OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: THAILAND

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
Educational Exchange Data from *Open Doors 2013*

In the 2012/13 academic year, **7,314** students from Thailand were studying in the United States (down 4.1% from the previous year). Thailand is the twentieth leading place of origin for students coming to the United States.

Academic Level: The majority of Thailand students study at the graduate level. In 2012/13, their breakdown was as follows:

35.0%	undergraduate
47.0%	graduate students
7.7%	other
10.3%	OPT (Optional Practical Training)

Historical trends: After significant decreases 2002/03 and 2003/04, the number of students from Thailand began increasing again in 2005/06 through 2007/08. The numbers of international students from Thailand have dropped for four straight years: by 3% in 2008/09, 2% in 2009/10 and 4% in 2010/11 and 7.4% in 2011/12.

Year	# of Students From Thailand	% Change from Previous Year	# of U.S. Study Abroad Students Going to Thailand
2012/13	7,314	-4.1%	n/a
2011/12	7,626	-7.4%	1,437 (up1.9%)
2010/11	8,236	-3.5%	1,410 (up 14.5%)
2009/10	8,531	-2.3%	1,231 (down 15.8%)
2008/09	8,736	-2.9%	1,462
2007/08	9,001	1.3%	1,555
2006/07	8,886	1.4%	1,584
2005/06	8,765	1.5%	1,305
2004/05	8,637	-3.4%	1,128
2003/04	8,937	-10.5%	948
2002/03	9,982	-14.0%	794
2001/02	11,606	3.7%	836
2000/01	11,187	1.9%	496
1999/00	10,983	-12.1%	399
1998/99	12,489	-17.2%	374
1997/98	15,090	11.9%	211
1996/97	13,481	10.8%	221

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 2012/13 will be reported in *Open Doors 2014*, once credit is awarded by the home campus.

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