



International Programs
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Exchange Student Information for The University of Montana, 2009-2010 Academic Year

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Program dates

- Fall Term 2009:
Residence Halls open: August 29 (Saturday)
**Pre-arrival housing is available for \$16/night for early arrivals beginning Thursday, August 20 after 9:00 am.*
Food service opens: August 29 (Saturday)
**Dining facilities will be open on campus prior to the above date, but students will have to pay for their meal \$ 4.85/meal until their meal plan is available beginning August 29*
Orientation: August 24-28 (Monday-Friday)
Classes Start: August 31 (Monday)
Exam Dates: December 14-18 (Monday-Friday)
Vacations: September 7 (Monday); Labor Day; November 11 (Wednesday); Veterans' Day; November 25-27 (Wednesday-Friday); Thanksgiving; December 19, 2009-January 23, 2010; Semester Break
- Spring Term 2010:
Housing opens: January 23 (Saturday)
**early arrival in Residence Halls is available prior to that date for the cost of approximately \$16/night*
Orientation: January 19-22 (Tuesday-Friday)
Classes Start: January 25 (Monday)
Exam Dates: May 10-14 (Monday-Friday)
Vacations: February 15 (Monday); Washington-Lincoln Day
March 29-April 2(Monday-Friday); Spring Break

Housing and meals information

- Exchange students are required to live in Residence Halls or in Lewis and Clark Village.
- The housing application deadline is **March 1, 2009** to ensure placement for Fall 2009, and **October 15, 2009** to ensure placement for January 2010. **Students should submit electronically or by mail their housing applications with the required payment (\$ 220 for Residence Halls and \$ 320 for Lewis and Clark Villages) by check, money order, or credit card directly to Residence Life Office, The University of Montana, Turner Hall 101, Missoula, MT 59812, U.S.A.**
- Knowles Hall is designated as the Residence Hall for international and honors students. International students wishing to reside in Knowles Hall must submit their housing application by **March 1, 2009**.
- For on-line application for Residence Halls and University Villages, see <http://www.umt.edu/reslife/> and select "Applications".
- Cancellation Fees:
Residence Halls: If the student cancels for Fall 2009 between June 1 and August 1, \$100 will be withheld from their prepayment. If the student cancels after August 1, this will result in withholding the \$ 200 prepayment.
Lewis and Clark Village: If the student cancels before 90 days of expected arrival, a \$ 150 will be withheld from the student's deposit. Cancellation with less than 90 days to expected arrival will result in withholding the \$ 300 deposit.
- Residence halls are located on campus. There are many to choose from (women-only buildings, men-only buildings, quiet floors, non-smoking buildings, single rooms, suites, etc.). For details see <http://ordway.umt.edu/SA/RLO/index.cfm/name/hallphotos>. A meal plan is provided; the number of meals provided varies from 8-19 meals per week depending on the student's selection of meal plan. See <http://ordway.umt.edu/sa/UDS/index.cfm/page/578> for more information.
- Lewis and Clark Village is apartment style living located within easy walking, biking, or bus ride distance from campus. Students choosing to stay in Lewis and Clark Village may want to select a Commuter meal Plan. See <http://ordway.umt.edu/sa/UDS/index.cfm/page/579> for more information.
- Housing is available to disabled students and students with families. Information about family housing (the "University Villages") and the applications can be found at <http://ordway.umt.edu/sa/RLO/index.cfm/page/1066>

Application to UM

- UM's exchange partners should submit the following forms to International Programs by **March 1, 2008** for students to be considered for acceptance as exchange students (or **October 15** for January term).
 - o International Student Exchange Application for Admission,
 - o Two (2) academic letters of reference,
 - o Short essay (about 200 words) stating the student's reasons for wishing to participate in the exchange,
 - o Official home university transcript,
 - o Study plan at UM (a list of desired classes),
 - o Request for Issuance of DS 2019 form

o Proof of Adequate Financial Support for living expenses in the amount of \$ 4767 per semester such as letter signed by student's parents, bank statement, scholarship letter. Please note that you will need to list the names of all U.S. Government agencies, international organizations, and all other organizations providing financial support for you.

o Non-native English speakers must show evidence of proficiency in English by submitting official English language proficiency score report showing one of the following: 61 iBT (173 CBT or 500PBT) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) 5.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) 69 on the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) is required for admission to undergraduate programs

o Completed Pre-Registration Immunization Requirements. You can review The University of Montana immunization requirements <http://www.umt.edu/curry/Immunization/izreq.html>

o Housing Application; *Students should submit their Residence Halls or Lewis and Clark Village applications electronically or by mail with the required payment (\$ 220 for Residence Halls and \$ 320 for Lewis and Clark Villages) by check, money order, or credit card directly to Residence Life Office, The University of Montana, Turner Hall 101, Missoula, Montana 59812, U.S.A;* Separate forms are available for married students or students with children.

If student is seeking admissions as graduate non-degree status, then submit all of the above, plus:

o Evidence of completion of Bachelor's degree,

o If the TOEFL score is below 92 iBT (237 CBT or 580 PBT), the IELTS score is below 7.0 or the MELAB score is below 82, students may be required to complete English as a Second Language course(s) before they can take courses in their major. Please note that individual departments may have established their own minimum scores. One of the following is required for admission as a visiting student to UM Law School: a minimum score of 100 iBT (250 CBT or 600PBT) on the TOEFL, 6.5 on IELTS, or 84 on MELAB. Applicants for Law School should also submit a completed UM Law School Application for Admission instead of International Student Exchange Application for Admission.

• Exchange students will be admitted as undergraduate or graduate non-degree students.

Registration and academic information

- International programs will send the students their acceptance letters. The Foreign Student and Scholar Services will send the students orientation and other pre-arrival information, as well as the DS 2019 form to obtain J-1 visa. After admission, students should address any questions to Effie Koehn (ekoehn@mso.umt.edu) at Foreign Student and Scholar Services
- To find a complete description of classes at UM (i.e. amount of credit, course level, course content, etc.), please see www.umt.edu/catalog. Classes offered for each term are posted on the web in mid-April for the upcoming September semester or in November for the upcoming January term. See www.umt.edu/registrar and select "class schedules."
- Some classes may be closed to exchange students, as they may be restricted to majors in the department (Journalism, Education, etc.). This situation can sometimes be overridden.
- All exchange students are assigned an academic advisor to whom they may address academic-related questions.

- A student with a TOEFL score between 500-525 should take ENSL 250 during their first term at UM, followed by ENSL 251 the next term. A student with a score between 526-580 should take ENSL 450, then ENSL 451.
- A full time undergraduate student must carry a minimum of 12 credits. Full-time graduate students must carry at least 9 credits.
- Some classes require prerequisite courses to be met; these restrictions may be waived upon discussions with the professor.

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