

# KUMAMOTO HIGH SCHOOL

English & SDGs

In-Person Program

July 20 – August 4, 2024 (JST)



## WELCOME TO YOUR SISTER STATE!

We are excited to welcome you to Missoula, Montana, for the **Kumamoto High School English & SDGs In-Person Program** this summer 2024! On the mountain campus at the University of Montana, you will develop your academic English and global leadership skills. In the artistic town of Missoula, experience firsthand a city's commitment to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. On weekends, explore Montana parks and historical landmarks as you gain a deeper understanding of the 40+-year partnership between Kumamoto Prefecture and the state of Montana.



## ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

Founded in 1993, the English Language Institute (ELI) serves English language learners seeking to improve their language proficiency to achieve personal, professional, or academic goals. Located at the University of Montana, the ELI offers an intensive academic English program, which consists of 18–20 hours per week of instruction in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Its curriculum aligns with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Every class uses university-level materials, interactive lessons, and intercultural awareness.



## UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

The University of Montana is located in the small town of Missoula, Montana—a friendly, safe community that celebrates diversity and welcomes international students. The University of Montana is a major source of research, continuing education, economic development, and fine arts. As a globally focused university, it serves the state, nation, and world through the values of leadership, diversity, and sustainability.



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

In and out of the classroom, delve into SDGs especially relevant to Montana:

- **SDG #11 Sustainable Cities and Communities**
  - take electric buses with Missoula's free public transportation
  - walk or ride bicycles through scenic open spaces on protected paths
- **SDG #15 Life on Land**
  - study how climate change affects Montana ecosystems
  - learn about biodiversity in the greater Glacier National Park area

Become a future leader who confidently uses English—the connector language—to address these global challenges.

# English & SDGs Program: ACADEMIC CURRICULUM



## LANGUAGE LEARNING OUTCOMES

The English Language Institute delivers engaging content-based English lessons that increase each language learner's

- grammar & writing knowledge
- listening & reading comprehension
- pronunciation & speaking confidence
- intercultural communication & awareness



## GLOBAL LEADERSHIP THEMES

Guided by American professors, University of Montana alumni, and current college students, you will explore SDG targets such as

- clean energy & climate action
- Indigenous peoples & land rights
- public health & mental well-being
- gender equality & quality education

## COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

To strengthen your academic and professional portfolios, official completion certificates and evaluation reports will be issued.

# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### Orientation

- Airport greeting & transport to hotel by friendly UM staff
- Campus tour of University of Montana led by college students
- Reception & welcome activities in Missoula

### Classes

- 3 hours of content-based English lessons on weekdays
- 8 days total of university-level classes
- Conversational English & cultural exchange with language partners

### Excursions

- Gondola ride looking to Glacier National Park
- Beach picnic at fresh-water Whitefish Lake
- Trolley tour of Helena & Montana's state capitol
- Missoula fun events and attractions



See you  
in person  
soon!

