

A photograph of terraced agricultural fields in a mountain valley. The fields are arranged in concentric, curved patterns on a hillside, with a small wooden structure visible on the right. The background shows misty mountains under a bright sky.

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A photograph of a canal in Venice, Italy, during sunset. The water reflects the warm orange and red sky. Historic buildings line the canal, and a large dome is visible in the distance.

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A photograph of a serene alpine landscape. A clear blue lake is in the foreground, reflecting the surrounding green hills and snow-capped mountains. Two people are sitting on a log in the foreground, looking out at the view.

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Office of International Programs

The Office of International Programs (OIP) strives to strengthen international education and global learning at the University as well as in the Charlotte community. On campus, it seeks to make international understanding, intercultural competency and global awareness a fundamental part of the curriculum and an integral part of campus life. OIP is comprised of various integrated units focusing on specific dimensions of campus internationalization: global education and engagement, education abroad, international students and scholars, intensive English language training as well as customized inbound study and training experiences.

The following pages highlight important statistics, data points and factlets regarding OIP's scope of programming and its reach to on and off campus stakeholders.

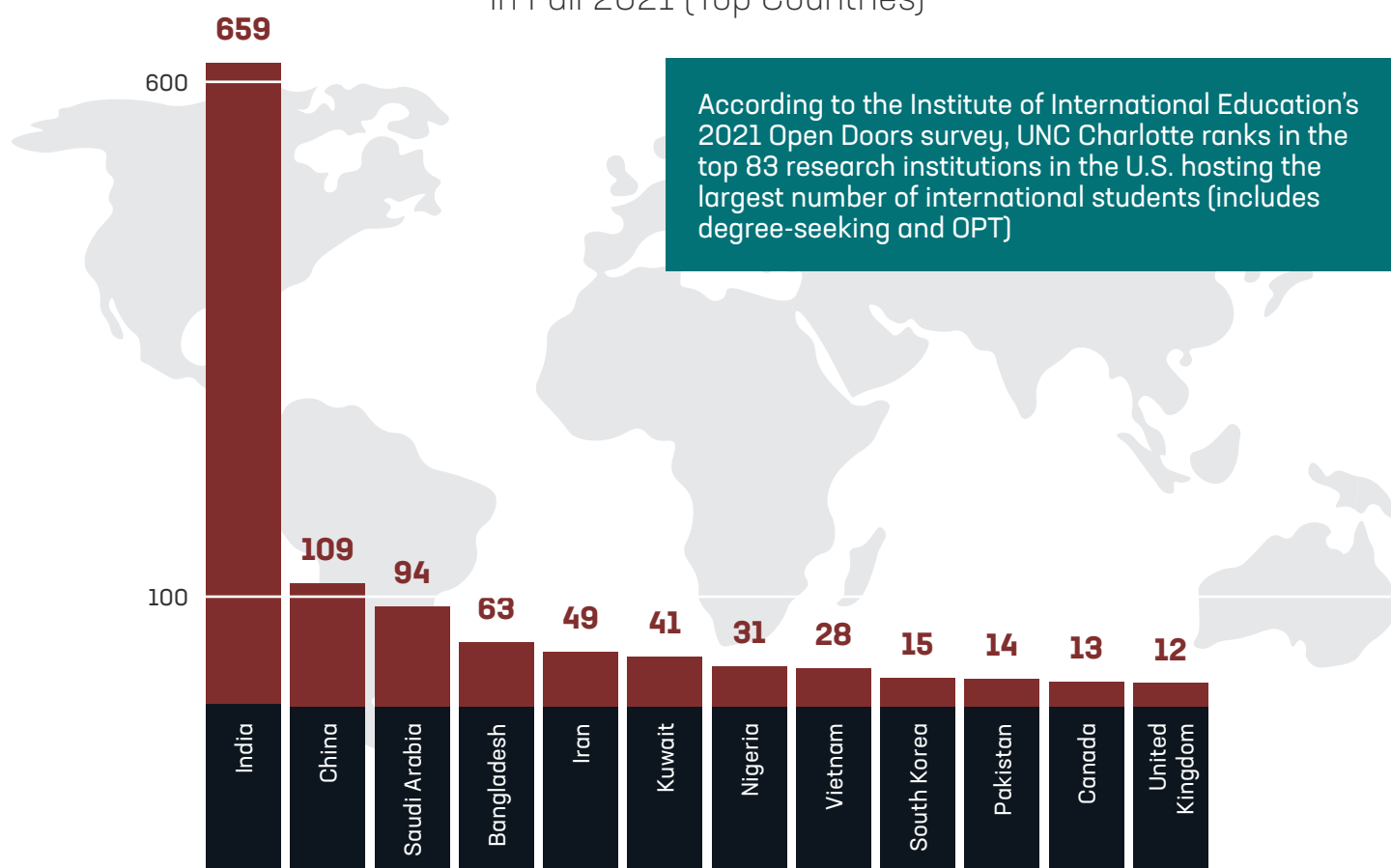
International Students and Scholars at UNC Charlotte

The International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO) is committed to providing information, immigration services and programs that assist international students and visiting scholars in achieving their educational, personal and professional goals and that foster an appreciation for a culturally diverse learning environment in the larger University community. UNC Charlotte hosts approximately 2,000 international students and visiting scholars from nearly 100 countries.

