DHC News for the week of August 20, 2012

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Events and Deadlines **THIS WEEK**

- **NEW ITEM!** Seats Available in **Model United Nations/Honors** (PSCI 337.80)—get an override today!
- **NEW ITEM!** Seats Available in **Research Goals & Strategies/Honors** (PSCI 491.80)—sign up today!

Upcoming and Ongoing Events

- **NEW ITEM!** Montana Shakespeare in the Parks—**August 28 and 29, 6:00 p.m., on the Oval**
- **NEW ITEM!** International and Honors Student Mixer—**August 30, 4:00-5:30 p.m., DHC Lounge**
- **NEW ITEM!** Join the Davidson Honors College Team for the Missoula Heart Walk and 5K Run—**sign up today!**
- **NEW ITEM!** Fall Volunteer Fair—**September 11, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., UC Atrium**

**Seats Available in Model United Nations/Honors (PSCI 337.80)**

If you have always wanted to try Model UN (Political Science 337), this is your chance! As of today, there are 15 seats available. **Honors students can enroll under PSCI 337-80 by going to Davidson Honors College and getting an override.**

Model UN is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors, as well as freshmen who participated in a Model UN conference in high school and/or are enrolled in the honors college. The class meets on Tuesdays in LA 337 from 3:40-6:00 pm.

Model United Nations: **Course Description and Objectives**

Model United Nations is a technique for developing your skills in research, writing, public speaking, negotiation, and conflict resolution. It is also a way to learn more about international issues, international diplomacy, and international politics. Model UN experiences can be small (at the classroom level), medium size (a local conference), or large (an international conference). This class is a gateway to all three types of experience.

In this class, each student will “represent” one of the approximately 200 countries in the world in simulations of UN committees such as the General Assembly and Security Council. You will learn about these committees, research your country’s position on the issues before the committees, and draft, debate, negotiate, and vote on resolutions to address those issues. We will discuss a range of issues, from environmental and security challenges to economic problems and human rights. By the end of the semester, you will have a deep understanding of the country you represent, as well as a broad understanding of international issues, the UN, and international negotiation.

In addition, each student in the class will serve as a staff member on one of the five committees we will simulate, both in class and at UM’s Montana Model UN (MMUN) High School Conference. The conference will be held at the UC on the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Approximately 400 high school students from about 20
Montana and Idaho high schools attend this conference each year. Your participation in this class makes their experience possible. At the end of the two-day conference, we honor the top high school students and award “Top Senior” scholarships to help students attend UM.

At the end of the semester, a team of students from the class will be selected to represent UM at an international collegiate Model UN conference in the spring. Usually we send a team of 12 students to the National Model UN (NMUN) conference in New York, where 5,000 students from all over the world converge for a week to debate world issues and hold meetings at the actual UN. Students who are selected to attend the conference generally have all but $400-450 of their expenses covered by UM. (Each student contributes $50-100 towards airfare, lodging, and conference registration and needs to raise an additional $350 for meals, local transportation, museum admissions, and other incidental expenses.) For many years, the MMUN team has come home from NMUN conferences with team, delegate, and position paper awards. By building your skills in this class, you make it likely that the MMUN Team will continue to win awards and that UM will continue to sponsor and fund the trip.

This course is required for participation in the Montana Model UN collegiate team and is excellent preparation for a career in public policy and international affairs. Sign up today!

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**Seats Available in Research Goals & Strategies/Honors (PSCI 491.80)**

PSCI 491 Section 80, Research Goals & Strategies/Honors provides a solid foundation in the range of research methods used in Political Science and the other Social Sciences. In this course we take a whirlwind tour of the wide range of different kinds of research that political scientists do, and the crucial elements in the process of doing good research. We'll examine the building blocks of research methodology, what makes political science and other social sciences "scientific" (or why they're not), and how to tell good research from research with serious flaws. Using the research strategies we explore in class, each student will develop an original research design, which students doing a Senior Honors Project, writing a Senior Thesis, or doing Independent Study can use as a thesis or project proposal. The PSCI 400 major writing requirement is fulfilled by successfully completing this course.

This course is recommended for students who are interested in how political research is done; for students thinking about graduate studies whether in law, political science, public administration, or other fields; and all students who want to strengthen their knowledge and skills in Political Science and their ability to do research in careers in government, politics, and other professions. The only formal prerequisites for the course are junior standing and a 3.0 GPA. The course meets once a week, Monday 3:40-6:00. **No consent required; register on CyberBear.**

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**Montana Shakespeare in the Parks**

SINCE 1973…FREE EVERY SUMMER!
Montana Shakespeare in the Parks (MSIP) is the only fully professional touring theatre program in the state currently producing Shakespeare’s plays, the only Shakespeare company in the country to reach as extensively into rural areas and the only company in the state that offers its performances free to the public, guaranteeing accessibility to all. MSIP travels to 60 communities every summer with 75 performances throughout MT, northern Wyoming, eastern Idaho, western North Dakota and eastern Washington with an emphasis on underserved, rural areas.

Twelfth Night: Tuesday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m. on The Oval

Hamlet: Wednesday, August 29 at 6:00 p.m. on The Oval

What to bring:
• Your favorite nosh.
• Water, soft drinks. Don’t get parched while spending time with the Bard.
• A low chair with a backrest. You want to be comfortable, but you don’t want to be that person sitting in a tall chair in the front row blocking everyone’s view.
• Sunscreen, sunglasses, and/or a visor.
• A jacket or sweater

International and Honors Student Mixer
Thursday, August 30, 2012
4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
DHC Lounge

Program
• Talk by Ashleen Williams, DHC and UM alumna, about international opportunities on campus and abroad as well as our plans for an international patio outside the DHC
• Introduction to service opportunities with Global Partners and Conversation Partners
• Human scavenger hunt and other activities, music, refreshments

Many of the international students on campus (by invitation since we can’t fit everyone) are going to join Honors students (all invited) for an afternoon of games and conversation. Please join us! Tasty appetizers and refreshments served.

Questions: contact Laure Pengelly Drake, 243-6140

Join the UM Davidson Honors College Team for the Missoula Heart Walk and 5K Run
Saturday, September 29, 2012
11:00 a.m. (walk start time)
9:15 a.m. (run start time)
Meet on the Oval in front of DHC at 10:15 a.m.
Subway sandwiches provided
We had a lot of fun last year, and the Missoula Heart Walk/Run is a good way to meet other Honors students, faculty, and staff. Join our team and help us take steps to build healthier lives free from cardiovascular disease and raise funds for life-saving research and education. See Team Captain Andi at the front desk of the DHC right away, or email her at andrea.armstrong@mso.umt.edu, for more information on how to sign up. There is no fee to participate in the Heart Walk, although contributions are encouraged.

The course for the 5K run will begin and finish on the UM Oval, offering views of campus and the Clark Fork River in between. The top finishers in each of seven age divisions, as well as the overall men’s and women’s winners, will receive prizes in the timed event. The race fee is $20, and participants can register at http://www.missoulaheartwalk.org.

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**Fall Volunteer Fair**

*Tuesday, September 11, 2012
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
University Center Atrium*

The Office for Civic Engagement organizes a Volunteer Fair every semester to help nonprofit organizations in Missoula promote their services and help students find the volunteer opportunities they have been searching for. The Volunteer Fair is an excellent opportunity for potential volunteers to find service opportunities and meet face-to-face with local organizations. More than 20 local organizations will be on hand recruiting UM student volunteers to engage in exciting and impactful volunteer service benefitting the community.