



January Newsletter

**UM Welcomes New International
Students for Spring 2021**



Though mobility is still limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic, UM geared up to prepare for the arrival of a handful of new international students to our Missoula campus for Spring semester in early January. Welcoming these students during the pandemic— students often less familiar with U.S. university environments and most in need of support — has meant both evolving existing partnerships and creating new programs. The result is a range of opportunities for students to find their home in the UM community while following prescribed COVID-19 safety protocols, and for the entirety of UM to benefit from the diversity of our student body.

To prepare students for arrival, GEO's International Students & Scholars office (ISS) provided regular communication to students, including a pre-arrival checklist, sign-up for a free 24-hour airport shuttle, and up-to-date information on COVID safety and travel protocols. As students arrived to campus, ISS staff and student volunteers welcomed students, providing them tours of campus and Missoula, transportation for essential shopping, and connecting them with various helpful entities on campus. From there, UM's New Student Orientation team provided an in-person and optional orientation for all new students, both domestic and international, to help them become acquainted with life at UM.

Throughout the first weeks of class, new international students will continue to meet with ISS staff as they provide crucial logistical support for maintaining visa status, and for some non-traditional, socially distant fun such as an outdoor firepit at the International House. In addition, students will have the option to participate in the Global Partners program, where new international students are paired with domestic students to ease cultural adjustments such as loneliness, culture shock, and stress.

Interested in learning more or connecting with a new international student?
Email iss@umontana.edu!

Need help with note taking? We've got your back.

UM has two software packages, [Sonocent and Glean](#), to help you capture and organize lecture notes.

Sonocent is an audio note-taker software that makes it easy to capture everything on a topic in one workspace. It will allow you to:

- Edit and record lectures.
- Sync lecture audio to slides, diagrams, photos, written notes and reference materials.
- Read and notate accessible textbooks and PDFs.

Lectures can be recorded on a cell phone and easily transferred to PC or Mac.

Glean recordings are cloud-based and available across all computer platforms that can run on the Chrome browser, including Chromebooks. Glean can provide the majority of benefits of an audio notetaker but without the ability to read and notate accessible PDFs. Additionally, Glean has an iPhone and Android app allowing note taking and online access on smartphones and tablets.

* Both software are available to students, faculty and staff.

For more information or personal instruction, please contact:

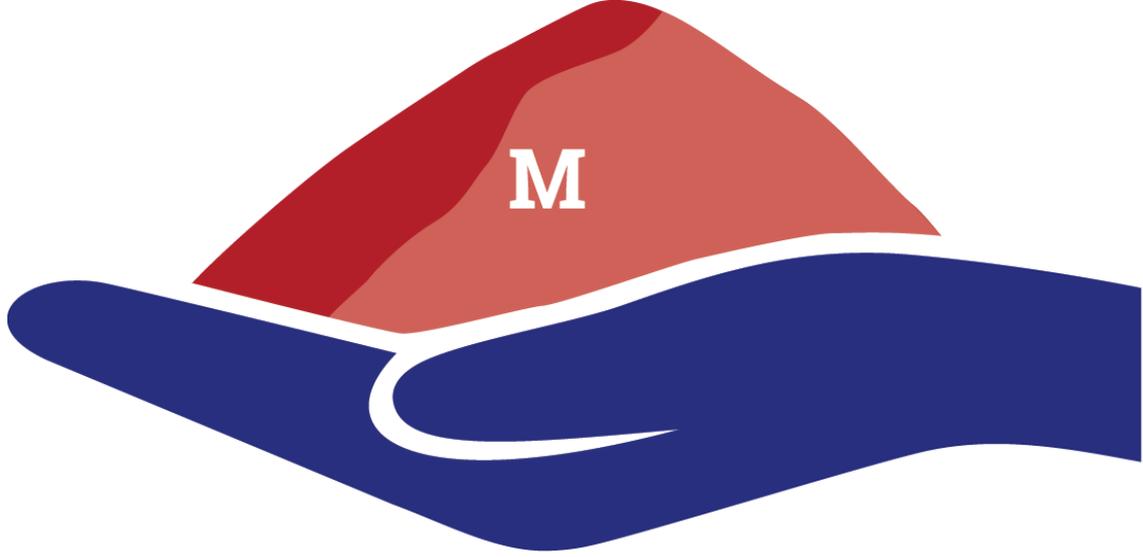
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SOFTLANDING

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We're Looking For An Americorps Member To Join Our Team!