The English Language Training Institute (ELTI) provides intensive English instruction for international students planning to attend U.S. universities with the goal of improving their general English skills. ELTI also offers a language support program for international teaching assistants and provides language assessment for prospective faculty whose first language is not English.

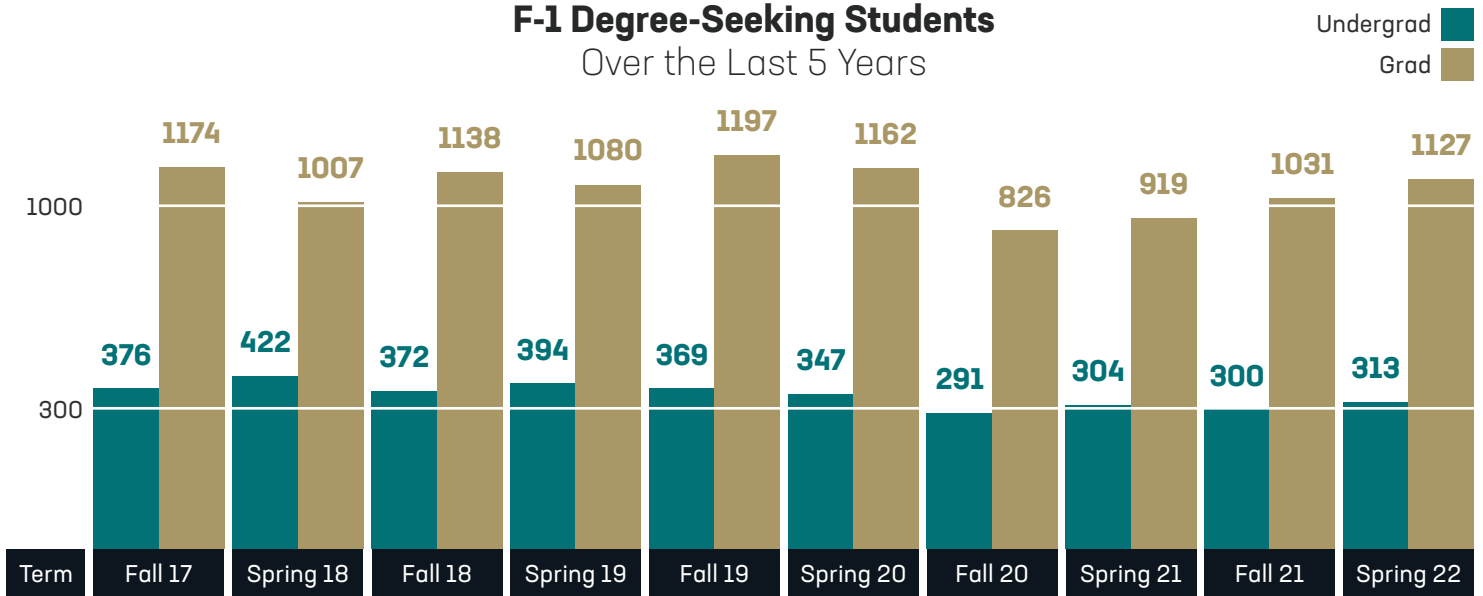
The Office of Intercultural and Educational Experiences (OIEE) provides customized, short term programs for students, faculty, and professional groups. It offers a full range of educational opportunities, and it maintains cooperative relationships with the corporate, public, non-profit and educational resources of the greater Charlotte metropolitan region.

Where Our Students Come From In Fall 2021 (Top Countries)



217 Average number per academic year of **international teaching assistants evaluated for English language proficiency** over the last 5 years

F-1 Degree-Seeking Students Over the Last 5 Years

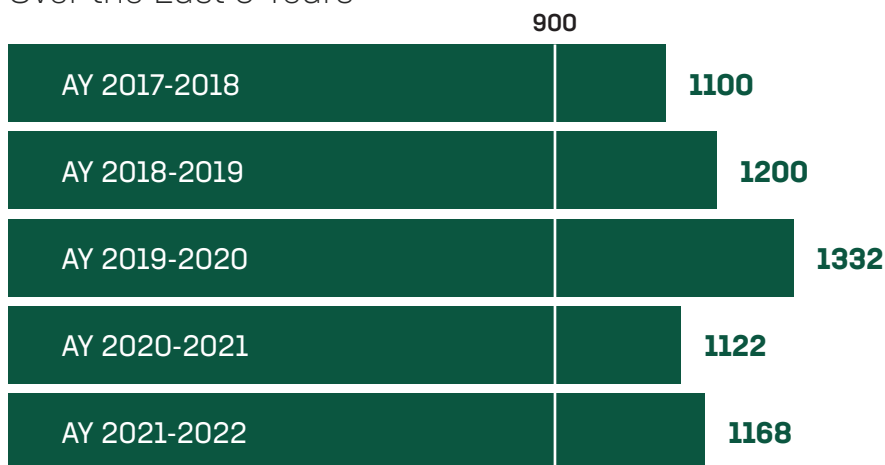


Top 3 Sending Countries for F-1 Degree-Seeking Students

AY	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21
India	1632	1545	1586	1547	1238
China	393	360	370	339	227
Saudi Arabia	355	354	297	249	197

