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UM ANNOUNCES NEW NIGHT SCHOOL

MISSOULA --

For the first time the University of Montana will offer a night school program, beginning in the fall. In announcing the new program, Sue Spencer, UM director of continuing education and summer programs, said Night School is intended primarily for working people in Western Montana whose daytime jobs have until now prevented them from working toward a college degree.

UM has always offered some courses in the evenings, but these have typically been specialized upper division courses. Lower level courses in high demand areas like business and computer science were offered only during the day.

"It was difficult or impossible for someone to earn a degree while attending school only at night," said Spencer.

"The Night School has been carefully planned to allow students to make steady progress toward a two-year associate of arts degree."

Students will also be able to concentrate in four areas, liberal arts, human services, interpersonal communication and pre-business, in programs that are equivalent to the first two years of a normal undergraduate program in these areas.

Night School students will be regular UM students in every respect and will have available the same services enjoyed by their daytime counterparts. Evening hours have been scheduled for registration and fee payment, orientation, advising and a study skills workshop.

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Most start up funds for the Night School will come from the UM Foundation's Excellence Fund.

"The University is enthusiastically behind this program," said Spencer. "There is a strong sense among faculty and administrators that this is something we ought to be doing to better serve the local community.

More information about the Night School is available from the Center for Continuing Education and Summer Programs, 125 Main Hall at the University of Montana (phone 243-2900).

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