Apply to serve with Soft Landing Missoula's youth programming team and earn internship credit and an education stipend.

The MTCC AmeriCorps team member will serve with the AmeriCorps Leader on site to provide support for the academic mentoring program, organize volunteers for elementary education, assist with event planning, and provide elementary students with individualized academic mentoring.

The ideal candidate will be able to commit to a 300 hour service term, have experience working with youth, and be passionate about creating equitable opportunities and access to academic success.

If interested, please send your resume and a letter of interest to natalia@softlandingmissoula.org

WHAT IS

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES?

The International Development Studies minor offers an interdisciplinary experience for students interested in international or domestic development work.

International development studies focuses on the interconnected processes of social, political, economic, cultural, and environmental changes taking place in low-income countries and disadvantaged regions of wealthy countries.

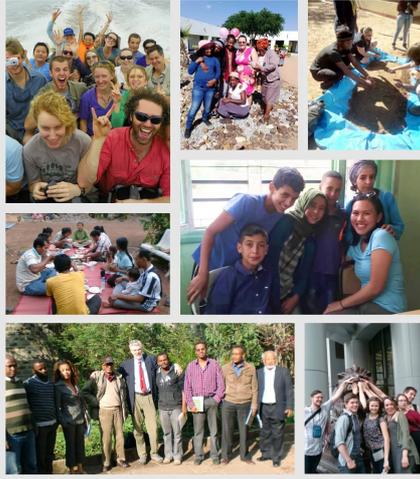
The IDS minor requires 21 hours of coursework that emphasizes a global perspective on the process of change and development, critical analysis of the role of internal and external constraints on the development process, and applications to local (including Montana) situations and challenges.

IDS faculty expertise and courses support students in developing knowledge and skills appropriate for graduate study and for working in non-governmental organizations, international and bilateral government development organizations, the U.S. Peace Corps, and other national/international equivalents.

IDS is the home of UM's nationally recognized Peace Corps Prep Program and also offers a graduate certificate.



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- A learning community who shares your interests and passions
- Faculty-led overseas study
- A wide range of course options
- IDS-related careers
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International Development Studies

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DEVELOP

A GLOBAL MINDSET

IDS includes internationally focused course options from over 15 departments across campus and provides opportunities to develop in-depth understanding of a wide range of global issues (e.g., youth and community development, health, education, gender, migration, equity, policy, environment).



EXPLORE

THE WORLD

IDS faculty offer development-focused study-abroad courses to Asia, Africa, Latin America and advise on international internship opportunities around the world that allow you to gain IDS credits.



SERVE

THE UNDERSERVED

IDS, given its focus on contributing to sustainable development, prepares graduates to work for community-based and international organizations aimed at improving people's lives, attaining social justice, and creating positive social change.

POTENTIAL

CAREERS

- International and Domestic NGO/Non-Profit Project Manager
- Community Development Specialist
- International Business Consultant
- Development Banking Specialist
- Youth Development Program Officer
- International Education Program Developer and Instructor
- Eco-tourism Planner
- Gender Equity Specialist
- Health and Development Project Manager
- Conservation and Sustainable Development Program Officer



GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

International Development Studies offers a 12-credit interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate for graduate students seeking careers in international development. The Certificate is grounded in both theoretical knowledge and practical skills and is designed for students across disciplines.



PEACE CORPS PREP

IDS is the home of UM's Peace Corps Prep Certificate Program. Specializations include education, health, youth in development, community economic development, environment, and agriculture. The Certificate, which can be easily completed with or without the IDS minor, provides a competitive advantage in Peace Corps and other job applications.





FOREIGN NATIONAL TAX WORKSHOP

Date: January 28, 2021

Time: 4:00-5:00 PM

Where:

[https://umontana.zoom.us/j/94
977458579](https://umontana.zoom.us/j/94977458579)

What to Bring:

Passport

Visa

I-94

Form I-20 or DS-2019

Questions? Email iss@umontana.edu



INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

**Education Abroad is accepting
applications for Spring 2021:**

[Faculty-Directed Programs Internship](#)

[Marketing and Communications Coordinator Internship](#)

[Course Facilitator/Teaching Assistant Internship](#)

Tell me more!

