicultural awareness and global mindedness.
  http://www.cas.umt.edu/mls/
  Contact: Dr. Udo Fluck – (406) 243-5885
  mls@umontana.edu

- Peace Corps
  An on-campus representative assists interested candidates navigate the Peace Corps application process, and can provide information about the University’s Peace Corps Prep Program.
  Contact: peacecorps@umontana.edu

International opportunities for UM faculty and staff

- Faculty exchanges
  Faculty exchange opportunities for UM faculty to teach and/or conduct research at UM’s partner universities abroad for one or two semesters or less. Faculty exchanges with non-UM partner universities are also a possibility.
  http://www.umt.edu/ip/resources/um_faculty_staff/faculty_exchange.php
  Contact: Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry – (406) 243-2296
  marjac@mso.umt.edu

- Short-term international funding for faculty and staff
  A program offered by OIP for UM faculty and staff to apply for funding to engage in short-term activities overseas.
  http://www.umt.edu/ip/resources/um_faculty_staff/iaf_home.php
  Faculty contact: Peter Baker – (406) 243-6142
  peter.baker@mso.umt.edu
  Staff contact: Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry – (406) 243-2296
  marjac@mso.umt.edu

Administrative units and centers

- Office of International Programs
  OIP promotes and supports international education, research, scholarship, training and projects that serve UM’s international mission.
  www.umt.edu/ip

- Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center
  In addition to offering an academic major and minor, the center serves as an outreach and training facility dedicated to increasing the knowledge regarding the peoples, history, cultures and politics of Central Asia and the Middle East. Examples of outreach and training activities include but are not limited to: publications, consultancy services, public lectures and a major annual international conference.
  http://www.umt.edu/cswa

- The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center
  Provides services and programs for a better understanding of Asia, U.S. relations with Asia, and ethics and public affairs.
  http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/

- Confucius Institute
  Dedicated to providing education, public programming and teacher training on Chinese language, history, culture and current affairs.
  http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/ci/default.aspx

- Defense Critical Language and Culture Institute
  Provides intensive training for the U.S. military and other U.S. government personnel through a Congressionally-funded Defense Critical Language and Culture Program created through the Department of Defense and administered through the National Security Education Program.
  http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/dclcp/

- The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center Legal Reform Initiative
  Promotes the Rule of Law through facilitating cross-cultural learning about ongoing legal reforms throughout Asia.
  http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/legalreforminitiative/

- Montana World Trade Center
  Works to increase international trade through public-private partnerships, business networking, and student education.
  http://www.mwtc.org/

- Numerical Terra-dynamic Simulation Group (Global Climate Change)
  A research laboratory pioneering new approaches for landscape ecological and hydrological analyses to understand how terrestrial vegetation responds to climate variability and influences energy, water and carbon cycles.
  http://www.ntsg.umt.edu/

Proposed programs

- International and Global Studies (IGS) – Undergraduate major
  The IGS program is planned to be a rigorous interdisciplinary undergraduate program that provides an international, human and natural systems perspective. The University of Montana, with its rich diversity of programs and its commitment to study abroad, provides an exceptional learning environment. The requirements of the major enrich and complement current minors within the College of Arts & Sciences, and can be paired with existing majors.
  Contact: Dr. Udo Fluck – (406) 243-5885
  igs@umontana.edu

- Pre Masters Bridge Program (PMBP)
  Will prepare international students for admission to and success in a graduate program at UM or another U.S. institution.
  http://www.umt.edu/ip/
  Contact: Peter Baker – (406) 243-6142
  peter.baker@mso.umt.edu
Services, training programs and international events

Specialized training programs

- **English language and culture training programs, the English Language Institute**
  Provides tailored English language programs for professionals or students that can include discipline-specific and/or cultural components.
  [http://umt.edu/eli/](http://umt.edu/eli/)
  Contact: Dr. Sandra Janusch – (406) 243-2334
  sandra.janusch@umontana.edu

- **Office of International Programs**
  OIP provides services to develop and administer tailored programs for students and professionals.
  [www.umt.edu/ip](http://www.umt.edu/ip)

Examples of specialized training programs for professionals and students:

- **Brazil – Science Without Borders Summer Language Program, English Language Institute**
  7 week preparatory English language program for Brazilian students participating in the Science Without Borders program prior to their year-long academic study at UM.
  Contact: Dr. Sandra Janusch – (406) 243-2334
  sandra.janusch@umontana.edu

- **Korean National University of Education (KNUE) program**
  Bi-annual, 4 week teacher-training program for non native teachers of English – offered by the English Language Institute.
  [http://umt.edu/eli/](http://umt.edu/eli/)
  Contact: Dr. Sandra Janusch – (406) 243-2334
  sandra.janusch@umontana.edu

- **Montana-China Professional Exchange on Natural Resources (Mansfield Center)**
  Sends Americans to China and brings Chinese to the U.S., all with the objective of increasing understanding of natural resource issues.
  Contact: Deena Mansour – (406) 243-2713
  deena.mansour@mso.umt.edu

- **Multicultural Learning Solutions (MLS)**
  Provides professional seminars, trainings and workshops for students, faculty and staff with the goal to increase multicultural awareness and global competence.
  [http://www.cas.umt.edu/mls/](http://www.cas.umt.edu/mls/)
  Contact: Dr. Udo Fluck – (406) 243-5885
  mls@umontana.edu

- **NESA UGRAD**
  Semester-long program for students from the Near East and South Asia (NESA) during which the Office of International Programs staff oversaw participants academic programming, civic engagement activities and designed an extensive series of cultural enrichment opportunities.
  Contact: Brian Lofink – (406) 243-2299
  brian.lofink@mso.umt.edu

International events

- **International Education Week**
  Occurs each Fall semester in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education and State’s observance of international education’s importance for all learners.
  Contact: Brian Lofink – (406) 243-2299
  brian.lofink@mso.umt.edu

- **International Week**
  Occurs each Spring semester in collaboration with the International Culture and Food Festival.
  Contact: Brian Lofink – (406) 243-2299
  brian.lofink@mso.umt.edu

- **International Culture and Food Festival**
  One of the biggest public events at UM, featuring food and performances from around the world, exhibits and children’s activities.
  Contact: Mona Mondava – (406) 243-6059
  mona.mondava@umontana.edu

International activities and support services

- **Foreign delegation and international events support**
  Provides logistical services for foreign visitors, and the planning and administration of internationally-themed activities.
  Contact: Brian Lofink – (406) 243-2299
  brian.lofink@mso.umt.edu

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