



OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: RUSSIA

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION Educational Exchange Data from *Open Doors 2011*

In the 2010/11 academic year 4,692 students from Russia were studying in the United States, a decrease of 2.8% from the previous year.

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

37.8%	undergraduate
44.4%	graduate students
8.2%	other
9.6%	OPT (Optional Practical Training)

Historical trends: Following steady increases through the late 1990s, the number of students from Russia peaked in 1999/00. There followed significant decreases for the next seven years, but in 2007/08 the number of Russian students in the U.S. increased by 3.3% to 4,906 and remained steady for the next year. In 2009/10, the number declined by 1.7% and in 2010/11, a further decrease of 2.8% was seen. The number of U.S. students studying in Russia continues to fluctuate: it decreased by 3.2% in 2008/09 and increased again in 2009/10 by 1.7% (1,828 students).

Year	# of Students from Russia	% Change from the Previous Year	# of U.S. Students Going to Russia
2010/11	4,692	-2.8%	n/a
2009/10	4,827	-1.7%	1,828 (up 1.7%)
2008/09	4,908	0.0%	1,798
2007/08	4,906	3.3%	1,864
2006/07	4,751	-1.0%	1,716
2005/06	4,801	-5.4%	1,923
2004/05	5,073	-8.3%	1,743
2003/04	5,532	-11.3%	1,797
2002/03	6,238	-6.1%	1,521
2001/02	6,643	-3.1%	1,269
2000/01	6,858	-2.4%	1,152
1999/00	7,025	6.3%	1,103
1998/99	6,609	2.9%	1,196
1997/98	6,424	3.6%	1,145
1996/97	6,199	10.9%	1,205
1995/96	5,589	15.7%	1,482
1994/95	4,832	-	1,290

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 2009/10 will be reported in *Open Doors 2011*, once credit is awarded by the home campus.

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