Established in 1995, the Training & Special Programs Division of the Office of International Programs at Montana State University (MSU) specializes in the design and administration of high-quality academic and career-specific training programs. Over the past decade, our programs have served hundreds of international participants, among them students, scholars, educators, executives, and other career professionals.

We are a full-service training office and can accommodate a wide range of group sizes. Our services are available for any type of international training organization, municipality, government, education institution, private or public business organization, or contractor.

“All the events and activities exceeded my expectations.”

TEA Program Participant 2011

We employ a variety of training techniques meeting specified learning objectives:

- Case Studies
- Small Group Work
- Panel Discussions
- Job Shadowing
- Reflective Seminars
- Field Work
- Internships
- Site Visits
- Workshops
- Lectures
- Teleconferencing
- Action Planning
- Regular & Customized Montana State University Courses
- Presentation Methods

POPULAR PROGRAM AREAS OF FOCUS
- Business/Management
- English Language
- Engineering
- Leadership/Civic Engagement
- Study of U.S. History & Culture
- Teacher Training
- Elementary & Secondary
- U.S. Higher Education Training

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Founded in 1893, MSU is a vibrant and growing land-grant university dedicated to student-centered learning. Current enrollments total just over 14,000. MSU offers graduate and undergraduate degree programs in the liberal arts and basic sciences, as well as agriculture, architecture, business, engineering, education, and nursing. Designated as one of 108 research universities with “very high research activity” by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, MSU offers significant opportunities in doctoral, research, scholarship and creative work.

Bozeman, Montana, home to MSU, is a prime base from which to explore the wide-open spaces of the American West and its natural beauty. Located in the Rocky Mountains, just 150 kilometers north of Yellowstone National Park, Bozeman combines a safe, hospitable, small-town atmosphere, with the amenities of a much larger city. Features include a major airport, excellent health care, a burgeoning high-tech industry, symphony, ballet, opera companies, as well as world-class dining and entertainment.
“The staff was definitely one of the strongest points, everyone was very qualified and so caring and friendly.”

MEPI Program Participant 2011

 TYPES OF TRAINING

Our programs combine the academic strengths of MSU with the professional, cultural, and environmental resources of the local community and state. In addition to an instructional component, each program provides intensive immersion in American culture, unique cultural and recreational activities, and opportunities to improve English language skills. All academic, experiential, and recreational activities can be custom-designed to meet sponsor objectives. Budget and scheduling requirements, cultural considerations, and prior training are all factored into program development.

“T" was satisfied very much with my experience at MSU, because everything, classes, housing, food was very well organized. The environment of the teachers and the people with whom we met here was very warm and pleasant.”

TEA Program Participant 2011

 LANGUAGE

Most of our programs are conducted in English. We can arrange, however, to provide full or partial programming in other languages. MSU has students from over 70 countries who have assisted with translation and interpretation for past programs. Local professional translators are also available. If local resources are insufficient, we contract with out-of-state professionals to provide translation and interpretation services. Through our on-campus ESL provider we are also able to offer high-quality, customized English language classes to all skill levels.

“Our six months at Montana State University was the most significant experience in my life.”

LEAP Program Participant 2010

 INSTRUCTORS

Our trainers are specialists in their fields. In building cutting-edge programs, we draw upon the academic expertise of the MSU faculty, as well as local businesses, education, industry, government, NGO leaders, and outside experts.
MSU offers bachelor's degree programs in over 100 fields, masters in 40, and doctorates in 16. The university houses a number of innovative interdisciplinary research centers that support cutting-edge work in the following fields:

- Agriculture
- Biofilm Engineering
- Biological Sciences
- Business
- Conflict Resolution
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering
- English Language Training
- Environmental Science
- Leadership
- Political Science
- Teacher Training
- Technology Transfer
- Transportation

Because of its high quality of life, Bozeman has become a prime location for innovative companies. Internship or job shadowing opportunities are available in the following sectors:

- Agribusiness
- Biotechnology
- Ecotourism
- Education
- Environmental
- Technology & Remediation
- Farm & Ranching
- Health
- High-tech
- Hospitality
- Non-profit Organizations
- Small Business
- Tourism
- Mining

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Current/Past Clients

American Councils for International Education (ACTR/ACCELS)
America-Mideast Educational & Training Services, Inc. (AMIDEAST)
Association Liaison Office for University Cooperation in Development (ALO)
Children’s Resources International, Pakistan (Guarantee) Ltd.
Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture (MEXT), Japan
National Institute for Material Science (NIMS), Japan
Prefectural University of Kumamoto, Japan
Rajabhat Institute Council, Ministry of Education, Thailand
Rakuno Gakuken University, Japan
U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
U.S. Department of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Education
World Learning for International Development
FHI 360 (formerly Academy for Educational Development - AED)

Current/Past Programs

International Leaders in Education Program (ILEP)
Middle Eastern Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Student Leaders Program
Long Term Education Administrators Program (LEAP), Japan
National Institute for Material Science (NIMS) Internship Program, Japan
Partners in Education Exchange Program (PIE)
Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA)