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Educational Exchange Data from *Open Doors 2012*
In the 2011/12 academic year, **9,621** students from Nepal were studying in the United States (down 6.6% from the previous year). Nepal is the eleventh leading place of origin for students coming to the United States.

Academic Level: The majority of Nepalese students study at the undergraduate level. In 2011/12, their breakdown was as follows:

53.3%	undergraduate
29.3%	graduate students
0.8%	other
16.5%	OPT (Optional Practical Training)

Historical trends: The number of students from Nepal declined 8% in 2010/11, following a decrease of 3% the previous year. Prior to 2009/10, the number of students from Nepal increased dramatically over the past decade. In 2008/09 the number of Nepali students in the U.S. increased by 30% following increases of 15% in 2007/08, 28% in 2006/07 and 25% in 2005/06. 2011/12 marks three consecutive years of decline for international students from Nepal.

Year	# of Students From Nepal	% Change from Previous Year	# of U.S. Study Abroad Students Going to Nepal
2011/12	9,621	-6.6%	n/a
2010/11	10,301	-8.3%	210 (up 44.8%)
2009/10	11,233	-3.0%	145 (up 17.9%)
2008/09	11,581	29.6%	123
2007/08	8,936	15.2%	187
2006/07	7,754	27.9%	87
2005/06	6,061	24.7%	41
2004/05	4,861	10.9%	77
2003/04	4,384	17.6%	98
2002/03	3,729	23.5%	142
2001/02	3,019	15.3%	214
2000/01	2,618	8.6%	395
1999/00	2,411	2.2%	389
1998/99	2,358	39.0%	296
1997/98	1,697	21.2%	237
1996/97	1,400	14.8%	151
1995/96	1,219	-	163

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 2011/12 will be reported in *Open Doors 2013*, once credit is awarded by the home campus.

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