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September 2021 Newsletter



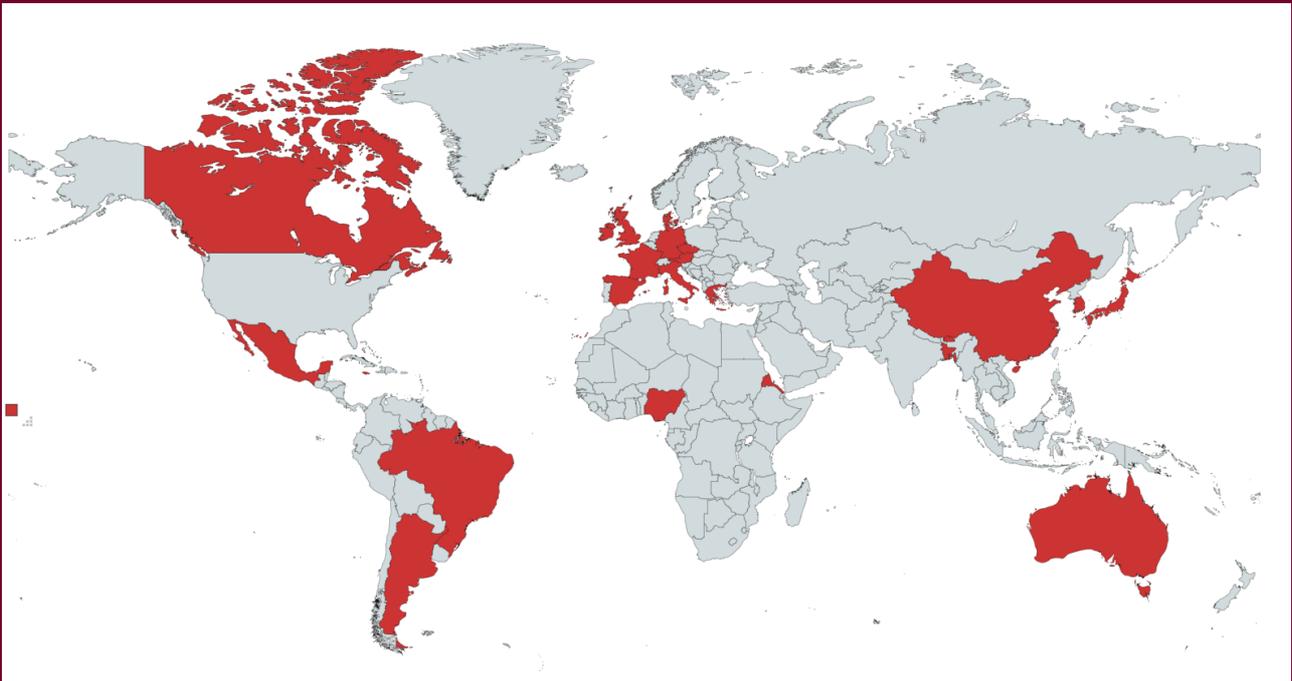
International Student Orientation

Welcome to the GRIZ Family!

UM Welcomes 52 New International Students!

Fall semester has officially started! The Global Engagement Office welcomed 52 new international students from across the globe during International Student Orientation held August 20–23. Kicking off with a welcome breakfast and keynote by Associate Provost Nathan Lindsey and Senior International Officer, Donna Anderson, students spent three days getting to know each other and adjusting to life in the United States. Following International Student Orientation, the students joined American students for Big Sky Experience, an event which connects new students to community partners through team-based immersion activities. Going forward, they will have the opportunity to further connect through participation in the Missoula International Friendship Program, the Global Partners Program, and during upcoming events at the International House and a weekend trip to Yellowstone!

Interested in connecting with our new international students? Email iss@umontana.edu to sign up for our weekly newsletter to learn about various volunteer opportunities and events.



Our new students are coming from:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Eritrea, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Nigeria, Spain, and United Kingdom

International House

Welcome Reception

On August 20, after a full day of New International Student Orientation, students got to slow down, relax, and enjoy a meal together. The International House hosted a number of new and returning international students and community members who found themselves laughing and engaged in conversation together. It was a great way to kick-off the new year!