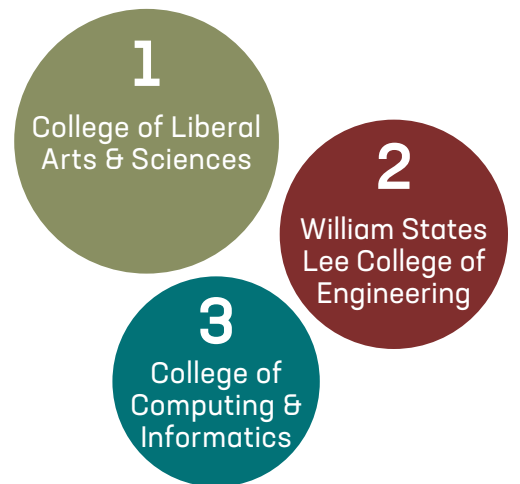


F-1 Students on OPT/STEM OPT Over the Last 5 Years



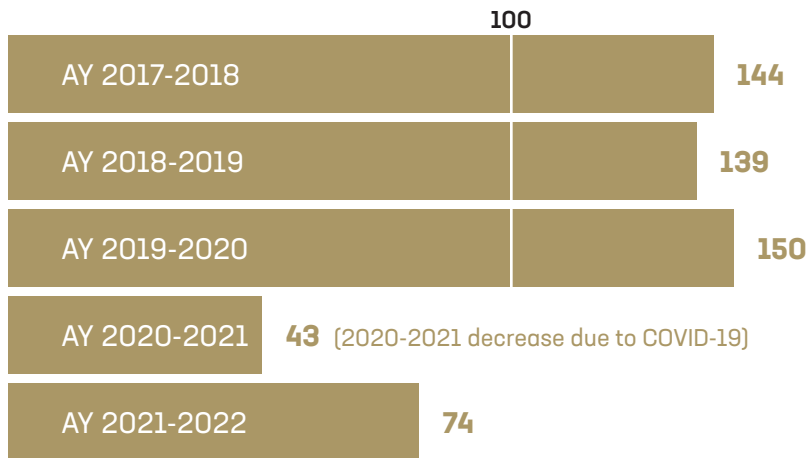
Optional Practical Training (OPT) is temporary employment that is directly related to an F-1 student's major area of study

Top 3 Colleges Hosting Visiting J-1 Scholars



J-1 Visiting Scholars

Over the Last 5 Years



Top 3 sending countries: China, India, and Germany

Inaugural Virtual Short Term Study and Training Programs

2020-2021

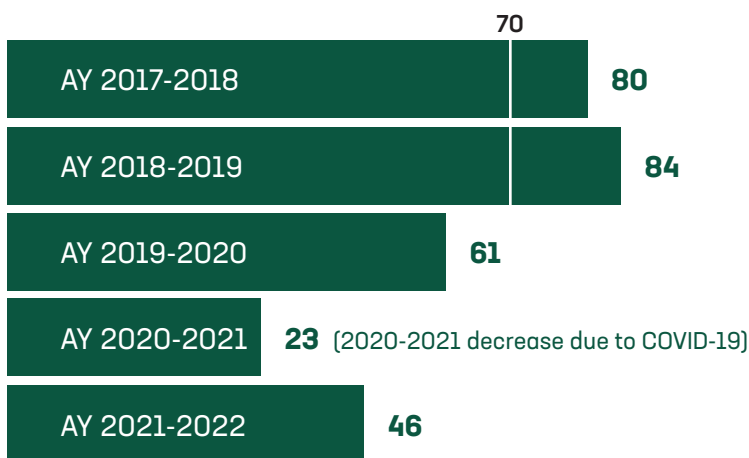
Fulbright Pre-Departure Orientation
(program executed twice)

