









OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: FRANCE

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

In the 2009/10 academic year, 7,716 students from France were studying in the United States (up 4.0% from the previous year). France is the seventeenth leading place of origin for international students in the United States.

Academic Level: The majority of French students study at the graduate level. In 2009/10, their breakdown was as follows:

31.1% undergraduate 34.2% graduate students

25.7% other

9.0% 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 four-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 increased again by 4.0% to 7,716 in 2009/10.

| Year | # of Students from France | % Change from Previous Year | # of U.S. Study Abroad Students Going to France |
|---------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 2009/10 | 7,716 | 4.0% | n/a |
| 2008/09 | 7,421 | 5.3% | 16.910 (down 2.5%) |
| 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 2009/10 will be reported in *Open Doors 2011*, once credit is awarded by the home campus.