OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: FRANCE

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Educational Exchange Data from *Open Doors 2011*

In the 2010/11 academic year, **8,098** students from France were studying in the United States (up 5% from the previous year). France is the seventeenth leading place of origin for students coming to the United States.

Academic Level: More French students study at the graduate level. In 2010/11, their breakdown was as follows:

32.0%	undergraduate
34.3%	graduate students
24.9%	other
8.8%	OPT (Optional Practical Training)

Historical trends: The number of French students in the U.S. rose steadily in the 1990s until it peaked at 7,401 students in 2001/02. After a three-year decline, the number of students from France began to rise again in 2005/06. The number of French students in 2008/09 surpassed the 2001/02 high, and then increased again by 4% in 2009/10 and 5% in 2010/11 to a high of 8,098.

Year	# of Students From France	% Change from Previous Year	# of U.S. Study Abroad Students Going to France
2010/11	8,098	5.0%	n/a
2009/10	7,716	4.0%	17,161 (up 1.5%)
2008/09	7,421	5.3%	16,910
2007/08	7,050	5.2%	17,250
2006/07	6,704	1.0%	17,233
2005/06	6,640	1.3%	15,602
2004/05	6,555	-3.9%	15,374
2003/04	6,818	-5.6%	13,718
2002/03	7,223	-2.4%	13,080
2001/02	7,401	1.8%	12,274
2000/01	7,273	5.8%	11,905
1999/00	6,877	10.2%	11,924
1998/99	6,241	4.2%	10,479
1997/98	5,992	5.3%	9,776
1996/97	5,692	-0.3%	8,362
1995/96	5,710	-2.3%	7,749
1994/95	5,843	-	7,872

Note: Study abroad figures from *Open Doors* reflect credit given by U.S. campuses during the survey year to their students who studied abroad in the academic year just completed, including the summer term. Study abroad in 2010/11 will be reported in *Open Doors 2012*, once credit is awarded by the home campus.

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