



# October Newsletter



# Keeping International Students Engaged During COVID-19

The pandemic has proven a challenge for everyone, but particularly so for our international students as they navigate life thousands of miles away from their friends and families. To support our students and keep them engaged, the International Students & Scholars Office has continued to sponsor programs and events, though they look quite a bit different than past years. Staff members and student leaders have been trained extensively to follow University health and safety guidelines. All events have been held outdoors and with students maintaining social distance. In addition, each attendee is required to register for each event in case the need for contact tracing arises. Events have included a tour of the farmer's market, movie screenings at Allegiance Field, various hikes (in partnership with Campus Recreation), and backyard gatherings at the International House. Interested in participating in an event and connecting with UM's international community? Contact [iss@umontana.edu](mailto: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.

# Donna Anderson's interview with Udo Fluck for International Voices podcast



Donna Anderson, Senior International Officer and Executive Director of the Global Engagement Office at the University of Montana was interviewed by Udo Fluck, Director of Global and Cultural Affairs at Arts Missoula for the September edition of his podcast: International Voices with Udo Fluck.

During the interview they discuss international higher education leadership, about pivoting and reinventing the services the Global Engagement Office provides during these pandemic times. Udo also interviewed Dr. Alessia Carpoca during the segment about the ACE/IIGE COIL Lab.

[Click here to listen](#)



APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE NOW, DUE NOVEMBER 17, 2020

The **Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program** is a summer study abroad opportunity for American college and university students to learn languages essential to America's engagement with the world.

Students spend eight to ten weeks abroad over the summer studying one of **15 critical languages**.

The CLS Program, a program of the **U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs**, is part of a U.S. government initiative to expand the number of Americans studying and mastering foreign languages that are critical to **national security** and **economic prosperity**. CLS plays an important role in preparing American students for the 21st century's **globalized workforce** and increasing **national competitiveness**.

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| Arabic      | Indonesian | Punjabi |
| Azerbaijani | Japanese   | Russian |
| Bangla      | Korean     | Swahili |
| Chinese     | Persian    | Turkish |
| Hindi       | Portuguese | Urdu    |



The program includes **intensive language instruction** and structured **cultural enrichment experiences**



**Full scholarship** covers all travel, tuition, housing, and a living stipend



Participants may receive **undergraduate academic credit** for the equivalent of one year of language classes



**Language gains certified** with the widely recognized ACTFL OPI test



**Non-competitive eligibility** for U.S. government jobs for up to three years after program completion



[www.clscholarship.org](http://www.clscholarship.org)

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The CLS Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and supported in its implementation by American Councils for International Education.

JOIN US ON MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 5TH AT 5PM FOR A

**CRITICAL LANGUAGE  
SCHOLARSHIP  
SPOTLIGHT AND Q&A**

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WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

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**INTERNSHIP  
OPPORTUNITY**

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**Education Abroad is still accepting**

# applications for:

- [Software & Database Internship](#)

Tell me more about!

## Also...

Education Abroad applications for Fall 2021 or Full Academic Year 2021-2022 will open in mid-October. These applications have not opened yet due to big and exciting updates on the Education Abroad website, so we thank you for your patience. Keep checking back, or [sign up for the mailing list](#) where we will update you via e-mail as soon as the applications open.

Lastly, Education Abroad is planning on tabling on-campus in the University Center on **Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 11 am to 1pm** in the West Atrium. Students are encouraged to stop by, meet our interns, and learn about studying abroad opportunities!

The English Language Institute at the University of Montana is offering non-credit English classes for community members.

- Evening classes
- Class that focuses on a skill you want to improve in
- Small classes to ensure individualized attention

For more information, please contact [aline.guy@mso.umt.edu](mailto:aline.guy@mso.umt.edu)



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EVENTS | Mansfield Dialogues

## Promoting Dialogue

### Mansfield Dialogues

### Fall 2020 Lecture Series

Bringing community together to discuss critical issues in international engagement & ethics in public affairs.

#### October Calendar:

- **Thursday, October 8** - The Legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- **Wednesday, October 14** - The Never Trump Revolt & the Future of American Democracy
- **Wednesday, October 21** - Jim Messina: An Insider Assessment of the 2020 Election
- **Wednesday, October 28** - Japan - US - China: Japan's Indo-Pacific Diplomacy

7:00 PM via Zoom | Co-Sponsored by The Project on American Democracy and Citizenship

[Register here](#)

# Thailand



## **Featured Partner University with the University of Montana:**

### **Bangkok University, Thailand**

By Aline Guy

The Bangkok University is one of the oldest and most prestigious private higher education institutions in Thailand. The Bangkok University is an educational institution of creativity, quality and leadership with focus on teaching and learning design that combines creativity and technology with a curriculum that meets the future. The University has a creative environment including school buildings that are outstanding in architecture, modern laboratories, and equipment to enhance the learning skills of students to their full potential.

The Bangkok University was founded on 1962 and has two campuses: the main campus located on Khlong Luang District and the city campus in Bangkok.

Thailand is a place with a lot of diversity. One of the most famous place to visit is the Khao San Road. This “anything goes” street is a hot spot for buying clothes and souvenirs, people-watch or party all night. Food is as abundant and multicultural as the crowds that pack the street. You’ll find pad thai (thick noodles), Indian curries and banana pancakes. Just don’t forget to say “mai pet” if you don’t like spicy food.

While in Bangkok, you must visit the Grand Palace. This majestic European/Asian-style complex was at once the home of the kings of Siam. The gilded roofs of the Grand Palace are Bangkok's most famous landmark. This not-to-be missed sight offers many photo opportunities outside, and more than 200 years of royal and sacred history inside the palace's white walls.

The Bangkok University offers Majors & Minors in Business Administration, Communication Studies, Management, Marketing, Media Arts and the language of instruction is English.

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

Apply now!

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