

**Study Abroad Report for Academic Year 2014-15**

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# Introduction

This report aims to quantify and compare the statistics of the study abroad trends for Grand Valley State University during the 2014-2015 Academic Year. The population in this data includes undergraduate and graduate students that have participated in GVSU Partnership, non- GVSU, Faculty- Led, internships, or independent study programs. All students received Grand Valley State University credit for their study abroad experience. The data in this report were collected from the Padnos International Center’s OASIS application platform, which first included the ability to report information in 2008.

With the data we have, we conclude that the total number of Grand Valley State University students that participated in study abroad decreased compared to the previous year (by 6%). During Academic Year 2014-2015, 618 Grand Valley State University students participated in study abroad programs (decreased by 6% from the previous year). These programs include 51 countries, spanning over eight regions. Consistent with national trends, Europe was the most popular continent for students with 56% of all participants. United Kingdom is the most popular destination, with a 15.4% participation rate. At Grand Valley State University, female students consisted of 76% of total participation in studying abroad, while males consisted of only 24% of total participation.

# Table 1: Participation by Region

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Europe | 344 | 56% |
| Latin America & Carribeans | 98 | 16% |
| Africa | 85 | 14% |
| Asia | 43 | 7% |
| Middle East | 25 | 4% |
| Oceania | 18 | 3% |
| Multiple Countries | 3 | 0% |
| North America | 2 | 0% |
| **Total** | **618** | **100%** |

# Table 2: Participation by Country-Popularity

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 95 | Scotland | 4 |
| Spain | 55 | Thailand | 4 |
| France | 35 | Peru | 3 |
| Ghana | 35 | Poland | 3 |
| Ireland | 33 | Taiwan | 3 |
| Italy | 31 | Argentina | 2 |
| Netherlands | 29 | Austria | 2 |
| Germany | 25 | Canada | 2 |
| Tanzania | 25 | Greece | 2 |
| South Africa | 23 | Hungary | 2 |
| Dominican Republic | 20 | Multiple Countries | 2 |
| Chile | 19 | New Zealand | 2 |
| El Salvador | 18 | South Korea | 2 |
| Japan | 16 | Belgium | 1 |
| Australia | 15 | Belize | 1 |
| China | 15 | Brazil | 1 |
| Israel | 15 | Fiji | 1 |
| Costa Rica | 12 | India | 1 |
| Ecuador | 10 | Jordan | 1 |
| Czech Republic | 9 | Morocco | 1 |
| Switzerland | 9 | Multiple Countries (Semester at Sea) | 1 |
| Guatemala | 8 | Rwanda | 1 |
| Oman | 8 | S. Korea | 1 |
| Norway | 5 | Singapore | 1 |
| Cyprus | 4 | United Arab Emirates | 1 |
| Mexico | 4 | **Total** | **618** |

# Table 3: Participation by Program Type

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Faculty Led | 280 | 45% |
| Non-GVSU | 156 | 25% |
| Partnership | 134 | 22% |
| Independent Study | 34 | 6% |
| Internship | 14 | 2% |
| **Total** | **618** | **100%** |

# Table 4: Participation by Faculty-Led Specifics

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Ireland: Social Work | 24 |
| Tanzania: Culture and Education | 21 |
| El Salvador/Guatemala: Social Work | 18 |
| Netherlands: English Education in Maastricht | 17 |
| Ghana: Cultural Exchange and Service-Learning | 15 |
| South Africa: Wildlife Ecology - Meshing Ecology, Culture, and Ecotourism for Sustainability | 15 |
| UK: International Business and Corporate Governance In London | 15 |
| UK: Communication | 14 |
| U.K. British Literature & Culture in Context | 13 |
| Ghana: Public Health Nursing | 12 |
| Israel: Anthropology Fieldwork | 12 |
| China Summer School (Spring) | 11 |
| Dominican Republic: Spanish | 11 |
| Netherlands: Geography and Planning | 11 |
| Japan: Language and Culture in Osaka (Spring) | 10 |
| Spain: Teacher Assisting in Ourence | 9 |
| UK: Art | 9 |
| Dominican Republic: Education | 8 |
| Ecuador: Fieldwork Experience in Occupational Therapy | 8 |
| Oman: Language, Culture, and Business | 8 |
| France: Language and Culture | 7 |
| Guatemala Occupational Therapy | 6 |
| Switzerland: Computing and Information Systems | 6 |
| **Total** | **280** |

# Table 5: Participation by Program Duration

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Academic Year 2014 (Fall/Winter) | 24 | 4% |
| Fall 2014 | 104 | 17% |
| Winter 2015 | 90 | 15% |
| Spring/Summer 2015 | 400 | 65% |
| **Total** | **618** | **100%** |

# Table 6: Participation by College

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| College of Liberal Arts and Sciences | 292 | 47% |
| Seidman College of Business | 95 | 15% |
| College of Community and Public Service | 86 | 14% |
| College of Education | 45 | 7% |
| College of Health Professions | 41 | 7% |
| Padnos College of Engineering and Computing | 21 | 3% |
| Kirkhof College of Nursing | 21 | 3% |
| Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies | 9 | 1% |
| Undecided | 8 | 1% |
| **Total** | **618** | **100%** |

# Table 7: Participation by Academic Standing

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Junior | 239 | 39% |
| Sophmore | 154 | 25% |
| Senior | 122 | 20% |
| Graduate | 58 | 9% |
| Freshman | 44 | 7% |
| Non-Degree | 1 | 0% |
| **Total** | **618** | **100%** |

# Table 8: Participation by Gender

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Female | 471 | 76% |
| Male | 147 | 24% |
| **Total** | **618** | **100%** |

# Table 9: Participation by Race/ Ethnicity

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Caucasian | 522 | 84% |
| Multiracial | 25 | 4% |
| African-American | 23 | 4% |
| Hispanic/Latino | 20 | 3% |
| Other | 13 | 2% |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 11 | 2% |
| Native American | 4 | 1% |
| **Total** | **618** | **100%** |

# Table 10: Participation by Honors College

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Honors | 111 | 18% |
| Non Honors | 507 | 82% |
| **Total** | **618** | **100%** |

# Table 11: Referral Method

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Adviser/Prof/Dept | 33 | 5% |
| Classroom Presentation | 138 | 22% |
| Family/Friend | 3 | 0% |
| First-Step Meeting | 41 | 7% |
| Other | 33 | 5% |
| Padnos International Center Web Site | 54 | 9% |
| Prior Knowledge | 8 | 1% |
| Publications | 3 | 0% |
| Study Abroad Fair | 5 | 1% |
| Word of Mouth | 296 | 48% |
| **Total** | **614** | **100%** |