The Catholic University of America
Students Abroad 2008-2009
Annual Report and Statistical Summary

This report contains the annual report and statistical analysis of institutional data on education abroad participation at The Catholic University of America during the 2008-2009 academic year. The period includes fall 2008, spring 2009 and summer 2009 terms. The data was also submitted to the annual Open Doors Survey Study Abroad Survey administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE) and published each November during International Education Week.

The report is the first of its kind for CUA and it covers the period that was the same as the first year of operation for CUAbroad, CUA’s education abroad office. The data constitutes a baseline or benchmark for future annual statistical reports and analyses.

Total Number of CUA Students Studying Abroad
- 208 individual Catholic University of America students studied or completed an academic internship abroad during 2008-09.
- 158 CUA undergraduate students and 50 CUA graduate and professional students studied abroad.
- 4 students participated in 2 or more programs for a total of 212 education abroad experiences.

University-Wide Participation
- Participation rates are calculated by comparing the number of participants to the number of students enrolled. The 158 undergraduate students represent 4.4% of the total undergraduate enrollment (3,604), while the 50 graduate students represent 1.4% of the total graduate enrollment (3,626).
- CUA awarded 721 undergraduate and 845 graduate degrees in 2008-2009. The comparison of the total number of CUA undergraduate degree candidates who studied abroad during 2008-09 (158) and the number of bachelor’s degrees awarded in the same year indicates that approximately 21.91 (158/721) of the current graduating class studied abroad, and 5.92% of all graduate and professional degree candidates studied abroad.

Academic Status
- Of the 208 CUA students who studied abroad during 2008-09, 76% (158) were undergraduates and 24% (50) were graduate and professional students.
- Among the 158 CUA undergraduates who participated in education abroad, 3.8% (6) were first-year students, 7.6% (12) were sophomores, 55% (87) were juniors and 34% (53) were seniors.
Duration of Study
- The majority, 65.2% (105) of CUA undergraduate participants spent a semester abroad, while 32.9% (53) studied abroad during the summer, 1.2% (2) studied for an academic year; one student (0.6%) participated in a program lasting from two to eight weeks during a semester.
- Of the 51 CUA graduate & professional students, 76.4% (39) studied abroad during the summer, 23.5% (12) spent a semester abroad.

Destinations
- The 161 CUA undergraduate experiences during 2008-2009 took place in 17 different countries.
- The highest concentration of undergraduates--77%-- was in Europe (124). 14.3% (23) studied in Central America, 1.2% (2) in Asia, 3.1% (5) in Oceania (Australia & New Zealand), 1.9% (3) in Africa and 2.5% (4) in all other regions combined or multiple countries.
- The ten most popular undergraduate destinations were Spain (39), United Kingdom (35), Belize (23), Italy (20), France (13), Germany (6), Ireland (6), Australia (5), Other/Multiple Countries (4), and Greece (3).
- The 51 graduate & professional experiences abroad took place in 5 different countries. 74.5% (38) studied in Europe, 2% (1) in the Middle East, and 23.5% (12) in multiple countries.

Participation by CUA School
- 54.43% (86) of undergraduate participants were pursuing majors in Arts & Sciences, 31.64% (50) in Architecture and Planning, 6.33% (10) in Music, 3.16% (5) in Nursing, 1.9% (3) in Engineering, 1.27% (2) in Philosophy, and 1.27% (2) in Joint Programs.
- Of the 50 graduate student participants, 48% (24) were enrolled in the Law School, 42% (21) in the School of Architecture & Planning, 6% (3) in the School of Arts & Sciences, and 4% (2) in the School of Music.

Field of Study
- The undergraduates who studied abroad during 2008-09 had 23 different majors.
- The undergraduate participation rate at the institutional level was 4.4% and it varied widely among majors.
- The highest rate of undergraduate participation by CUA School was in Architecture (12.7%).
- Other majors with participation rate above the institutional average were Medieval and Byzantine Studies (50%), Modern Languages (32.1%), Religion (14.7%), Greek & Latin (11.8%), Philosophy (in Arts & Sciences), (9.4%),

1 Four undergraduate students studied in other or multiple countries.
2 Twelve graduate/professional students studied in multiple countries.
Education (6.6%), Anthropology (6.3%), Politics (5.5%), Psychology (5.3%), History and Media Studies were both (4.4%).

- The participation rate for the three most popular undergraduate majors compared to the number of students enrolled in the major was as follows. Politics had 22 participants of 402 students enrolled (5.5%), Business and Economics had 7 participants out of 352 students enrolled (2%), and Psychology had 11 participants out of 206 students enrolled (5.3%).

**Gender**

- 58.9% of CUA undergraduates who studied abroad during 2008-09 were female (93/151). During 2008-2009, 54.2% of all CUA undergraduates enrolled were female.
- 56.0% (28) of CUA graduate students who studied abroad during 2008-09 were female. During 2008-2009, 51.6% of all CUA graduate students enrolled were female.

**Ethnicity**

- Information on ethnicity was reported by 88% of the undergraduate study abroad participants (139 of 158). Approximately 8.3% (13) of the undergraduate participants were minority students. (In the fall semester 2008, 14.6% of CUA undergraduates were minority students.)
- 3.8% (6) of undergraduate participants were Hispanic, 3.2% (5) were Asian/Pacific Islander and 1.3% (2) African American.
- Among the graduate student participants, 24% did not report ethnicity and 4% (2) were non-resident alien; 26% (13) were minority students: 16% (8) Asian American, 10% (5) Hispanic American. Information on ethnicity was reported by 76% of the graduate study abroad participants (38 of 50).

**Sponsorship**

- 79.5% (128) of the 161 CUA undergraduates who studied abroad participated in CUA-sponsored or co-sponsored study abroad programs; 20.5% (33) participated in programs offered by other U.S. universities, exchange organizations, or foreign institutions.
- 96% (49) of 51 CUA graduate and professional students participated in CUA study abroad programs or conducted research independently; 3.92% participated in programs offered by other U.S. universities or foreign institutions.
- Among the undergraduate students there were no non-degree students and there were 2 non-degree graduate and professional students participated in study abroad programs administered by The Catholic University of America.

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3 17.7% were Unknown and 3.2% were Non-Resident Aliens.