A QUICK LOOK AT U.S. Students Studying Abroad

347,099 U.S. students studied abroad for academic credit in the 2018/19 academic year.


In 2018/19, the total number of U.S. students studying abroad increased by 1.6% over the prior academic year.

TOP 10 DESTINATIONS FOR U.S. STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS

The United Kingdom, Italy, and Spain hosted 32% of all U.S. students studying abroad.

UNDERGRADUATE PARTICIPATION IN U.S. STUDY ABROAD

1 in 10 U.S. Undergraduates studied abroad before graduating.

RACE / ETHNICITY OF U.S. STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD

The proportion of underrepresented students studying abroad has increased modestly over the past 10 years.

DURATION OF U.S. STUDY ABROAD

65% Short-term
33% Mid-length
2% Long-term

NON-CREDIT EDUCATION ABROAD

Over 38,100 U.S. students participated in non-credit work, internships, volunteering, and research abroad, in addition to the 347,099 students who received academic credit for study abroad in 2018/19.

Canada, Mexico and the United Kingdom were the top 3 hosts of U.S. non-credit education abroad.

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