

Study Abroad Data Dictionary

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Summary

This data dictionary is intended to provide essential information about Study Abroad at the University of Arizona. Campus stakeholders are encouraged to use this document as a resource for key terms and methods for accessing Study Abroad data.

Study Abroad Data Sneak Peek

Total study abroad participations in AY 2024/2025*	Number of countries students traveled to in AY 2024/2025	Number of study abroad programs in AY 2024/2025
1,713	31	77

Breakdown of Participation by Term in 2024/2025**

Term	Total
Fall 2024	227
Non-Term 2024	27
Non-Term 2025	9
Academic Year 2024	20
Winter 2024	8
Spring 2025	650
Calendar Year 2025	1
Spring Break 2025	42
Summer 2025	729

*students who study abroad more than once are counted once per program.

**see Program Term Durations table below for a definition of each Term.

Breakdown of Programs by Term in 2024/2025**

Term	Number of Programs
Summer	51
Spring	24
Fall	21
Academic Year	11
Spring Break	3
Winter	2
Calendar Year	1
Non-Term	1

* Programs offered in more than one term are counted once in each applicable term.

**see Program Term Durations table below for a definition of each Term.

Definition of Study Abroad at the University of Arizona

Study abroad refers to a planned, credit-bearing international educational experience designed to advance a student's degree progress while developing global competencies through coursework, internships, research, service, or other global activities.

At the University of Arizona, this definition includes programs abroad, programs in U.S. territories, and virtual programs managed by the Study Abroad Office, including the Global Career Accelerator and Virtual Internship. Participants may include students from all University of Arizona campuses, non-degree-seeking students, and international students.

Study Abroad as a HIP at the University of Arizona

Study abroad is recognized as a High Impact Practice (HIP) that combines academically grounded learning with meaningful engagement across cultures and perspectives. Through immersive and experiential learning, students apply academic knowledge in international contexts, engage with faculty and peers, and reflect on how their experiences contribute to their academic and personal development.

Program Term Durations

This table provides definitions for the various study abroad program terms available at the University of Arizona.

Program Term	Program Dates
Fall*	Most closely align with UA fall semester
Spring*	Most closely align with UA spring semester
Summer	Align with summer pre-session, summer one or summer two. Summer programs that do not align well with UA summer sessions may be dynamically dated.
Academic Year	Start in the fall and end in the spring
Calendar Year	Start in the spring and end in the summer
Non-Term	Start in the summer and end in the spring
Spring Break	Align with UA spring break
Winter Session	Align with UA winter session

* In both fall and spring, there are a few departmentally managed programs that include just a short time abroad. These programs are currently categorized as fall and spring programs despite not running for the duration of the semester.

Study Abroad Program Types and Definitions

- **Arabic Special Programs** - Grant funded study abroad programs focused on intensive Arabic language study and cultural immersion at partner institutions in Arabic-speaking countries.
- **Arizona Abroad*** - Study abroad programs hosted by international partner institutions that are designed primarily for University of Arizona students and typically accommodate larger student cohorts.
 - Accounts for roughly 55-60% of students studying abroad
- **Consortium** - Study abroad programs administered by an external consortium or partner organization in which the University of Arizona participates, allowing U of A students to study alongside students from multiple institutions.
- **Departmentally Managed** - Programs administered by an academic department rather than the central Study Abroad office, with participation tracked by Study Abroad for institutional reporting and risk management.
- **Exchange** - Reciprocal study abroad programs hosted by international partner universities where students study for a semester or academic year under a 1:1 student exchange agreement.
- **Faculty Led*** - Short-term study abroad programs led by University of Arizona faculty or local instructors in which students travel and study abroad as a cohort while earning direct University of Arizona credit.
 - Accounts for roughly 25% of students studying abroad
- **Internship** - International programs in which students complete professional internships abroad and earn academic credit for their internship experience.
- **Microcampus** - Study Abroad programs hosted by a University of Arizona Microcampus partner institution where students may earn a combination of University of Arizona and transfer credit. These programs are only available to students in specific academic departments.
- **Non-UA Program** - Study abroad programs that are not affiliated with the University of Arizona. The Study Abroad Office tracks student participation in Non-UA Programs but is otherwise not providing student support services or administrative oversight. Students will not be enrolled during their term abroad and may be subject to the Back2UA program.
- **Other** - International for-credit opportunities that do not fit within other defined study abroad program categories.
- **Research** - Programs in which students conduct research abroad at a partner institution or research site while earning University of Arizona credit.

- **Virtual** - Fully online study abroad programs offered by partner organizations in which students participate remotely and earn University of Arizona credit.

Program Types, Registration, and Study Abroad Flag

Colleges may be interested in learning which programs students are choosing for their study abroad experiences. The table below demonstrates the relationship between study abroad program type, credit earned, enrollment in UAccess, student group, and study abroad flag.

Program Type	Credit Type	Enrollment in UAccess	Student Group	Study Abroad Flag
Arizona Abroad Location	Transfer	Study abroad placeholder	STAB – active during the term abroad	Triggered by AZ-ABROAD study agreement
Faculty-led Program	University	Study Abroad sections	STAB – active during the term abroad	Triggered by FACLED study agreement
Exchange Program	Transfer	Study Abroad placeholder	STAB – active during the term abroad	Triggered by EXCHANGE study agreement
Exchange Program (summer research)	University	Study Abroad sections	STAB – active during the term abroad	Triggered by RESEARCH study agreement
Internship	University and transfer depending on program	Study Abroad sections	STAB – active during the term abroad	Triggered by INTERNSHIP study agreement
Departmentally managed program	University or transfer depending on program	Regular sections, Study Abroad sections, or Study Abroad placeholder depending on program	STAB – active during the term abroad	Triggered by DEPTMANGED study agreement
Independent Global Experience (IGE)	University	Regular sections or Study Abroad sections	STAB – active during the term abroad	Triggered by OTHER study agreement

Non-UA program	Transfer	N/A	STAB – active during the term abroad	Triggered by NONUA_PROG study agreement
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Important Distinctions for Interpreting Study Abroad Data

The distinctions in this section may be useful for stakeholders as they interpret data within the Study Abroad dashboard or UAccess analytics.

Academic Plan

Study abroad flags are term-based. A student's academic plan and subplan (major/minor) during the term in which they study abroad are associated with their study abroad participation in UAccess. Therefore, study abroad data by major or minor reflects the student's academic plan and subplan at the time they studied abroad.

University of Arizona Credit vs. Transfer Credit

This distinction identifies the type of credit students earn for their study abroad experience. Depending on the program selected, students will earn either University of Arizona credit or transfer credit from a study abroad partner institution. Refer to the *Program Types, Registration, and Study Abroad Flag* section above for information about which program types offer University of Arizona credit and which offer transfer credit.

Students earning University of Arizona credit are enrolled directly in University of Arizona courses while abroad. Students earning transfer credit are enrolled in placeholder units during their program and receive a transcript from the study abroad partner institution after the program is completed.

Global Tracks

Global Tracks are curricular pathways for **transfer credit programs**. These curriculum mapping documents identify pre-articulated coursework at study abroad partner institutions and show how those courses apply toward University of Arizona degree requirements.

Global Tracks are developed collaboratively by the Study Abroad Office and University of Arizona academic units. They are designed to simplify the transfer credit process and clearly show students how courses taken abroad can fit within their degree plans.

Visit the [Global Tracks](#) webpage to search for published tracks by major and college.

Questions about Study Abroad Data?

If you have specific questions that cannot be answered using the data within the dashboard, please contact the Study Abroad Office at studyabroad@arizona.edu with the subject line DATA REQUEST.