UM Hosts Two Important Visitors

Friday, September 10

Dan Mulhall, Irish Ambassador to the U.S., and Irish Consul General, Robert O'Driscoll (San Francisco Consulate), will visit UM on Friday, September 10th. They will be meeting with UM administration, including Donna Anderson, Senior International Officer and the Executive Director of the Global Engagement Office, and Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry, Associate Director of the Global Engagement Office and Director of Education Abroad and Partnerships, to demonstrate continued support of UM's Irish Studies program, learn about UM's exchange partnership with University College-Cork, and explore additional collaborations. Mulhall and O'Driscoll will also be meeting with faculty and students in the Irish Studies program and taking part in a public talk on campus about the Irish/Montana Connection. Please help welcome Mulhall and O'Driscoll to campus and the broader Missoula Community.

Biden Administration Calls

for 'Renewed U.S. Commitment' to International Education

The Biden administration is calling for a unified national approach to international education, saying it is time for a “renewed U.S. commitment” to American higher education and its global connections.

Unlike many other Western countries, the United States has never had a coordinated national strategy for attracting international students or encouraging other forms of global academic collaboration. That’s alarmed international-education groups, which worry that America could lose its competitive edge as the global contest for talented students heats up.

When President Biden took office, NAFSA (Association of International Educators) released a detailed set of policy recommendations for international education, and Brimmer, Executive Director of NAFSA, said some of those proposals could be part of a fleshed-out national strategy. They include increased funding for exchange programs, including virtual study abroad; concrete enrollment targets for foreign-student recruitment; and reforms of immigration and visa policy that would make it easier for international students to come, stay, and work in the United States.

Read the full article from The Chronicle of Higher Education [here](#)



Inside
U.S. Foreign Policy
Virtual Seminar Series



Upcoming Events

Are you curious about the behind-the-scenes work that goes into building international relationships and tackling global issues? Join the U.S. Department of State for the new seminar series "Inside U.S. Foreign Policy".

September 15: U.S. Foreign Policy in East Asia and the Pacific

October 14: U.S. Foreign Policy in Europe and Eurasia

Join these virtual events

[Register today!](#)



World Affairs Council: Trivia Night

Join the Montana World Affairs Council for a fun night of global trivia at Imagine Nation Brewing Company! Bring your friends and form teams up to 6 people each. Prizes to be given out to the top 3 winning teams.

WAC Trivia Night
Imagine Nation Brewing Co.
1151 W Broadway St, Missoula, MT 59802

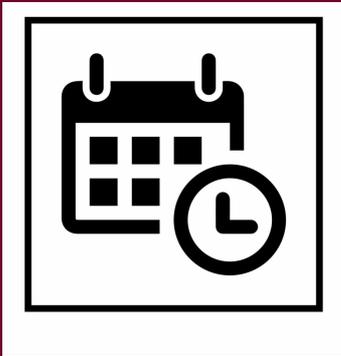
September, 22, 2021

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

For questions, please email Nikki at

ngeiszler@montanaworldaffairs.org

Check out more WAC events [here](#)



Schedule an Appointment with Education Abroad

If you'd like to learn more about studying abroad, or if you're an international exchange student currently at UM, you can schedule advising appointments with the Education Abroad Coordinator, McKennah Andrews, for advising, application assistance, exchange paperwork, and more!

Appointments can be made in-person or virtually. The availability of in-person appointments might be subject to fluctuate, depending on the need to work remotely due to COVID-19.

Schedule your appointment now by clicking the button below.

[Schedule Now!](#)



New to the Global Engagement Office: Carissa Luginbill

The Global Engagement Office is pleased to announce Carissa Luginbill has joined the team as the Global Engagement Office Manager & English Language Institute Program Manager. Carissa has served as interim in this role since April 2021 and was instrumental in the success of the Humphrey Fellows Program this summer. Carissa has previous university work experience at Eastern Mennonite University, in Harrisonburg, Virginia, where she attended for her undergraduate studies. She enjoys the energy of campus life and is excited to be part of the Griz Family and back in the university setting. In her free time, Carissa enjoys, reading a good book, painting, and trail running through Montana's *many* trail systems. Please join us in welcoming Carissa to the GEO team!

