



## OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: UNITED KINGDOM

### INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION Educational Exchange Data from *Open Doors 2010*

In the 2009/10 academic year, **8,861** students from the United Kingdom were studying in the United States (up 1.8% from the previous year). The UK is the thirteenth leading place of origin for students coming to the United States, following Germany.

**Academic Level:** The majority of students from the United Kingdom study at the undergraduate level. In 2009/10, their breakdown was as follows:

47.6%	undergraduate
28.3%	graduate students
16.4%	other
7.7%	OPT (Optional Practical Training)

**Historical trends:** The UK has remained in the list of Top 15 senders for many years, despite a decline in the early 1990s and slight declines in 2002/03, 2004/05 and 2007/08. While the number of students from the UK increased by 4.0% in 2008/09 and 1.8% in 2009/10, they hold steady as 1.3% of all foreign students the United States. Furthermore, the UK remains the number one destination for United States study abroad students.

Year	# of Students from United Kingdom	% Change from the Previous Year	# of U.S. Study Abroad Students Going to United Kingdom
2009/10	8,861	1.8%	n/a
2008/09	8,701	4.0%	31,342 (down 6.0%)
2007/08	8,367	-0.8%	33,353
2006/07	8,438	2.0%	32,705
2005/06	8,274	0.5%	32,109
2004/05	8,236	-2.4%	32,080
2003/04	8,439	1.4%	32,237
2002/03	8,326	-1.0%	31,706
2001/02	8,414	3.4%	30,143
2000/01	8,139	1.9%	30,289
1999/00	7,990	2.9%	29,289
1998/99	7,765	3.1%	27,720
1997/98	7,534	2.4%	25,900
1996/97	7,357	-5.7%	22,787
1995/96	7,799	-	20,062

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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