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BOSNIAN STUDENTS STUDY AT UM THIS YEAR

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The University of Montana is among four U.S. universities chosen to host students from Bosnia this year under the auspices of the Bosnia-Herzegovina Undergraduate Program, funded by the United States Information Agency.

The program, developed as part of a U.S. effort to rebuild Bosnia after a protracted civil war, is designed to develop future leaders for the war-torn country and foster greater understanding between the people of Bosnia and the United States.

The five Bosnian students placed at UM arrived in August to participate in a special session of the English Language Institute's summer programs. Karen Megill, a teacher at the institute, described the students as extremely bright and eager.

"They bring considerable maturity and formidable work habits to their study and have registered for difficult courses in economics, political science, criminology and linguistics," she said.

In addition to attending classes full time, the students will work with the Office of International Programs to learn about democratic principles and market economics. Director Mark Lusk has organized activities for the group that include a visit to the governor's office, meetings with civic and business leaders, a police department ride-along, a visit to a working

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ranch, observation of a criminal trial, volunteer work in the Missoula community and participation in public meetings. The students will finish their UM experience with a summer internship next year in a business or public agency.

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