

**Study Abroad Report for Academic Year 2016-17**

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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 2016-2017 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 undergraduate and graduate students were enrolled for a degree at Grand Valley State University and received GV 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. We also retrieved data from the United States Census Bureau, National Statistics Source: Open Doors 2003/04-2014/15. The data in this report may not be completely accurate.

During Academic Year 2016-2017, 760 Grand Valley State University students participated in studied abroad programs (increased by 1.57% from the previous year). These programs include 49 countries, spanning over 8 continents (decreased by 23.6% from the previous year). Consistent with national trends, Europe was the most popular continent for students with a 51% of all participants. Spain is the most popular destination, with an 11% participation rate (3.75% increase from the year before). In the order of popularity, following United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (8%, 1.6% increase), Italy (7.8%, 10.6% decrease), Ghana (6.8%, 13% increase). In Grand Valley State University, female students have an 80% participation rate in studying abroad, which is 60% more than male students.

With the data we have, we could conclude that the total number of Grand Valley State University students that participated in study abroad increased compared to the previous year (by 1.57%). Also, the participation rate by country popularity changed significantly. We are seeing increased popularity in Africa countries and Latin American countries. The trend of studying abroad has started to change; the regions are now more diverse than the previous year.

# Table 1: Participation by Gender

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Female | 610 | 80% |
| Male | 150 | 20% |
| **Total** | **760** | **100%** |

# Table 2: Participation by Race/ Ethnicity

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Caucasian | 656 | 83% |
| Multiracial | 20 | 3% |
| African-American | 35 | 4% |
| Hispanic/Latino | 39 | 5% |
| Other | 12 | 2% |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 22 | 3% |
| Native American | 3 | 1% |
| N/A | 3 | 0% |
| **Total** | **795** | **100%** |

# Table 3: Participation by Honors College

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Honors | 143 | 19% |
| Non Honors | 617 | 81% |
| **Total** | **760** | **100%** |

# Table 4: Participation by Athlete

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Athlete | 19 | 2% |
| Non Athlete | 741 | 98% |
| **Total** | **749** | **100%** |

# Table 5: Participation by Region

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Africa | 122 | 16% |
| Asia | 53 | 7% |
| Europe | 388 | 51% |
| Latin America & Caribbean’s | 128 | 17% |
| Middle East | 28 | 4% |
| Multiple Countries | 4 | 1% |
| Oceania | 36 | 5% |
| North America | 1 | 0% |

# Table 6: Participation by Country-Popularity

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Spain | 83 | Japan | 13 | Peru | 2 |
| United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland | 105 | Haiti | 11 | Romania | 2 |
| Italy | 59 | Oman | 11 | Austria | 1 |
| Ghana | 52 | Ecuador | 10 | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 1 |
| Dominican Republic | 44 | Switzerland | 9 | Canada | 1 |
| South Africa | 44 | Czech Republic | 8 | Colombia | 1 |
| Chile | 34 | Thailand | 7 | Fiji | 1 |
| Ireland | 31 | New Zealand | 6 | Lebanon | 1 |
| France | 30 | South Korea | 6 | Morocco | 1 |
| Australia | 29 | India | 5 | Norway | 1 |
| Netherlands | 28 | Multiple Countries | 4 | Russian Federation | 1 |
| Tanzania | 24 | Greece | 3 | Slovenia | 1 |
| China | 20 | Hungary | 3 | Taiwan | 1 |
| Germany | 16 | Mexico | 3 | Tajikistan | 1 |
| Costa Rica | 14 | Poland | 3 | Turks and Caicos Islands | 1 |
| Israel | 14 | Jordan | 2 | Ukraine | 1 |

# Table 7: Participation by Program Duration

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Academic Year 2015 (Fall/Winter) | 24 | 3% |
| Fall 2015 | 126 | 17% |
| Winter 2016 | 114 | 19% |
| Spring/Summer 2016 | 466 | 61% |
| **Total** | **760** | **100%** |

