

Raising an International Learner

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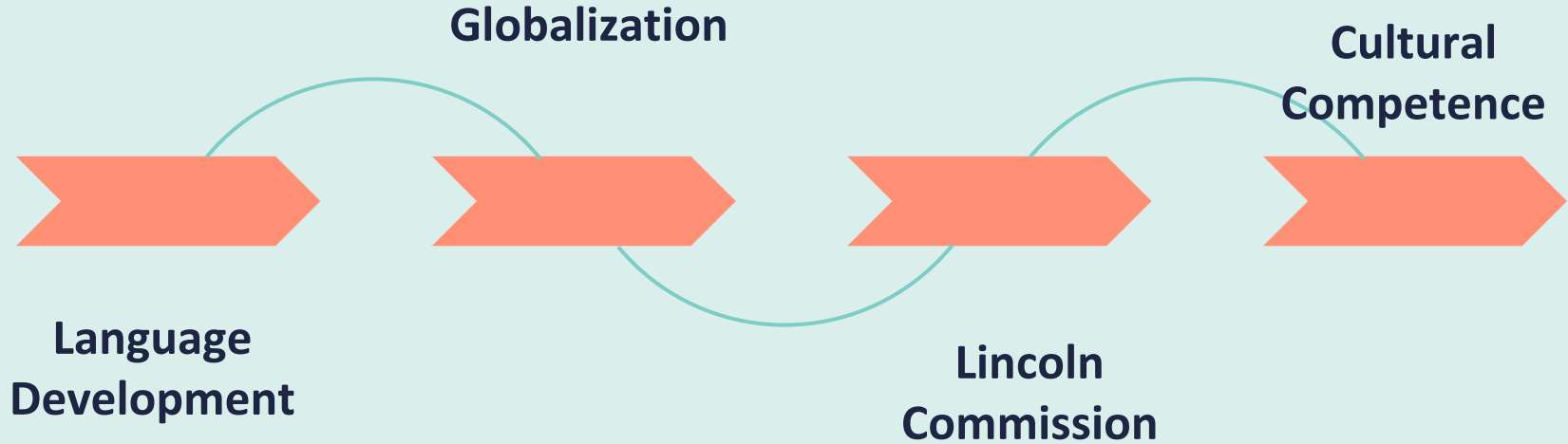


Study Abroad is Life Changing

Without the study abroad experience, I would have never taken the roads and detours that have led to such a fascinating life and career.



Study Abroad Evolution

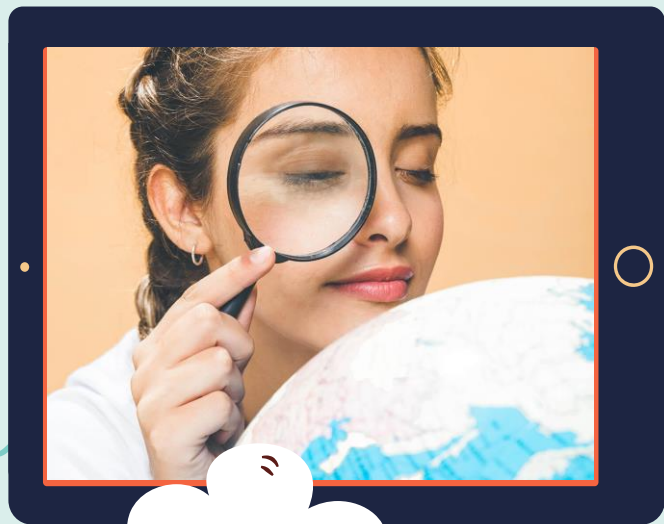


Lincoln Commission 2005

Study abroad is a key to developing college graduates that have a greater global competency, recognizing that economic, military, and diplomatic challenges are global in nature. Business leaders have recognized that they must be able to draw on people with global skills if their corporations are to succeed



