



## Fast Facts on MU Study Abroad

### How many MU students study abroad each year?

The International Center is pleased to report a 12% increase in education abroad participation during the 2006-2007 academic year with a record 952 MU students having studied abroad. This surpasses the national rate of increase of 8.5% reported in the most recent issue of *Open Doors 2007: Report on International Educational Exchange*. Over the past decade, the number of MU students participating in education abroad programs has increased by nearly 300% over the past decade. Nationally, during past decade there has been a 150% increase in U.S. students studying abroad. In 2006-2007, 20% of the MU undergraduate graduating class chose to study abroad during their academic careers.

### How do these numbers compare with other universities?

*Open Doors 2007: Report on International Educational Exchange* (<http://opendoors.iienetwork.org>) is the annual report on international education published by the Institute of International Education (IIE) with funding from the State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. This report is the definitive source for comprehensive and detailed data on international students and scholars in U.S., as well as American students who study overseas. Open Doors 2007 contains data on U.S. student participation in education abroad programs from 2005-2006, as this is the most recent data available for national comparison.

### What options do MU students have for study abroad?

MU sponsors over 400 study abroad programs in 60 countries throughout the world. MU students may apply their financial aid toward the cost of these programs. MU students can study over 70 foreign languages on MU education abroad programs. In 2006-07, the MU International Center Study Abroad Team assisted MU students in obtaining approximately \$100,000 outside scholarship funding for study abroad.

### Where are the most popular destinations for study abroad?

As in the previous year, Italy was the most popular destination for MU education abroad participants during the 2006-2007. According to Open Doors 2007, the most popular destination was the UK, with Italy as the second most popular destination for U.S. students. In accordance with national trends, more MU students chose to study abroad in “non-traditional” destinations in Asia, Latin America, and Africa as compared with previous years.

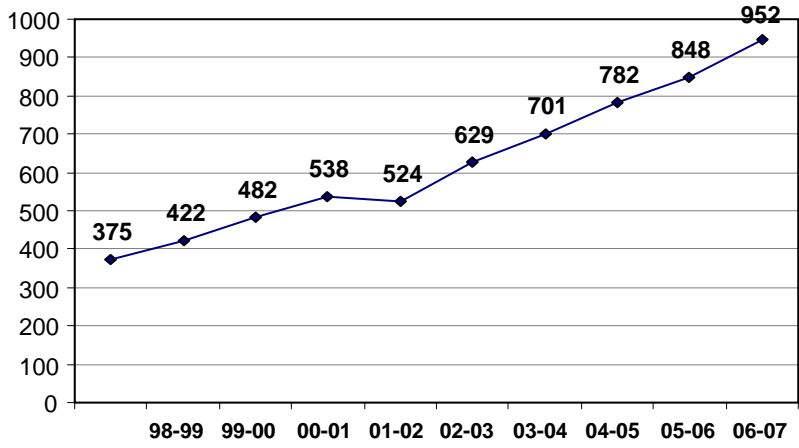
### When and for how long do most MU students study abroad?

Following national trends, short-term programs, with a duration of less than an academic semester, constituted a significant area of growth in education abroad participation. During 2006-07, much of this growth occurred in January Intersession programs, which drew 40% more participants as compared to the 2005-06. Somewhat surprisingly, during 2006-07, there was a 26% increase in students who chose to participate in an education abroad program for a semester and academic year as compared with the previous year.

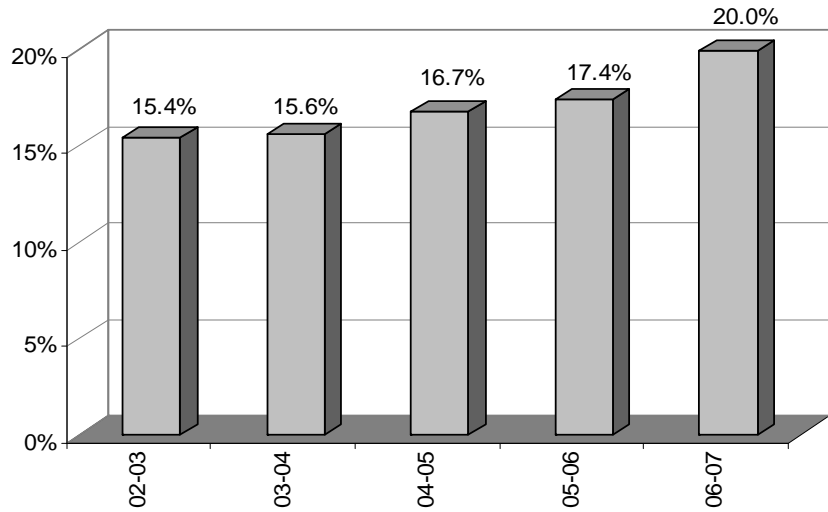
### TOP MU STUDY ABROAD DESTINATIONS

2005-2006	#s	2006-2007	#s
1. Italy	142	1. Italy	127
2. England	117	2. England	122
3. Multi-Country	89	3. Spain	118
4. Spain	83	4. Multi-Country	83
5. Australia	48	5. Germany	71
6. Costa Rica	48	6. Australia	54
7. Mexico	34	7. New Zealand	35
8. Japan	33	8. Costa Rica	33
9. South Africa	32	9. South Africa	31
10. France	31	10. France	30

**MU Study Abroad Participation by Year, 1997-2007**



**Participation Rate of MU Students Studying Abroad, 2002-2007**



**Study Abroad Participation by Term, 2005-2007**

