Office of Overseas Study

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In the following pages, you will find charts and graphs with additional facts and figures about enrollment, programs and other information about Indiana University’s Office of Overseas Study.

**Study Abroad Enrollment**

In 2008-09 IUB numbers remained close to their all-time high of over 2,000 students abroad although the IU system was down 5% due to the economic downturn.

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**Total Indiana University Students Abroad - System-Wide**

- **2008-09:** 2,548 -5%
- **2007-08:** 2,678 22%
- **2006-07:** 2,199 8%
- **2005-06:** 2,037 -2%
- **2004-05:** 2,082 11%
- **2003-04:** 1,869 8%
- **2002-03:** 1,732 9%
- **2001-02:** 1,582 3%
- **2000-01:** 1,539 13%
- **1999-00:** 1,364 17%
- **1998-99:** 1,161 24%
Forty-eight percent of IUB students were abroad for a semester or a year with 40% abroad for a summer and 12% abroad for 2 weeks or less. The 2010 Institute of International Education’s Open Doors report ranks the IU Bloomington campus as 11th nationally among doctorate institutions for total numbers of students abroad and 8th in semester-long study abroad participation, 15th in academic year participation and 17th in short-term participation.

Sixty percent of system students participated in programs shorter than a semester (5% summer and 16% fewer than 2 weeks) with 40% on semester or academic year programs. The national average shows 55% of students on programs shorter than a semester and 41% in semester or academic year programs.

The pattern for autonomous programs at IUB, IUPUI and the other campuses, is predominantly summer and short-term (93%). This results from the curricular demands of professional school programs and urban campus realities such as work and family obligations.
The top five country destinations chosen by IU students in 2008-09 were Spain, UK, Italy, Australia and China which is slightly different from the national trend which has the UK as the overwhelming #1 destination.
While IUB students account for 80% of the total study abroad enrollment in the system, IUPUI accounts for 63% of the remaining study abroad enrollment from the other seven campuses. The six regional campuses showed a decrease in enrollments last year, down 30% from 237 to 167 because of the economy.

All charts and figures include data from IPFW (Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne), which is administered by Purdue University, but for Overseas Study purposes is included here. Please note that the IU Fact Book does not include IPFW data.
IUB’s undergraduate participation rate is 25.4%—that is, 25.4% of graduating seniors have had at least one study abroad experience during their time at IUB. Journalism’s participation rate is 50%, KSB’s participation rate is 40%, Education is at 29%, SPEA is at 22%, while the College of Arts and Sciences is at 25.4%. IU continues to compare very favorably with peer institutions, many of which have lower participation rates and only a few of which have reached the 25% level.

Sixty-six percent of the IUB students going abroad in 2007-08 came from two schools: 34% from the College of Arts and Sciences, 32% from Kelley School of Business. Journalism, Education, HPER, and SPEA each had 5%-8% of the total and the rest were distributed across Graduate School, Continuing Studies, Informatics, Law, Music, Optometry, University Division, Social Work, Nursing and Library Science.

While we do not have comprehensive data on the students’ fields of study from all programs throughout the system, students abroad on programs through IUPUI represent a wide variety of schools with impressive enrollments from professional schools—25% from Liberal Arts, 15% Law, 13% from Medicine, 8% Engineering, 8% Art, 14% Dentistry, 15% Business and then smaller percentages distributed across Science, University College, Education, Physical Education, Social Work, Nursing, Journalism, SPEA, Informatics and Continuing Studies.
IU continues to make efforts to get more underrepresented students abroad. Nationally, 80.5% of students abroad are Caucasian and 19.5% minority. However, IUB’s campus minority population is only 11.1%. 11% of IUB students abroad identified as minorities with 81% of students classifying themselves as Caucasian, with 8% unknown (unavailable or declined to self-disclose).

While Overseas Study has minority representation that is in keeping with the overall minority population at IUB, the breakdown among minority groups is different from the on-campus population.

Asian American students are represented more in study abroad than on campus while African American students are represented abroad at a lower rate. Hispanic students have similar representation abroad as on campus, 14% of students going abroad selected “other American” as an ethnicity choice.
Compared to the national data, IUB has higher male representation—IU: 41% male, 59% female, in Overseas Study. The national breakdown is 36% male and 64% female.
As has always been the case, we are committed to being sensitive to the cost of study abroad programs, particularly in a challenging economy with the dollar at all-time lows across the globe.

In 2009-10 IU students received a total of $7,383,754 in loans, gift aid and grants through IU and federal and state sources. 28% of IU study abroad participants are using loans for their programs and 70% had some form of financial assistance applied towards their study abroad program.

External grants and scholarships continue to be an important element.

Our set of co-sponsors as well as other providers have given generous scholarships and grants to IU students (a total of $539,400 in 2009-10.)

Overseas Study publicizes national scholarships available to OVST applicants. Over the years IUB has consistently had students receive the prestigious Gilman or NSEP scholarships for study abroad. One student received a Gilman award in 2009-10 for $5,000.

OVST granted a total of $122,000 in scholarship support in 2009-10. OVST actively promotes the availability of these scholarships for system-wide programs to students throughout the system, particularly those from IUPUI and the regional campuses. Financial support was also made available through a number of IUB schools (e.g. $170,000 Journalism, $159,000 SPEA, and $44,000 Kelley School of Business). OVPIA also contributed $22,000 for internship grants abroad.

**Hutton Grants**

We continue to work closely with the Hutton Honors College to promote the availability of Hutton International Experience Grants to students applying to study abroad through OVST. In 2009-10 these awards went to 558 students, for a total of $787,390, an increase of 20% over the previous year. These awards continue to be very much appreciated by the students who receive them since they make study abroad more affordable. As we have indicated before, it is probable that without these awards we would see fewer students going abroad.
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For additional statistical information, see the Indiana University International Fact Book produced by the Office of the Vice President for International Affairs.

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