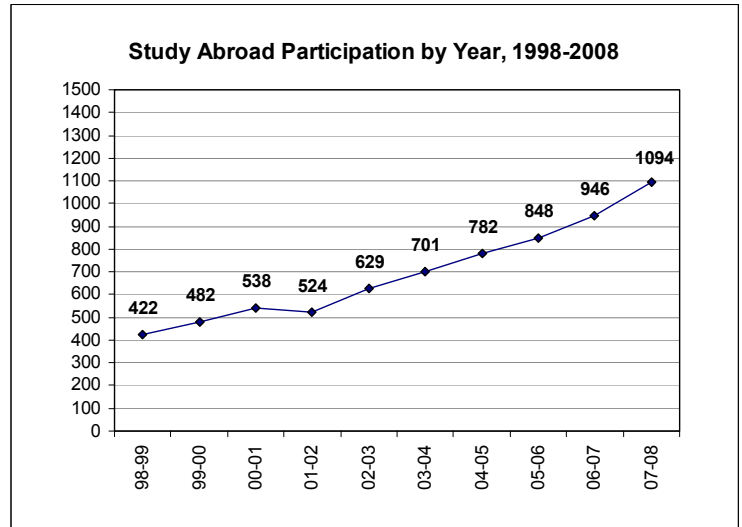




Fast Facts about MU Study Abroad - 2008

How many MU students study abroad each year?

The International Center is pleased to report a 15% increase in education abroad participation during the 2007-2008 academic year with a record 1,094 MU students having studied abroad. This surpasses the national rate of increase of 8% reported in the most recent issue of Open Doors 2008: Report on International Educational Exchange. Over the past decade, the number of MU students participating in education abroad programs has increased by nearly 300%. Nationally, during the past decade there has been a 150% increase in US students studying abroad. In 2007-2008, 21.1% of the MU undergraduate graduating class chose to study abroad during their academic careers.



How do these numbers compare with other universities?

Open Doors 2008: Report on International Educational Exchange (<http://opendoors.iienetwork.org>) is the definitive source for data on US student participation in education abroad programs. Open Doors 2008 contains data on US student participation in education abroad programs from 2006-2007, as this is the most recent data available for national comparison. According to Open Doors 2008, only 40 US campuses sent more than 1,000 of their students abroad. In 2007-2008, MU joined this group for the first time. In line with national trends, over half of MU's education abroad participants studied on programs with a duration of less than a semester.

What options do MU students have for study abroad?

MU sponsors over 400 study abroad programs in more than 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.

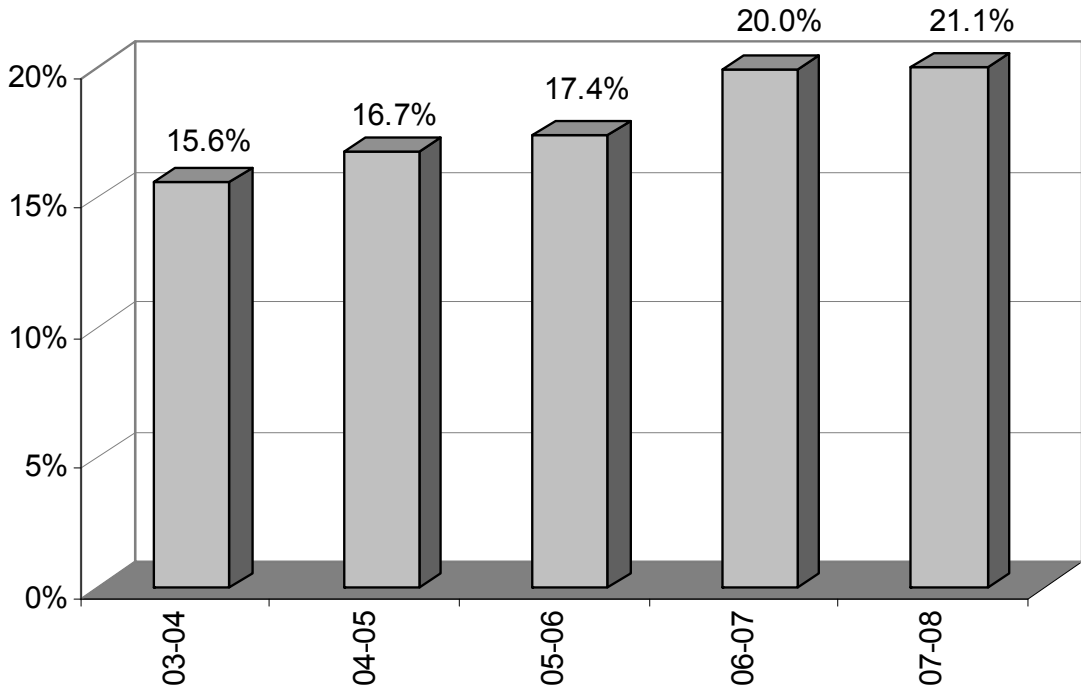
TOP MU STUDY ABROAD DESTINATIONS

2006-2007	#s	2007-2008	#s
1. Italy	127	1. Italy	148
2. England	122	2. Spain	130
3. Spain	118	3. England	113
4. Multi-Country	83	4. Czech Republic	111
5. Germany	71	5. China	89
6. Australia	54	6. Australia	75
7. New Zealand	35	7. Multi-Country	73
8. Costa Rica	33	8. Ireland	47
9. South Africa	31	9. Germany	39
10. France	3	10. Brazil	29

Where are the most popular destinations for study abroad?

As in the previous two years, Italy was the most popular destination for MU education abroad participants during 2007-2008. According to Open Doors 2008, the most popular destination for US students was the UK, with Italy as the second most popular destination. There was a marked increase in MU study abroad participation in China, which, in accordance with national trends, was the fifth most popular destination for US students.

Participation Rate of MU Students Studying Abroad, 2003 - 2008



Credit Hours Generated by Study Abroad, 1998 - 2008