Chuo University (Japan)
Online English language training and choral program

Tohoku University (Japan)
Online English language training and music program

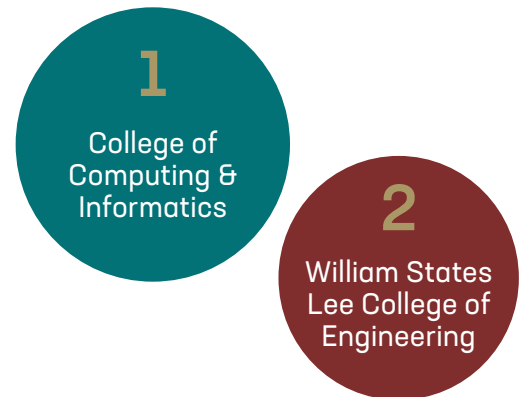
J-1 Exchange Students

Over the Last 5 Years



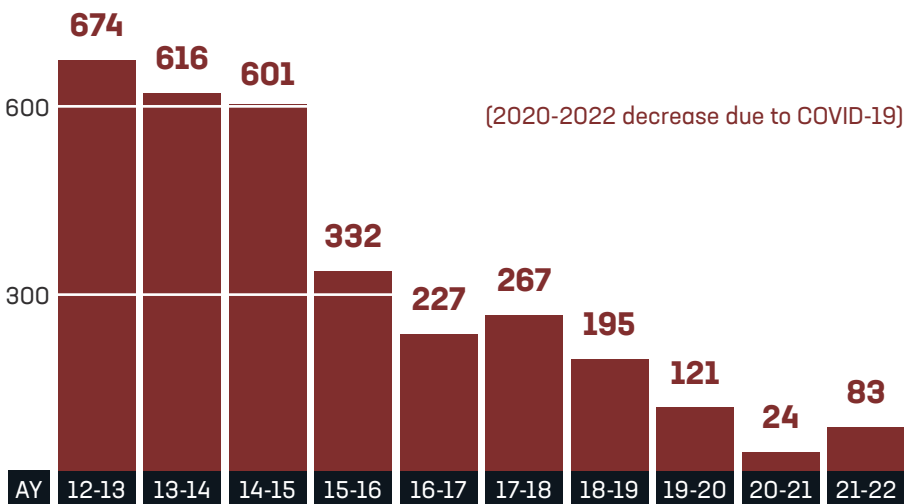
Top Colleges Enrolling International Degree-Seeking Students

Over the Last 5 Years

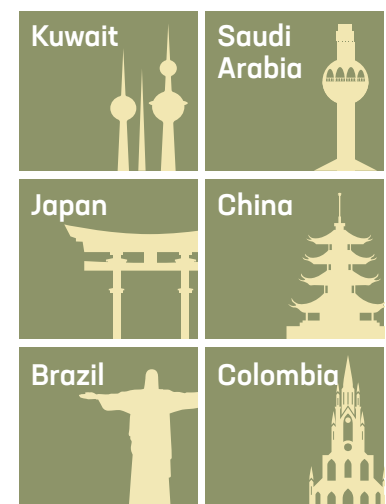


Intensive English Student Enrollment

Over the Last 10 Years



ELTI Students: Top Countries of Origin



Credentialed Intensive English Program

ELTI is Fully Accredited

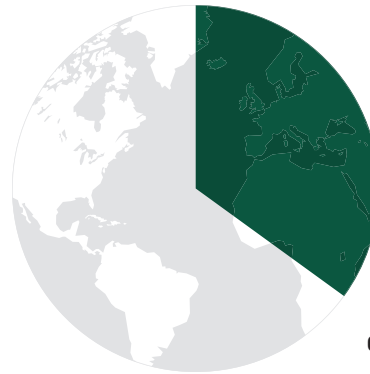


Since March of 2020 ISSO has assisted

2,069

international students file Optional Practical Training (OPT) petitions to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, despite the pandemic.

ELTI Students Transitioning To Undergraduate Programs



Approximately
32%
of undergraduate international students are former ELTI students

International Student OPT Placement Includes Many Prominent Corporations

- » Amazon.com
- » Deloitte Consulting Group
- » IBM
- » Microsoft
- » Facebook, Inc.
- » Google, LLC
- » Tesla, Inc.

28% of graduate degrees conferred between 2017-2021 have been awarded to international students

Top Sponsoring Agencies for International Students Studying at UNC Charlotte

Sponsoring agencies offer tuition, fees (and stipends in some cases) for study abroad to home country residents.

Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission

Saudi Arabian Oil Company

Kuwait Cultural Mission

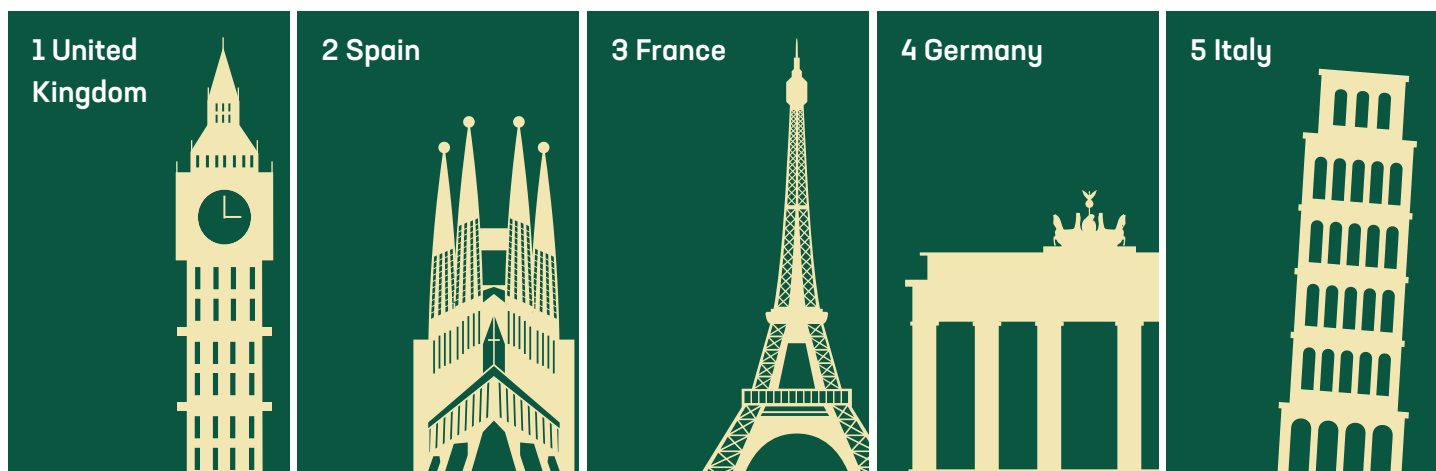
Saudi Basic Industries Corporation

From 2016-2021, ISSO processed 130 faculty immigration employment petitions

UNC Charlotte Students Studying Abroad

The Office of Education Abroad (EA) is committed to developing academically rigorous and innovative programming overseas. EA administers academic year-long, semester and short term programming that provides UNC Charlotte students with opportunities, including virtual opportunities, to develop intercultural competencies and skill sets preparing them for competitive careers in an increasingly multicultural workforce.