MASK UP, GRIZZLIES!



**We're back together,
now let's stay together.**

**Thanks for helping to reduce the
spread of COVID-19 on campus
and in our community.**



As we start to see more and more people on campus, please be reminded of CDC and University of Montana COVID-19 guidelines. The Global Engagement Office asks all visitors and members of the campus community to wear a mask while visiting our offices in Lommasson and the International Center. Masks are provided for your convenience at our front reception desks.



Humphrey Fellows Dialogue Recorded Presentation Series

The [English Language Institute](#) and the [Jeannette Rankin Peace Center](#) invite you to watch the Humphrey Fellow Dialogue recorded series. Each of our Humphrey Fellows gave a short presentation on their country, their culture, and their work.

The English Language Institute has been collaborating with the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center since 2013 to bring these Humphrey Dialogues to the community. Each Humphrey Fellow gave a 15-minute presentation; followed by a panel discussion in which we encouraged community members to ask questions and engage in discussion with the Humphrey Fellows.

Click [here](#) for more information and to view recorded presentations.



**Help Promote International
Opportunities and Initiate Global
Engagement**

If you're interested in connecting with other globally-minded leaders across Montana to help promote international opportunities and initiate global engagement to students and communities across the Big Sky State, then please complete the committee sign-up form below. Anyone is welcome to join – from high school language teachers to university professors, or organizational leaders to international education professionals.

The committee will meet once at the beginning of each semester. Meetings dates, times and locations TBD. There will also be a monthly newsletter in production to come shortly after the first meeting.

If you have any questions or experience any technical difficulty, please contact McKennah Andrews at mckennah.andrews@mso.umt.edu

Sign up [here](#)



UM-Sponsored International Travel Protocol

Based on Commissioner of Higher Education guidance for the Montana University system, the following protocol related to UM sponsored international travel is effective immediately. Any UM sponsored travel to countries rated Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Level 4 is prohibited. Faculty, staff, and students wishing to travel to countries rated Department of State (DOS) levels 3 or 4 or CDC level 3 are required to petition permission for travel from the UM International Travel Review Committee (ITRC) by submitting a risk management plan with enhanced COVID-specific risk mitigation and contingency plans with final approval by the Provost. UM will conduct a program-specific review on UM-sponsored study abroad programs using a nuanced multi-factorial approach that considers, for example, host nation COVID-19 dynamics, travel and border restrictions, housing and food security, and host organization programming. Students participating in an approved program will be required to participate in an online health and safety orientation and will complete an enhanced risk management plan as part of this required orientation. Every approved traveler is also required to sign a COVID-specific additional agreement and acknowledgement of risk, register their travel, and purchase a GEOBlue International Insurance Plan.

The University of Montana acknowledges that the COVID-19 situation is evolving quickly around the world. As a result, CDC and DOS levels may change with very little notice. The ITRC is committed to reviewing petitions with a quick turnaround to accommodate these changes. We recognize the challenging conditions created for our community by the pandemic while acknowledging its uneven impact around the world.

NOTE: Native students, faculty & staff who have reserves on both sides of the US/Canadian border (individuals covered under Jay's Treaty) shall be exempt from the travel registry requirement for travel to Canada.

For more information about this announcement, please contact Marja Unkuri-Chaudhry, Associate Director, Global Engagement Office at:

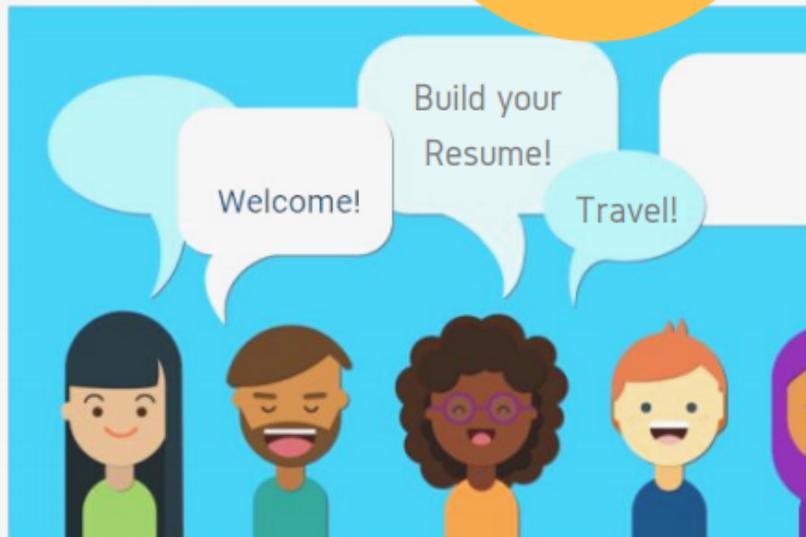
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**Do you know about the
TESOL certificate?**

TESOL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

TEACH
ENGLISH TO
SPEAKERS OF
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FALL
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 September 15, 2021.

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

Interested?

Contact Sara Schroeder at
sara.schroeder@mso.umt.edu
or 406-552-5683



Students at the University of Montana and the wider community have the opportunity to earn a certificate in teaching English as a foreign language. The Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) certificate course is supported by English Language Institute of the Global Engagement Office. Students can register for this course through the University of Montana's School of Lifelong Learning (SELL). The course takes place on the online learning platform Moodle, while observation and practicum opportunities are available to students in-person and/or virtually. Earning a TESOL certificate qualifies English-speakers (native and non-native) to teach English-learners abroad or in the United States.

TESOL students at UM have several opportunities to put their skills into practice in the community and virtually to fulfill the course's practicum requirement. Virtual and in-person conversation partners are made available through conversation partners (virtually).

Through 12-14 weeks of online instruction (120 hours: broken down into 100 instructional hours and 20 practicum hours) students learn a myriad of skills such as: teaching theories and methods; English pronunciation, words, and meanings; how to teach reading, listening, speaking, and writing; how to create a supportive classroom environment; materials, curriculum, and lesson planning and design. At the end of the course there is an evaluation and assessment week for reflecting and identifying goals as a TESOL professional.

If you are interested in learning more about the TESOL certificate program please contact Sara Schroeder (sara.schroeder@mso.umt.edu).

Register Here

Education Abroad

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Come work with the Global Engagement Office

Apply today for one of our 7 Study Abroad Internships

- Peer Advisor
- Faculty-Directed Programs
- Marketing and Communications Coordinator
- Terra Dotta Software and Database
- Diversity Advocate
- Course Facilitator / Teaching Assistant
- International Partnerships Assistant

For more information please visit the
Global Engagement Website > Education Abroad > Get Involved
or contact McKennah Andrews @
mckennah.andrews@mso.umt.edu
(406) 243-2278

Our internships for Fall 2021 are open and on Handshake. These internships will have flexibility around start date, end date, and time off for vacations:

[Peer Advisor Internship](#)

[Faculty-Directed Programs Internship](#)

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Apply Now!

Study Abroad Applications

Summer 2022 faculty-directed study abroad applications are now open! Application deadlines vary. Visit our [website](#) for more details. [setting up an advising appointment](#) with the Education Abroad Coordinator.



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

University of Pécs – Hungary

By Carissa Luginbill

Did you know that the University of Pécs, located in Pécs, Hungary, is one of the first universities in Europe and is the oldest university in Hungary? Today it is one of Hungary's largest institutions for higher education with over 23,000 students, 2,500 of which are international students.

Established in 1367, University of Pécs is located in an ancient city with rich history. Pécs is the second most popular tourist destination in Hungary, just behind Budapest, the capital. Enjoy the beautiful architecture and crumbling fortress walls. The city lies in the plains between the Danube and Dráva Rivers, two of eastern Europe's most famous rivers. The University of Pécs is at the epicenter of the city creating a vibrant active community.

Study along the river or at a local coffee shop – either way, take in the beauty that is Pécs. The university has more than 500 programs within a variety of academic fields. 350 of these courses are taught in English.

Intrigued? Get connected. Enjoy the beauty.

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

Apply now!

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