Research on Students who Study Abroad



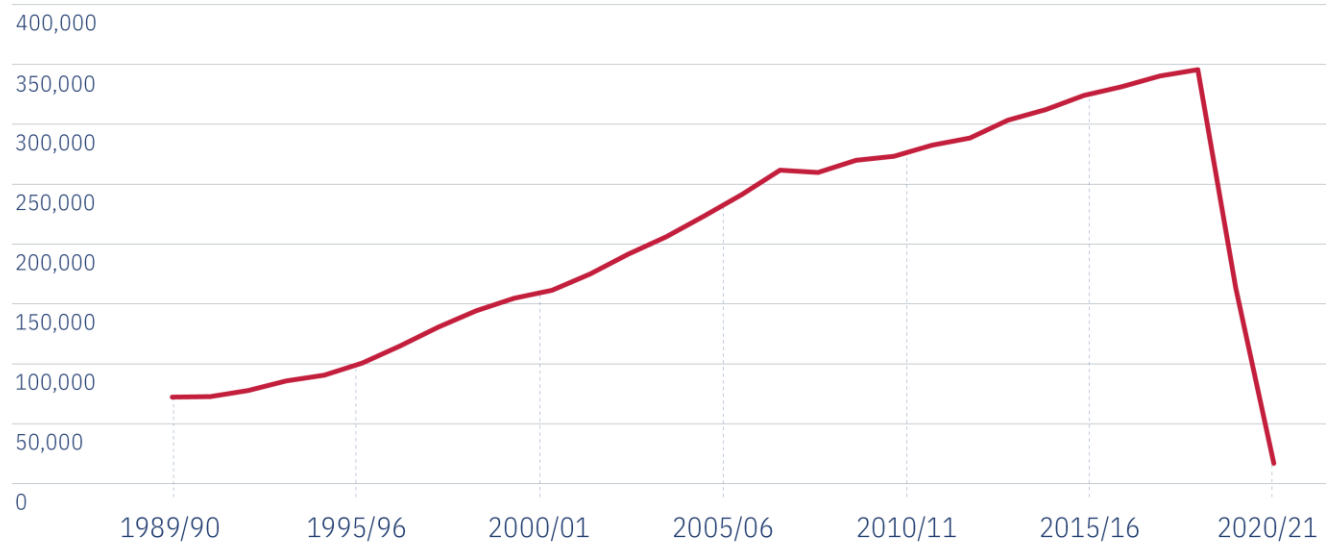
- Higher 4-year college graduation rate
- Higher GPAs
- Higher acceptance rates to grad school
- Higher starting salaries
- Jobs secured more quickly after graduation

Cultural Competency

- ◆ The ability to have meaningful interactions with individuals of diverse backgrounds, perspectives and abilities.



U.S. STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD, 1989/90–2020/21

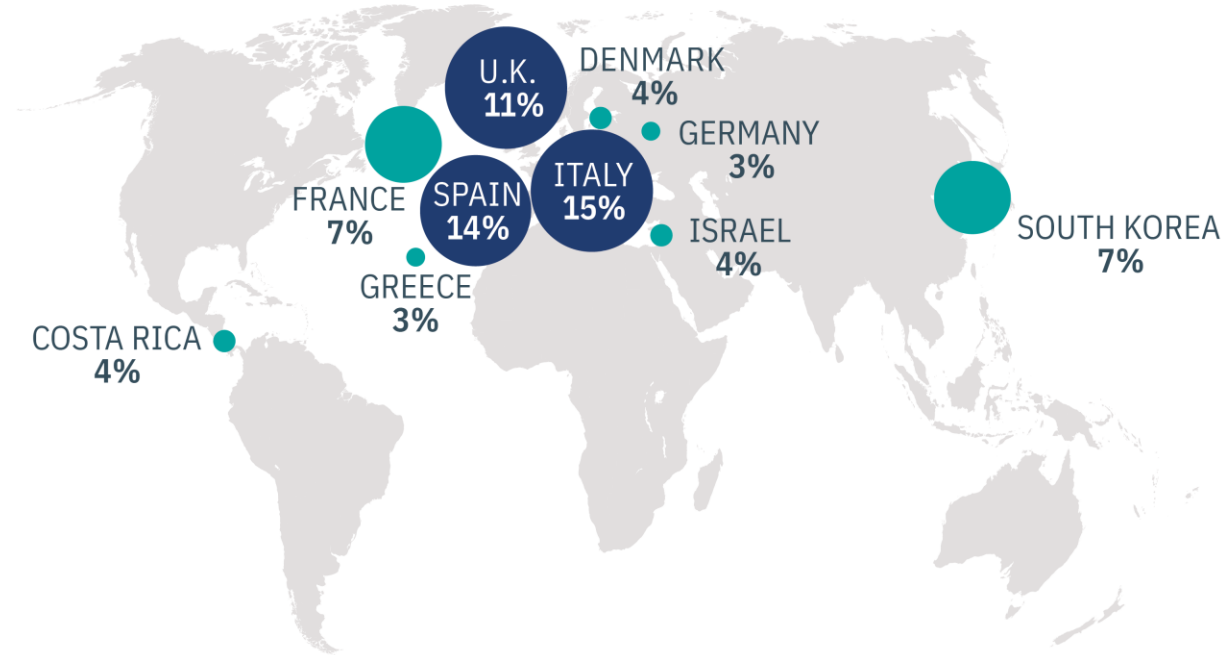


In 2020/21, the total number of U.S. students who studied abroad for academic credit **declined by 91% to 14,549**

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LEADING DESTINATIONS OF U.S. STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS, 2020/21



Europe hosted **more than half** of all U.S. students who studied abroad.