Thinking about study abroad?

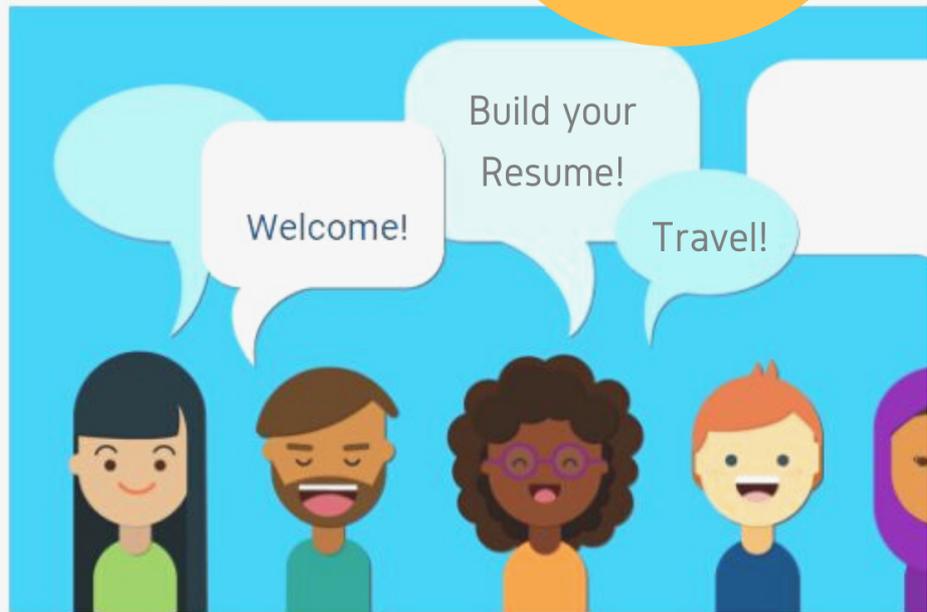
The deadline to apply for Fall 2021 and Full Academic Year 2021-2022 study abroad programs is **Friday, January 29th, 2021** at **11:59 pm MST**.

Get started [here](#), or [set up an appointment](#) with the Education Abroad Coordinator to learn more!

TESOL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

TEACH
ENGLISH TO
SPEAKERS OF
OTHER
LANGUAGES

SPRING
2021
12-14
WEEKS
ONLINE

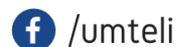


- 100 instructional hours focusing on language and culture, methodology, instruction and assessment, and job placement.
- 20-hour practicum providing practical experience through observation and instruction.
- Instruction starts January 27, 2021.

Taught by Sara Schroeder, MA Linguistics,
from UM's English Language Institute

Interested?

Contact Aline Guy at
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GlobalEngagement
ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

Kyoto, Japan



Featured Partner University with the University of Montana:

Doshisha University, Japan

By Aline Guy

The Doshisha University has its campus located in Kyoto city, which used to be the capital of Japan. Kyoto's population is 1.5 million, and the city is considered the cultural capital of Japan and a major tourist destination. With its central location on Honshu Island, Kyoto is a good starting point for trips to other areas of Japan such as the International District of Osaka, the mountains of Nagano, Mt. Fuji of Shizuoka, or the city of Tokyo.

One of the biggest attractions in the city is the Kiyomizu Dera temple. With a structure that is more than 400 years old and built without using a single nail, the temple got its name in honor of the waterfall that ran there. Speaking of sacred water, you can still drink it straight from the temple fountain at the bottom. The small Otowa waterfall has three types of water and each one gives you a different benefit: long life, success in school or work and a successful love life. The Kiyomizu Dera temple has super special views of the city of Kyoto. The temple is beautiful all year round, but it becomes even more special in the spring, decorated by cherry blossoms, and in the fall, when the trees turn red and yellow.

If you like street shopping, the Nishiki Market is a five-block long shopping street with more than one hundred shops and restaurants. They have all things food-

related, like fresh seafood, produce, knives and cookware, and it is a great place to find seasonal foods.

The Doshisha University has two campuses: the Imadegwa and the Kyotonabe campuses, which together host over 28,000 Japanese and international students. The language requirement is one year of Japanese prior to exchange. The Doshisha University offers Majors & Minors in Japanese and the language of instruction can be in English or Japanese.

For more information visit the University's [website](#).

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