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IN SOVIET STUDIES PROGRAM

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MISSOULA--

Twenty-one students from the University of Montana in Missoula are studying in the Soviet Union under the UM Summer Soviet Area Studies Program.

The program, which continues through Aug. 23, consists of six weeks of Russian language and civilization courses in Leningrad and Moscow. Participating students are earning six credits in political science through the UM Center for Continuing Education and Summer Programs and nine credits of Russian language transferable to UM.

Dr. Forest L. Grieves, associate professor of political science at UM, who is coordinator of the program, is teaching the two political science courses in English while the group is in the USSR. Other courses are taught in Russian by tutors from Leningrad State University, the Pedogogical Institute in Leningrad, the Pushkin Institute of Russian Language in Moscow and the Academy of Sciences of the USSR.

Besides Grieves, faculty members from two other UM departments are participating in the overseas program. They include three from the foreign languages department--Dr. Philip Maloney, assistant professor, and Dr. Gilbert F. Holliday and Dr. Liubov Shapovaloff, associate professors. Dr. Fred W. Skinner, assistant professor of history at UM, also is participating.

Commenting on the program, Grieves said, "If enough interest is generated and the program carries on in the coming years, we will rotate faculty members from the three departments to teach in the Soviet Union."

Students from UM participating in the overseas study program include:

John H. Helsper, Anaconda; Bradley Shepherd, Baker; Susan Conley Heald, Mark J. Poppler, Ann Regan and Elizabeth Diane Schaenen all of Billings; Jamie Sue Phair, Froid; Susan Hansen, Helena; Susan Claire Witte, Miles City; Diane Marlene Leuschen, Sherman D. Lohn, Jodi Lin Mason, Robert K. Murray, Kathryn Celeste Schwanke, John Weidenfeller, all of Missoula, and Joseph G. Marra, Shelby.

UM students from out-of-state communities studying in Russia under the UM summer program include:

Thomas J. Seifrid, Geneva, Ill.; Rosemary Harger, Indianapolis, Ind.; Diane Kaye Hastings, Boulder City, Nev.; Norma Erickson, Belle Fourche, S.D., and Jacqueline Sue Scherrer, Elm Grove, Wis.

Another person from the state of Montana, Anna Marie Yaholkovsky, Kalispell, a student at the University of Washington, Seattle, also is participating in the UM Summer Soviet Area Studies Program.

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