Where Do **UNC Charlotte Students** Study Abroad: Top Destinations



Top Colleges

Sending Students Abroad



Top Disciplines of Study

For Study Abroad Students

Over the Last 5 Years



5863

Total Participants
in the Last 10 Years

(includes zero participation due to COVID-19 for 20-21)

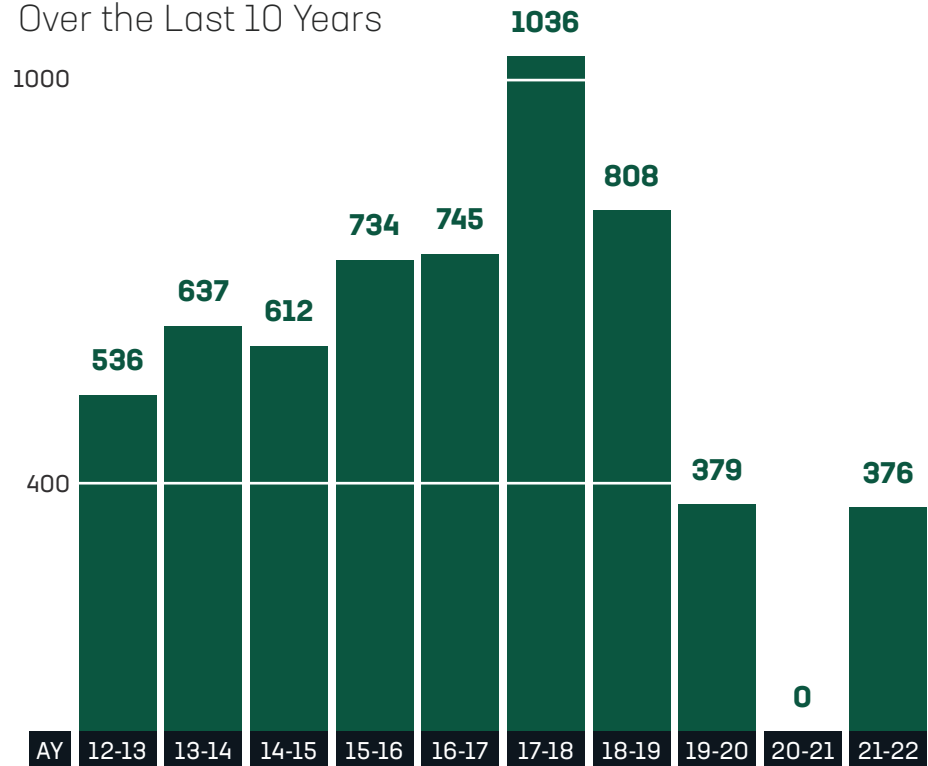
UNC Charlotte students of **African American or Hispanic descent study abroad at rates of 6.85% and 3.57% higher**, respectively, than the U.S. national average

On average **11.4% of each graduating class studied abroad** for AY 15/16 through AY 19/20

*AY 21/22 data will be impacted by COVID-19

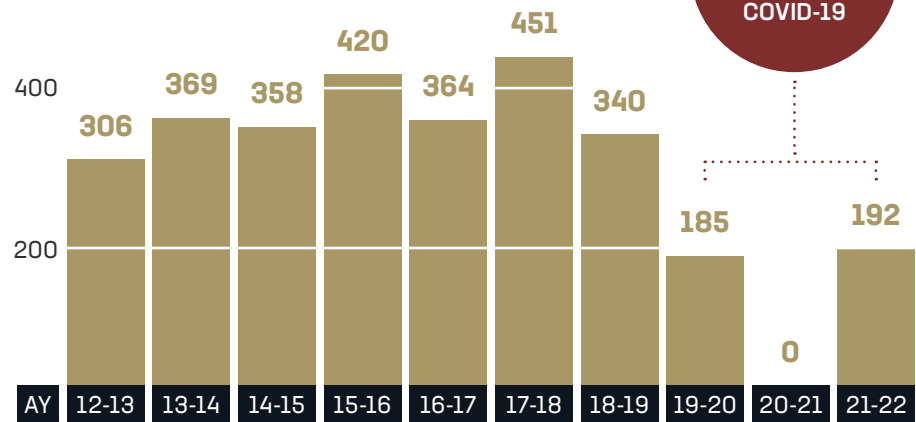
Participants in UNC Charlotte Study Abroad Programs

Over the Last 10 Years



Short Term Study Abroad Participation

Over the Last 10 Years



Spring 2020 to Summer 2021 decrease due to COVID-19

Nationally Awarded Scholarships



The **Gilman scholarship** funds study abroad for Pell-eligible students

92 UNC Charlotte student recipients since 2012



The **Fulbright U.S. Student Program** funds research projects, teaching English, or graduate study abroad

8 UNC Charlotte student recipients since 2015

On Campus Global Education and Engagement

The Office of Global Education and Engagement (OGEE) coordinates on campus academic and co-curricular opportunities to infuse global and intercultural learning into the University and greater Charlotte community.