# Table 8: Participation by Program Type

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Faculty Led | 357 | 47% |
| Independent Study | 22 | 3% |
| Internship | 8 | 1% |
| Non-GVSU | 192 | 25% |
| Partnership | 181 | 24% |
| **Total** | **760** | **100%** |

# Table 9: Participation by Faculty-Led Specifics

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Ghana: Public Health Nursing | 24 | UK: Communication | 11 |
| Tanzania: Culture and Education | 24 | Dominican Republic: Education | 10 |
| Dominican Republic: Movement Science | 17 | Netherlands: Geography and Planning | 10 |
| Dominican Republic: Spanish | 17 | South Africa: Women and Gender Studies | 10 |
| Italy: HTM | 17 | China Summer School (Spring) | 9 |
| Ghana: Cultural Exchange and Service-Learning | 16 | France: Language and Culture | 9 |
| Netherlands: English Education in Maastricht | 16 | Haiti: Water, Environmental Issues, and Service Learning | 9 |
| U.K., N. Ireland: Peace, Conflict, and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland | 16 | Ireland: Social Work | 9 |
| South Africa: Wildlife Ecology - Meshing Ecology, Culture, and Ecotourism for Sustainability | 15 | Ghana: Social Work | 8 |
| UK: Art | 15 | Spain: Teacher Assisting in Ourence | 8 |
| Israel: Anthropology Fieldwork | 13 | U.K. British Literature & Culture in Context | 8 |
| Ireland Social Work Session TWO | 12 | South Africa: Education | 7 |
| Oman: Language, Culture, and Business | 11 | China Summer School (Internship) | 1 |

# Table 10: Participation by Partnership Program

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Universidad del Bio Bio | 29 | Cracow University of Economics | 2 |
| Kingston University | 27 | Seoul National University of Science and Technology | 2 |
| University of Deusto (CIDE) - Semester/Year (fall/Winter) | 25 | Universitatea Babes-Bolyai | 2 |
| John Cabot University | 14 | University of Cape Coast - Semester-long EXCHANGE | 2 |
| Macquarie University | 14 | Duale Hochschule Baden-Wurttemberg (DHBW) ENGINEERING & CIS | 1 |
| University of the Sunshine Coast | 11 | ESSCA - Paris Campus - France | 1 |
| University of Deusto (CIDE) - Language & Culture -4 week-SUMMER | 9 | FH Joanneum University of Applied Sciences | 1 |
| UniversitÃ© Catholique de l'Ouest (UCO) | 8 | Grenoble Ecole de Management (GEM) | 1 |
| Japan Center for Michigan Universities | 6 | Padagogische Hochschule Schwabisch-Gmund | 1 |
| Universidad Carlos III de Madrid | 5 | Universidad de las Americas - Puebla | 1 |
| East China Normal University | 4 | University of Deusto - Semester EXCHANGE | 1 |
| ESSCA -Angers Campus - France | 4 | University of Deusto (CIDE) - Business & Spanish - 4- week - SUMMER | 1 |
| Duale Hochschule Baden-Wurttemberg (DHBW) BUSINESS- Mosbach Campus | 3 | University of Oslo | 1 |
| International Christian University | 3 | ESSCA - Budapest Campus - Hungary | 1 |

