

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, 2024/25



8,122

International Students



29

Rank in the United States*



-4.6

% Change from Previous Year



\$266,542,387

Estimated International Student Expenditure**

LEADING PLACES OF ORIGIN

Place of Origin	% Total
India	19.7
China	17.5
South Korea	5.5
Iran	3.6
Bangladesh	3.3

LEADING INSTITUTIONS

Institution	Total
Iowa State University	3,617
University of Iowa	2,084
Grinnell College	419
Luther College	218
University of Northern Iowa	196

U.S. STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD, 2023/24



4,200

U.S. Students Studying Abroad



26

Rank in the United States*



4.0

% Change from Previous Year



Business

Leading Major of Study Abroad Students

LEADING DESTINATIONS

Destination	% Total
Italy	19.2
Spain	9.9
United Kingdom	9.6
Greece	5.1
Ireland	4.7

LEADING INSTITUTIONS

Institution	Total
Iowa State University	1,337
University of Iowa	906
Drake University	309
Luther College	298
University of Northern Iowa	269

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE FUNDED PROGRAMS

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship program data includes students who participated in in-person programs. The Critical Language Scholarship program data includes students who participated in virtual and in-person programs.

Exchange Program	Fulbright Program 2024/25	Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship 2024/25	Critical Language Scholarship 2024/25
U.S. students from colleges and universities in the state	19	63	8
International students at colleges and universities in the state	18		

*Rankings include all 50 U.S. states in addition to Washington, D.C., Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**Economic analysis produced by NAFSA: Association of International Educators based on enrollment data from *Open Doors* 2025. <https://www.nafsa.org/economicvalue>

Note: Leading institutions with ten or more international or study abroad students.

Source: *Open Doors Report on International Educational Exchange*. For more information, visit <https://opendoorsdata.org/>.

