

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, 2024/25



3,445

International Students



41

Rank in the United States*



9.9

% Change from Previous Year



\$92,121,730

Estimated International Student Expenditure**

LEADING PLACES OF ORIGIN

Place of Origin	% Total
India	15.3
Nepal	14.3
Nigeria	7.9
Bangladesh	6.5
China	4

LEADING INSTITUTIONS

Institution	Total
Mississippi State University	1,066
University of Southern Mississippi	1,022
University of Mississippi	879
Mississippi College	175
Delta State University	127

U.S. STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD, 2023/24



1,507

U.S. Students Studying Abroad



37

Rank in the United States*



7.0

% Change from Previous Year



Business

Leading Major of Study Abroad Students

LEADING DESTINATIONS

Destination	% Total
Italy	26.4
Spain	15.8
United Kingdom	12.5
France	7.4
Greece	6.8

LEADING INSTITUTIONS

Institution	Total
University of Mississippi	721
Mississippi State University	552
University of Southern Mississippi	229

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	8	36	2
International students at colleges and universities in the state	13		

*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/>.