Country Culture Workshop for Faculty and Staff

Country Culture Workshops are offered to faculty and staff to further develop cultural understanding of our international student communities.



International Speaker Series

OIP's International Speaker Series at UNC Charlotte brings internationally renowned speakers to the University to address topics ranging from economics to globalization to foreign policy.

Past speakers include Former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, Former CIA Director John Brennan, travel writer Rick Steves, and numerous foreign ambassadors and economists

Globally Networked Learning

Globally Networked Learning (GNL) is a collaborative approach to research and teaching that enables students, instructors and researchers from different locations around the world to participate in learning and creation of knowledge together through technology. GNL allows for access to international experiences for all students. GNL virtual activity might include cross-cultural discussion through a collaborative task, a research project, a student conference or other activities.

UNC Charlotte
Student
Participation

AY 20-21

220

AY 21-22

338

15

courses

[2021-2022]

12

courses

[2020-2021]

Participating Countries to Date

- » China
- » Colombia
- » England
- » Germany
- » Mexico
- » Netherlands
- » Nigeria
- » South Africa
- » South Korea
- » Russia
- » Spain
- » Turkey
- » United Kingdom

Collaborating Academic Departments to Date

- » Chemistry
- » Communications
- » Economics
- » Management
- » Marketing
- » International Studies
- » Languages and Culture Studies
- » Middle, Secondary and K-12 Education
- » Nursing
- » Reading and Elementary Education
- » Social Work

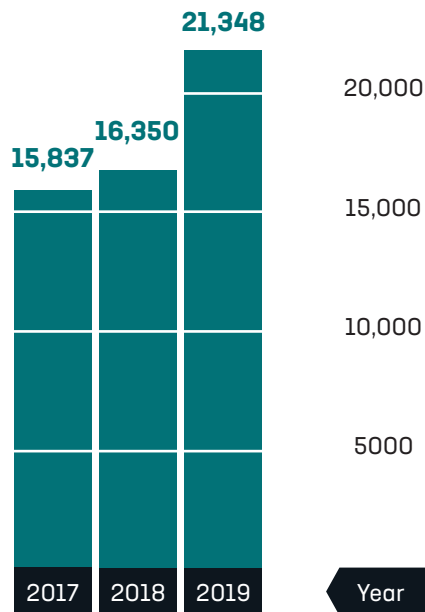
International Festival*

The International Festival celebrates diversity on campus and in the greater Charlotte community through food, dance and music performances and other globally focused activities.

OIP is pleased to collaborate with the following International Festival partners:

- » Academic Affairs
- » Business Affairs
- » Student Affairs
- » University Advancement

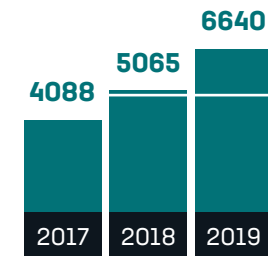
Total International Festival Attendance



Record Number of Attendees in 2019

21,000+

UNC Charlotte Student Attendance



Countries and Cultures Represented at the International Festival Over the Past 3 Festivals



UNC Charlotte's oldest tradition will mark its 45th anniversary with the fall 2023 International Festival

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|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|------------------|
| » Argentina | » Canada | » Germany | » Ireland | » Mexico | » Russia |
| » Armenia | » China | » Greece | » Israel | » Mongolia | » Saudi Arabia |
| » Bangladesh | » Costa Rica | » Guatemala | » Italy | » Morocco | » Senegal |
| » Belgium | » Cote d'Ivoire | » Guyana | » Jamaica | » Nicaragua | » Singapore |
| » Bolivia | » Ecuador | » Haiti | » Japan | » Nigeria | » Somali |
| » Bosnia/Herzegovina | » Egypt | » Hmong | » Kenya | » Pakistan | » South Africa |
| » Brazil | » El Salvador | » Hungary | » Kuwait | » Palestine | » South Korea |
| » Bulgaria | » Ethiopia | » India | » Lebanon | » Peru | » Syria |
| » Cameroon | » Finland | » Iran | » Liberia | » Philippines | » Taiwan |
| | » France | » Iraq | » Mali | » Poland | » Tanzania |
| | | | | | » Thailand |
| | | | | | » Turkey |
| | | | | | » Uganda |
| | | | | | » Venezuela |
| | | | | | » Vietnam |
| | | | | | » Virgin Islands |
| | | | | | » Zambia |

*International Festival not offered 2020 - 2022 due to COVID-19



The World Affairs Council of Charlotte

The World Affairs Council of Charlotte (WACC) located on the UNC Charlotte campus and hosted by OIP serves as a community outreach organization focusing on global thinking and awareness. WACC partners with OIP to invite prominent guest speakers to campus as well as to sponsor internships for UNC Charlotte students.