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SELECTED FIELDS OF STUDY FOR U.S. STUDY ABROAD, 2020/21



Business and
management

17%



Social
sciences

17%



Physical and
life sciences

10%



Engineering

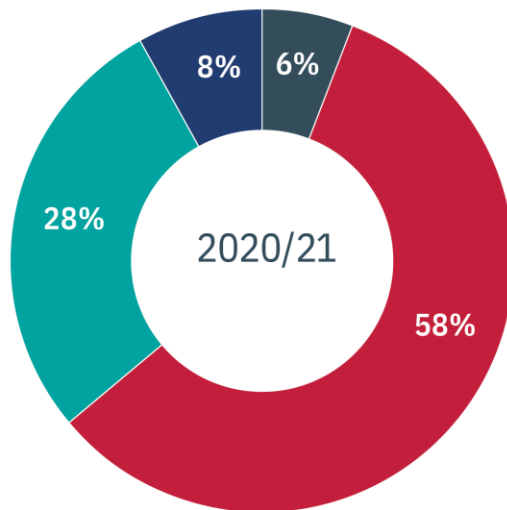
9%

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DURATION OF U.S. STUDY ABROAD, 2020/21

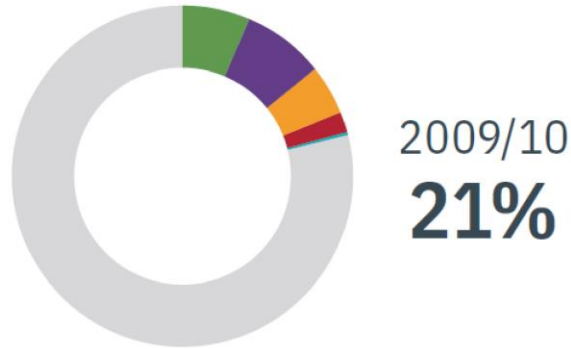
- Short-Term
(Academic Year)
- Short-Term
(Summer)
- Mid-Length
(One/Two Quarters or Semesters)
- Long-Term
(Academic or Calendar Year)



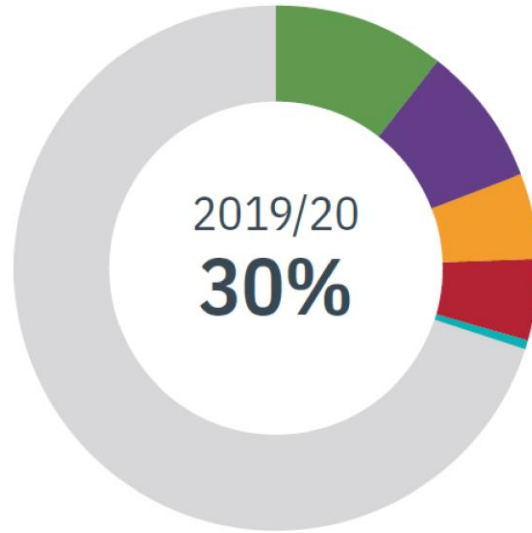
58% of all study abroad in the 2020/21 academic year occurred in the summer of 2021, an early indication of a return to in-person study abroad.

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RACE/ETHNICITY OF U.S. STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD



- Hispanic or Latino
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black or African American
- Multiracial
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- White



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

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Considerations

- Length of program
- Location
- Costs
- Program Design

- Advocacy
- What experience your child needs





North America

Eurasia

Atlantic Ocean

Pacific Ocean

Pacific Ocean

South America

Africa

Indian Ocean

Australia



Thanks!

International Education Vocabulary

Study Abroad (academic credit)

- Faculty-led Study Abroad
- Service-learning
- Academic Internship
- Exchange program
- International Partnership
- Third Party Providers

Travel Abroad (no credit)

- Alternative Spring Break
- Service
- Group trips

Gap Year (e.g. Rotary, AFS, Verto)



Study Abroad Myths

- “MY MAJOR ISN’T INTERNATIONAL, SO I CAN’T STUDY ABROAD.”
- “STUDY ABROAD IS TOO EXPENSIVE.”
- “I CAN’T STUDY ABROAD AS A FRESHMAN.”
- “YOU HAVE TO SPEAK A FOREIGN LANGUAGE.”
- “STUDY ABROAD IS JUST VACATION.”
- “I’LL BE ALL ALONE!”
- “I CAN’T FIT STUDY ABROAD INTO MY COURSE SCHEDULE.”



Support Your International Learner

- Talk about international opportunities
- Research program offerings
- Consider the right program fit
- Plan early
- Budget
- Research visa requirements
- Get a Passport
- Follow social media
- Speak with an academic adviser
- Research scholarships
 - Gilman
 - Fulbright
 - Critical Language Scholarships