# Table 11: Participation by Provider/Non-GVSU Program

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| ISA | 45 | The School for Field Studies | 2 | Sant'Anna Institute | 1 |
| USAC | 32 | American Councils for International Education | 1 | Semester At Sea | 1 |
| Academic Programs International | 10 | American University in Bosnia and Herzegovina | 1 | Sogang University | 1 |
| American Institute for Foreign Study | 8 | American University of Rome | 1 | Sol Education Abroad | 1 |
| CEA | 8 | Arcadia University | 1 | Spanish Studies Abroad | 1 |
| CIS Abroad | 5 | Babilonia | 1 | St Cloud State University | 1 |
| Michigan State University | 5 | CET Academic Programs | 1 | St. Petersburg State University of Economics | 1 |
| Wayne State University | 5 | CIMBA Italy | 1 | Stetson University | 1 |
| Forum Nexus | 4 | Corvinus University | 1 | Summer Institute for Arabic Language and Culture (SINARC) | 1 |
| Athena Abroad | 3 | DAAD | 1 | Techologico de Monterrey Campus | 1 |
| Edge Hill University | 3 | FUBIS | 1 | The Education Abroad Network (TEAN) | 1 |
| Academic Studies Abroad | 2 | Hanyang University | 1 | University of Georgia | 1 |
| CIEE | 2 | Hellenic International Studies in the Arts | 1 | University of Kansas | 1 |
| College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS) | 2 | Interdisciplinary College of Herzliya | 1 | University of Limerick | 1 |
| Florence University of the Arts | 2 | ISEP | 1 | University of Ljubljana | 1 |
| IES Abroad | 2 | KEI (Knowledge Exchange Institute) | 1 | University of South Florida | 1 |
| IISAC | 2 | Kent State University | 1 | Uppsala University | 1 |
| Lead Abroad | 2 | Koblenz University of Applied Sciences | 1 | UQAM | 1 |
| Nankai University | 2 | La Trobe University | 1 | Veritas | 1 |
| Qasid Arabic Institute for Modern Standard Arabic | 2 | Lakeland University | 1 | Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam | 1 |
| SIT | 2 | PUCV Internacional Valparaiso | 1 | Global Semesters | 1 |
|  |  | Royal Holloway University of London | 1 |  |  |

# Table 12: Scholarships

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| CIEE Berlin | 2 | 55% |
| CIEE GAIN | 1 | 12% |
| Erasmus+ | 2 | 7% |
| Fran Kelleher - History, Padnos | 1 | 6% |
| Gilman | 9 | 3% |
| IR | 2 | 2% |
| Murray | 4 | 2% |
| Padnos | 7 | 1% |
| Partnership Grant | 11 | 1% |
| PIC Grant | 71 | 1% |
| PIC Internship | 3 | 1% |
| USAC Scholarship | 3 | 1% |

# Table 13: Participation by Academic Standing

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Freshman | 78 | 10% |
| Sophomore | 236 | 31% |
| Junior | 264 | 35% |
| Senior | 131 | 17% |
| Non-Degree | 1 | 0% |
| Graduate | 50 | 7% |
| **Total** | **760** | **100%** |

# Table 14: Participation by College

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Major 1 |  | Major 2 |  | Minor |  |
| College of Liberal Arts and Sciences | 373 | 49% | 69 | 32% | 288 | 67% |
| Seidman College of Business | 133 | 18% | 62 | 29% | 38 | 9% |
| College of Community and Public Service | 79 | 10% | 6 | 3% | 14 | 3% |
| College of Education | 65 | 9% | 42 | 20% | 35 | 8% |
| College of Health Professions | 47 | 6% | 20 | 9% | 2 | 0% |
| Padnos College of Engineering and Computing | 14 | 2% | 1 | 0% | 3 | 1% |
| Kirkhof College of Nursing | 40 | 5% | 1 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies | 1 | 0% | 4 | 2% | 33 | 8% |
| Undecided | 8 | 1% | 9 | 4% | 15 | 4% |
| Total | 760 |  | 214 |  | 428 |  |