Enhancing Cultural Awareness Workshop: Faculty and Staff Development

This workshop, offered in collaboration with the Center for Teaching and Learning, presents an overview of the common definition of culture at UNC Charlotte and explores cultural dimensions based on theory and research. The participants receive resources for sample assignments and a mapping exercise to enhance student cultural awareness.

9
sessions

5
years
(2018-2022)

International Career Panel

The annual International Career Panel, sponsored by the Office of International Programs, The Magellan Society (the young professional branch of the World Affairs Council of Charlotte), and the University Career Center, provides a networking opportunity and insight from early-career professionals who discuss the international elements of their careers in law, business, government, non-profit and education. Panelists speak about their experiences and offer valuable advice to those entering the job market and pursuing work in international fields.



Global Engagement Scholars Program

The UNC Charlotte Global Engagement Scholars Program (GESP) promotes global awareness, academic and co-curricular opportunities to a wide and diverse group of students from all academic disciplines to develop students' global competencies.

GESP students come from the following colleges:

- » Belk College of Business
- » College of Arts + Architecture
- » College of Health and Human Services
- » College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- » University College



Global Gateways

The Global Gateways program is a residential-based programming model designed to increase students' self and cultural awareness with an international emphasis. The Global Gateways wing of Witherspoon Hall offers a residential nexus where students curious about different cultures, global issues and our world can gather in a comfortable, inclusive and welcoming space.



323 residents participated in the Global Gateways program since its inception in 2013

Great Decisions

The Office of International Programs coordinates the local community lecture series Great Decisions, a national program of the Foreign Policy Association (held virtually during COVID-19). The Great Decisions lecture series is an opportunity for citizens to discuss and learn about pressing issues facing our world.



27
community events

5
years
(2018-2022)

71
participants per session
on average

Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society

The Office of International Programs has served as the coordinating body for the Phi Beta Delta (PBD) Mu Chapter since its inception in 1987. PBD has as its purpose the recognition of experience in the areas of international education exchange and/or international scholarship.

In 2022 UNC Charlotte's Mu Chapter was recognized nationally as PBD chapter of the year. Members are encouraged to participate in programs, events and opportunities offered by OIP. The Mu Chapter also promotes faculty, staff and student engagement in honor society programming and leadership.

Past distinctions for UNC Charlotte's Mu Chapter include:

- » Eileen Evans Outstanding National Chapter Award (2022, 2005)
- » Marian Beane/Charles Gliozzo Domestic Student Award for International Achievement (2022, 2021)
- » David Merchant International Student Award for Achievement (2018)
- » Edward S. Blankenship Outstanding Staff Award (2015, 1999)
- » Outstanding Chapter Award: Southeast Region (2010)



Faculty Engagement with OIP

Partnering with Faculty to Advance Campus Internationalization

OIP proactively seeks creative and innovative collaboration with UNC Charlotte faculty to design and offer thoughtful, student-centered global learning experiences, both on campus and abroad.

Global Learning and Internationalization Institute

GLII is a professional development program designed specifically for faculty members interested in advancing and enhancing their teaching and research as part of the internationalization and global learning efforts at UNC Charlotte. The GLII is designed as a week-long summer institute with community of practice follow up activities during the academic year.

International Opportunity: Faculty Exchange

Many UNC Charlotte faculty participate in international educational exchange with partner institutions. These exchanges enable faculty to teach and conduct research at many institutions within our international framework of partnerships.

Phi Beta Delta Chapter Board

The PBD chapter board is comprised of elected faculty, staff and students who provide leadership to the Mu Chapter on direction and programming matters. This group is charged with developing and promoting internationally focused programming to the UNC Charlotte global community as well as providing guidance to the chapter in its support of faculty and student international scholarship.

GESP Advisory Committee

The UNC Charlotte Global Engagement Scholars Program (GESP) offers students the opportunity to demonstrate their global competency through academic, co-curricular and international engagement activities. The advisory committee is comprised of faculty and staff from various academic and student affairs departments who advise on program structure and recruitment of students.

OIP's University Council

Representatives from seven academic colleges in addition to other campus partners essential to UNC Charlotte's internationalization initiatives serve as members. The University Council provides a central communication point for campus-wide international education initiatives.

Annual Faculty International Education Award Recognition

Since 1995, the Office of International Programs has coordinated an annual awards celebration to recognize the accomplishments of a faculty member who has contributed to international engagement and to mark the international education contributions and learning experiences of faculty and students.

25 UNC Charlotte faculty have been recognized for their outstanding achievements in international education and exchange since 1995

Faculty Development Initiative to Support Student Learning Outcomes for Education Abroad

The Faculty-Led Program Development Studio builds the capacity of faculty in the design of transformational, high impact education abroad experiences beyond their disciplinary focus and provides resources for the design, delivery and assessment of those experiences.

A primary outcome of the studio was to identify relevant student learning outcomes:

- » Communicate the global relevance of the education abroad program
- » Engage with cultural similarities and differences
- » Critically reflect on one's own cultural situatedness
- » Explain global interconnectedness of place and people

Faculty Fulbright Awards

Over the Last 10 Years

UNC Charlotte faculty are encouraged to participate in the scholar program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. OIP hosts multiple workshops on campus to support faculty applications to lecture and conduct research at universities worldwide.

