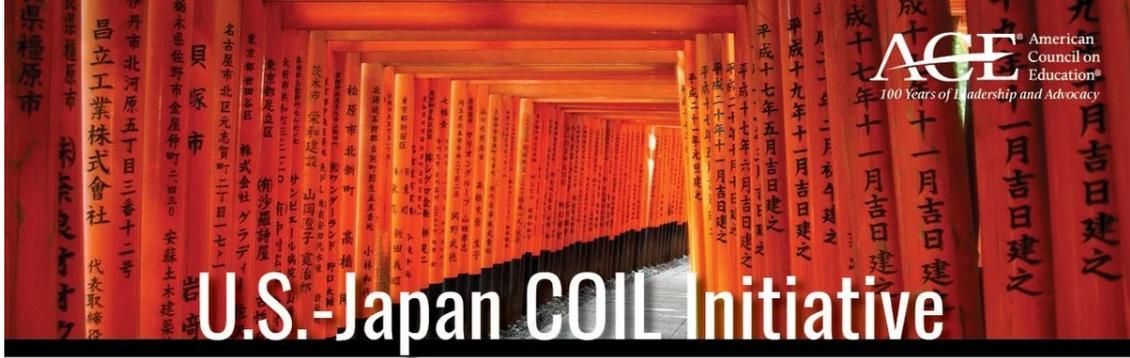




**A new semester is
about to start!
August newsletter**

**UM is awarded to participate in the
ACE/IIGE Rapid Response Virtual
Exchange/COIL Transformation Lab.**



Expanding global competence and strengthening ties through online collaboration

We are excited to announce the University of Montana, along with our partner in Japan, Sophia University, was recently named by the American Council on Education (ACE) as one of the fifteen awarded Universities to participate in the ACE/IIGE Rapid Response Virtual Exchange/COIL Transformation Lab.

The ACE administered a competitive process for selecting U.S. colleges and universities to develop, deliver, and assess one or more COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) courses with Japanese partner institutions. We are pleased that the UM and Sophia University's joint participation in the COIL Lab will provide opportunities for students and faculty at both institutions. The resulting course will increase students' understanding of the other, sharpen cultural competency skills, and better prepare students for the 21st century workforce.

The COIL method—also referred to as virtual exchange—is a cost-effective, accessible, and scalable method of expanding global learning opportunities for greater numbers of U.S. higher education students. COIL is an innovative pedagogy involving collaborative teaching and learning in two or more countries facilitated by online communication that has been developed and promoted by the State University of New York (SUNY) COIL Center. For over a decade, ACE has recognized the COIL model as a cost-effective, accessible method for delivering global learning and intercultural experience to greater numbers of U.S. students, particularly the 90 percent of U.S. undergraduates who do not participate in education abroad.

The faculty from the UM will collaborate with their Japanese counterpart at Sophia University to develop a joint syllabus, and students in the two countries will then work together to complete assignments that meet shared learning objectives. The UM team consists of Dr. Alessia Carpoca (Theatre Faculty), Jeanie Castillo (Instructional Designer), and Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry (International Programs and Partnerships Administrator). The resulting COIL courses will be delivered during the Fall 2020 or Spring 2021 academic semesters.

The U.S.-Japan COIL Initiative is a program supported through a grant from the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo and coordinated in partnership with Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT).

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UM Receives Grant to Connect U.S., Egyptian Youth



The University of Montana's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center will become one of 18 programs funded by the [Stevens Initiative Response to the Coronavirus Pandemic](#). With the \$50,000 funding, the center will plan a virtual exchange program this fall between students at UM and in Egypt, providing youth opportunities to develop skills and relationships otherwise not possible during the coronavirus pandemic. Jeanie Castillo, the ELI Program Chair will be providing English language and culture training to the group.

Around the world, schools and institutions are using virtual exchanges to help young people develop cross-cultural relationships and vital skills. While traditional in-person education and exchange programs have been canceled

for the summer, virtual exchange programs continue to be a sustainable and accessible global learning tool.

“While we cannot predict what lies ahead with the pandemic, we are pleased to work with our grantees to provide virtual exchange opportunities when the world is deeply in need of connection,” said Christine Shiau, managing director of the Stevens Initiative at the Aspen Institute. “Together, we are revamping curriculum, leveraging technology and innovating to build programs that might not have existed otherwise.”

Under the Stevens Initiative, UM’s Mansfield Center will spend the summer preparing to connect students from Montana and Egypt to highlight the importance of citizen diplomacy. This virtual exchange program is designed to enhance global competencies and the internationalization of communities. Participants will learn leadership skills in a shared fall 2020 course on Public Diplomacy offered by UM’s Global Leadership Initiative.

“Drawing on our rich experience in international exchange, this funding allows us to continue to create opportunities for Montanans and to foster globally minded leaders of integrity despite the challenges presented by the pandemic,” said Deena Mansour, executive director of the Mansfield Center.

A list of [other Stevens Initiative grant recipients](#) is online, with international collaborations focusing on topics ranging from STEM and sustainability to storytelling and nursing.

The Stevens Initiative is an international effort to build global competence and career readiness skills for young people in the U.S., the Middle East and North Africa by growing and enhancing the field of virtual exchange. Created in 2015 as a lasting tribute to Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, the initiative is committed to helping expand the virtual exchange field through three pillars of work: investing in promising programs, sharing knowledge and resources and advocating for virtual exchange adoption.

The Stevens Initiative is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, with U.S. government funding administered by the Aspen Institute, a global nonprofit. It is also supported by the Bezos Family Foundation and the governments of Morocco and the United Arab Emirates.

For more information, contact Jon Purves, senior media relations associate at the Aspen Institute, at jon.purves@aspeninstitute.org or the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in the U.S. Department of State at ECA-Press@state.gov.

The English Language Institute at the University of Montana will be offering non-credit English classes for community members this Fall 2020.

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By Aline Guy

Founded in 1911, the Universidade do Porto is a leading educational and scientific research institution in Portugal, and today ranks among the 150 best European universities in some of the most important international rankings in Higher Education.

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Porto is a coastal city in the northwest of Portugal known for its imposing bridges and the production of Port wine. In the medieval district of Ribeira, on the side of the river, you can find narrow cobbled streets passing through the houses and restaurants.

The Portuguese cuisine is extraordinarily rich and has Atlantic and Mediterranean influences. Despite being a small country, the Portuguese cuisine brings regional characteristics. Its gastronomic base is based on three items: bread, wine, and olive oil. In addition, we see a large consumption of fish,

various soups, and fresh fruits. The Cod fish is the most consumed food in the country and there are a multitude of dishes made with it.

The Universidade do Porto is composed of three poles dispersed throughout the city of Porto, which together host 32.443 students and 6.334 international students. The Universidade do Porto offers Majors & Minors in Accounting, Applied Science, Art, Art History and Criticism, Art Studio, Astronomy, Athletic Training, Biochemistry, Biology, Business Administration, Chemistry, Economics, Finance, Geosciences, Law, Management, Marketing, Medical Technology, Microbiology, Pharmacy, Physics, and Psychology and the language of instruction can be in Portuguese and English.

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