# Table 15: Participation by Major

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Psychology | 50 | Computer Science | 10 | Journalism | 3 |
| Education Teacher Certification | 49 | French | 10 | Philosophy | 3 |
| Biomedical Sciences | 46 | Geography | 8 | Physician Assistant Studies | 3 |
| International Business | 46 | History | 8 | Women & Gender Studies | 3 |
| Social Work | 45 | Management, General | 8 | Art Education | 2 |
| Marketing | 43 | Criminal Justice | 7 | Chemistry | 2 |
| Nursing | 41 | Film and Video | 7 | Education Literacy Studies | 2 |
| English | 36 | Liberal Studies | 7 | General Business | 2 |
| Undecided | 34 | Premedical Studies | 7 | Human Resources Management | 2 |
| International Relations | 33 | Supply Chain Management | 7 | Legal Studies | 2 |
| Exercise Science | 31 | Business Economics | 6 | Music | 2 |
| Accounting | 28 | Economics | 6 | Photography | 2 |
| Finance | 26 | Public and Nonprofit Administration | 6 | Predental Studies | 2 |
| Spanish | 26 | Speech Language Pathology | 6 | Radiation Therapy | 2 |
| Hospitality and Tourism Management | 25 | Athletic Training | 5 | Biochemistry | 1 |
| Advertising and Public Relations | 21 | Integrated Science | 5 | Broadcasting | 1 |
| Allied Health Sciences | 21 | Writing | 5 | Cell and Molecular Biology | 1 |
| Mathematics | 19 | Biopsychology | 4 | Chinese Studies | 1 |
| Occupational Therapy | 17 | Dance | 4 | Classics | 1 |
| Biology | 16 | Geology | 4 | Computer Information Systems | 1 |
| Education Special Education | 15 | Sociology | 4 | Education Graduate Teaching Certificate | 1 |
| Communication Studies | 14 | Therapeutic Recreation | 4 | Management | 1 |
| Comprehensive Science & Arts for Teaching | 14 | Business Administration | 3 | Mechanical Engineering | 1 |
| Anthropology | 13 | Education Instruction and Curriculum | 3 | Music Education | 1 |
| Art-Studio Art | 13 | Education Teacher Preparation | 3 | Physical Education | 1 |
| Political Science | 13 | Engineering | 3 | Political Science and Law | 1 |
| Natural Resource Management | 12 | Entrepreneurship | 3 | Public Health | 1 |
| Business, General | 11 | German | 3 | Radiologic and Imaging Sciences | 1 |
| Education Higher Education | 11 | Group Social Studies | 3 | Statistics | 1 |
|  |  |  |  | Theatre | 1 |

# Table 16: Participation by Minor

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Spanish | 111 | Latin American Studies | 5 | Photography | 2 |
| Elementary Education (minor only) | 40 | Latin American Studies | 5 | Statistics | 2 |
| French | 25 | Adventure Tourism Management | 4 | Anthropology | 1 |
| Psychology | 19 | African/African American Studies | 4 | Communications | 1 |
| Business, General | 16 | Art-Studio Art | 4 | Computer Engineering | 1 |
| Undecided | 15 | East Asian Studies Minor | 4 | Computer Science | 1 |
| German | 13 | Economics | 4 | Earth Science | 1 |
| Biology | 11 | Marketing | 4 | Engineering | 1 |
| Environmental Studies | 10 | Mathematics | 4 | Finance | 1 |
| Writing | 10 | Theatre | 4 | Geography | 1 |
| Archaeology | 8 | Women & Gender Studies | 4 | Geology | 1 |
| Chinese Language | 8 | Middle Eastern Studies | 3 | International Relations | 1 |
| History | 8 | Philosophy | 3 | Journalism | 1 |
| Advertising and Public Relations | 7 | Accounting | 2 | Non Profit Administration | 1 |
| Arabic | 7 | Criminal Justice, Juvenille Justice | 2 | Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership | 1 |
| Chemistry | 7 | Dance | 2 | Physical Education | 1 |
| English | 6 | General Business | 2 | Physician Assistant Studies | 1 |
| International Business | 6 | Hospitality and Tourism Management | 2 | Public Administration | 1 |
| Sociology | 6 | Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Studies | 2 | Russian Studies | 1 |
| Applied Linguistics | 5 | Management, General | 2 | School Health Education | 1 |
| Criminal Justice | 5 | Natural Resource Management | 2 | Speech Language Pathology | 1 |
|  |  |  |  | Applied Linguistics | 5 |

# Table 17: Referral Method

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Word of Mouth | 353 | 46% |
| Classroom Presentation | 185 | 24% |
| Padnos International Center Web Site | 81 | 11% |
| First-Step Meeting | 49 | 6% |
| Other | 45 | 5% |
| Email | 12 | 2% |
| Adviser/Prof/Dept | 12 | 2% |
| Family/Friend | 7 | 1% |
| Prior Knowledge | 7 | 1% |
| Study Abroad Fair | 5 | 1% |
| Orientation | 3 | 0% |