



BOBCAT CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

Cultivate Global Friendships

ABOUT

Bobcat Cultural Connections (BCC) is a program that pairs an MSU student with an incoming exchange student so that the MSU student can be a resource and hopefully a friend as the exchange student adjusts to life at MSU. This is a semester long commitment, though we hope you and your MSU friend will stay in touch if you're staying for the full academic year!

AS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT, YOU CAN EXPECT YOUR BCC FRIEND TO:

1. Take the lead in establishing and maintaining communication

If you feel comfortable initiating conversations with your BCC friend or inviting them to events and activities, that's great! However, we'll ask the MSU student you're paired with to take the lead.

2. Contact you before you arrive in Bozeman

3. Be a resource who can answer your questions about Bozeman and MSU

Ask them about their favorite spots around town or where you can get supplies for your dorm!

4. Attend official events

Attend the International Student welcome party and two other events (hosted by OIP) during the semester.

5. Get together with you at least twice a month outside of official events

MSU students will invite you to join them for study sessions, meals, or other activities in their free time.

6. Maintain contact even if you don't become close friends

We hope you will develop a genuine friendship with your BCC partner, but they'll stay in touch with you during your time at MSU even if you don't develop a close friendship.



COMPLETE THIS SURVEY TO SIGN UP!

TO NOTE

Your BCC partner is not expected to be an academic tutor or respond to any emergency situations. Please contact Stacey Neve (incoming@montana.edu) or other Office of International Programs staff if you have academic concerns or questions about immigration, employment, etc.

In the event of an emergency, please use the emergency contact information provided at Orientation. Please also contact Stacey if you have any concerns about the BCC program or your BCC partner.