8 Inbound Faculty Fulbrights

24 Outbound Faculty Fulbrights

Kingston University London (KUL) Director-in-Residence

Kingston University London

Each year, a tenured faculty member is selected for the academic year appointment at Kingston University London, UNC

Charlotte's longest running exchange program. The director is responsible for exchange student recruitment, advising and orientation, teaching one course at KUL, supporting students in-country as well as post-program internationalization support.

OIP External Grant Funding in 2020-2022

Funding Through Collaborative Partnerships

The Office of International Programs is actively engaged in seeking external funding. OIP regularly collaborates with UNC Charlotte's academic colleges and international partners to submit external funding applications to support and complement our international education engagement efforts. Some recent successful grant awards are listed below.

Partners Include:

- » U.S. Department of State
- » Fulbright U.S. Student Program
- » Institute of International Education (IIE)
- » Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- » World Learning Inc.

OIP was awarded
\$215,734 in external
grant funding from
20-22

First U.S. campus to host "Fulbright U.S. Program Pre-Departure Orientation: East Asia & the Pacific" in partnership with IIE and Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

Four-Time recipient of PDPI: Brazilian English Language Teachers Program grant in partnership with IIE and the Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education (CAPES)

Two-Time grant recipient of "Building Leadership for Change Through School Immersion" in partnership with Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Ministry of Education, the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission, and the Cato College of Education

Recipient of Capacity Building Program for U.S. Study Abroad Initiatives Workshop "Faculty-Led Study Abroad Best Practices" grant in partnership with World Learning Inc. and U.S. Department of State

UNC Charlotte's International Exchange Partners

La Trobe University, **Australia**
 University of Sydney, **Australia**
 Independent University of Banja Luka, **Bosnia/Herzegovina**
 Sarajevo School of Science and Technology, **Bosnia/Herzegovina**
 University of Sarajevo, **Bosnia/Herzegovina**
 Pontificia Universidade Catolica, **Brazil**
 Sao Paulo Research Foundation, **Brazil**
 Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, **Chile**
 East China Normal University, **China**
 Fudan University, **China**
 Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, **China**
 Shanxi University, **China**
 Suzhou University of Science and Technology, **China**
 University of Hong Kong, **China**
 Xiamen University, **China**
 Copenhagen Business School, **Denmark**
 University of Copenhagen, **Denmark**
 University of Jean Moulin Lyon III, **France**
 University of Limoges, **France**
 Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, **Germany**
 Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences, **Germany**
 Paedagogische Hochschule Ludwigsburg, **Germany**
 University of Duisburg-Essen, **Germany**
 University of Heidelberg, **Germany** - Graduate History programs
 University of Mannheim, **Germany** - Business programs

University Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, **Italy**
 Chuo University, **Japan**
 Doshisha University, **Japan**
 Gakushuin University, **Japan**
 J. F. Oberlin University (Obirin), **Japan**
 Meiji University, **Japan**
 Nagoya University of Foreign Studies, **Japan**
 Oita University, **Japan**
 Sophia University, **Japan**
 Tohoku University, **Japan**
 L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, **Kazakhstan**
 Hongik University, **Korea**
 Tecnologico de Monterrey, **Mexico** - Business program
 University of Auckland, **New Zealand**
 University of Ibadan, **Nigeria**
 Academy of Art & Design in Wroclaw, **Poland**
 University of Wroclaw, **Poland**
 Southern Federal University, **Russia**
 Stellenbosch University, **South Africa**
 University of Cantabria, **Spain**
 University of Malaga, **Spain**
 Kingston University London, **United Kingdom**
 Lancaster University, **United Kingdom**
 University of Kent at Canterbury, **United Kingdom**
 University of Warwick, **United Kingdom**

Longest-Running Exchange Programs

- » University of Limoges, **France**
- » Paedagogische Hochschule Ludwigsburg, **Germany**
- » University of Cantabria, **Spain**
- » Kingston University London, **United Kingdom**



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

OIP is committed to coordinating and offering a host of initiatives and programming focused on global diversity and inclusion efforts.

Programming includes:

- » Intercultural Competency development for faculty and staff to better understand, value and respect our international student and scholar populations.
- » Opportunities facilitating belonging and engagement between and among U.S. Americans and our diverse international student populations.
- » Enhanced advising programming to promote and support opportunities to historically underserved populations.

In addition, OIP coordinates UNC Charlotte's largest diversity event, the annual International Festival, which is one of our community's premier celebrations of cultural diversity and inclusion.

OIP Strategic Plan: 2021-2031

Office of International Programs Strategic Goals

OIP Strategic Goals are identified in alignment with UNC Charlotte's 10 year strategic plan, *Shaping What's Next*.

Strategic Planning Goal 1: Elevate awareness and importance of international education and cultural competency.

Strategic Planning Goal 2: Design and implement accessible, innovative and high impact international experiences to prepare students to successfully navigate in an increasingly globally interconnected world.

Strategic Planning Goal 3: Increase the number and scope of international research collaborations to support faculty and students in addressing complex global challenges.

Strategic Planning Goal 4: Strengthen the international student ecosystem to increase support to and engagement with international students and alumni.

Strategic Planning Goal 5: Strengthen OIP's comprehensive and centralized international education infrastructure.



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