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UM STUDENTS STUDY IN AUSTRIA, GERMANY

Fourteen University of Montana students are boosting their German language skills this semester as participants in UM's study-abroad program to Germany and Austria.

Under the direction of Hiltrud Arens, foreign languages adjunct assistant professor, the the students left for Europe Feb. 15 after spending three weeks of intensive orientation on campus. They are studying for about a month in Heidelberg, Germany, while living with host families in Neckargemund, a Heidelberg suburb and Missoula's sister city. The students will finish the semester in Vienna, Austria.

All are enrolled at UM for 16 credits, which include grammar, conversation, theater and culture courses. Their experiences in Germany and Austria are designed to offer insight into cultural and linguistic variations between the two German-speaking countries.

Program participants from **Missoula** are junior Christopher Adam Coe, history major; sophomore Emily Koster, German major; sophomore Kathryn McGinnis, business administration major; and junior Heather Mueller, a double major in English and German.

Two participants hail from **Whitefish**: Wendy Dickman, a sophomore in English and creative writing, and Tanner J. McFadden, a junior in philosophy.

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The other participants are Amber Clingingsmith of **Glendive**, a junior in international business; Jonathan Dorman of **Mount Laurel, N.J.**, a sophomore in accounting and German; Aaron Hansen of **Butte**, a sophomore in international business; Jennifer Holton of **Hamilton**, a sophomore in international business; Adam Jochim of **Polson**, a junior in fine arts; Rebecca Kelley of **Havre**, a freshman in German and Russian; Kimberly Secora of **Great Falls**, a senior in business administration; and Kathryn Tuchscherer of **Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.**, a sophomore in liberal studies.

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