



OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: MALAYSIA

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

In the 2010/11 academic year, **6,735** students from Malaysia were studying in the United States (up 9% from the previous year). Malaysia is the twentieth leading place of origin for students coming to the United States.

Academic Level: The majority of Malaysian students study at the undergraduate level. In 2010/11, their breakdown was as follows:

68.6%	undergraduate
21.0%	graduate students
1.6%	other
8.8%	OPT (Optional Practical Training)

Historical trends: The number of students from Malaysia decreased from a peak of 9,074 in 1999/00 to a low of 5,281 in 2006/07. Since 2006/07, the number of Malaysian students in the U.S. has continued to increase, however Malaysian students remain 1% of the total foreign student population in the United States.

Year	# of Students From Malaysia	% Change from Previous Year	# of U.S. Study Abroad Students Going to Malaysia
2010/11	6,735	8.8%	n/a
2009/10	6,190	4.2%	125 (down 8.8%)
2008/09	5,942	9.5%	137
2007/08	5,428	2.8%	105
2006/07	5,281	-4.2%	121
2005/06	5,515	-10.2%	108
2004/05	6,142	-5.3%	77
2003/04	6,483	-1.7%	43
2002/03	6,595	-10.8%	47
2001/02	7,395	-5.1%	25
2000/01	7,795	-14.1%	77
1999/00	9,074	-	26

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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