









OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: SOUTH KOREA

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

In the 2009/10 academic year, **72,153** students from South Korea were studying in the United States (down 3.9% from the previous year). South Korea is the third-leading place of origin for students in the United States.

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

50.2% undergraduate 32.4% graduate students

9.2% other

8.1% OPT (Optional Practical Training)

Historical trends: After consistently increasing through the 1980s and 1990s, the number of South Korean students on U.S. campuses decreased in the late 1990s due to the Asian financial crisis. Following a rebound of the economy, South Korean student totals have increased significantly since 1998/99. In 2001/02, South Korea moved from the fourth-leading sending place of origin into third place, after India and China, and has continued to hold onto that spot.

Year	# of Students from South Korea	% Change from the Previous Year	# of US Study Abroad Students Going to South Korea
2009/10	72,153	-3.9%	n/a
2008/09	75,065	8.6%	2,062 (up 29.1%)
2007/08	69,124	10.8%	1,597
2006/07	62,392	5.7%	1,312
2005/06	59,022	10.6%	1,267
2004/05	53,358	1.7%	941
2003/04	52,484	1.9%	881
2002/03	51,519	5.0%	739
2001/02	49,046	7.4%	631
2000/01	45,685	10.9%	522
1999/00	41,191	5.1%	444
1998/99	39,199	-8.6%	479
1997/98	42,890	-	375

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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