

International Students (Fall 2020)

Fall 2020 International Students*

Total international students at Marquette	449
Total countries represented	68
Degree seeking undergraduate students	151
Non-degree seeking exchange students	7
Non-degree, non-exchange students	3
Degree seeking graduate and professional students	215
International students on practical training	73



Undergraduate College Breakdown (does not include exchange or practical training):

College of Business Administration 61; College of Arts & Sciences 46; College of Engineering 14; College of Communication 28; College of Health Sciences 10; College of Education 2

Top Countries and Number of Students

by Entire Student Body (not incl. practical training)

PR China	144	Saudi Arabia	15
Bangladesh	32	Canada	12
India	28	Nigeria	8
Iran	16	United Kingdom	7

Top Countries and Number of Students

by Undergraduates (not incl. practical training)

PR China	85	United Kingdom	6
Canada	8	Honduras	5
India	6		

The English as a Second Language Program (ESLP), housed in the Office of International Education, is offering four ESLP courses for students who demonstrated a need for additional English language preparation. This Fall, international students are filling 54 seats across all courses.

Partnerships

OIE is actively engaged in cultivating new and relevant partnerships for the university and maintains Marquette's 95 active international partnerships across 49 countries. In addition, Marquette maintains agreements with seven study abroad programs run by fellow AJCU institutions.

Marquette has established new partnership agreements with the following organizations:

- Lusaka Apex Medical University, Zambia
- University of Nova Gorica, Slovenia

Marquette has recently renewed partnerships with the following organizations:

- Universidad del Pacífico, Lima, Peru
- Amader Gram Hospital, Bangladesh
- Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman Amendment

Marquette partnerships and international activity throughout the university is listed in the [Global Resource Database available online](#). Contact tammy.meyers@marquette.edu to update your research and expertise.



Education Abroad

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic created short-term and long-term difficulties for the Education Abroad Office. During the spring 2020 semester, we had 164 students studying abroad. By mid-March, 6 students had withdrawn, 11 elected to remain abroad, and 150 came home. During the outbreak worldwide, we also had 71 participating on spring break programs who were affected. Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, we did not run any summer 2020 programs, though there was 1 graduate student who remained in Panama to conduct research.

Currently, we have 4 undergraduate students abroad (2 in Dublin, Ireland, 1 in Paris, France, 1 in Seville, Spain), and expect to have around 40 students participate on study abroad programs this spring. Throughout the pandemic, we have maintained a [COVID-19 Education Abroad General Information page](#), as well as a [COVID-19 Education Abroad Updates page](#), where we outline any updates affecting our current or potential education abroad program options. We are continuously monitoring a variety of sources (as outlined on our COVID-19 General Information page), and have canceled travel for spring semester to locations where we are hesitant about COVID-19 treatment ability, or where incidence rates are consistently higher than the levels in Milwaukee County. We believe that since Marquette University entrusts students and their families to make the decision to come to Milwaukee in person at current incidence rates, we can entrust students and their families to make the decision to travel abroad to locations with lower incidence rates and sufficient healthcare facilities, and where U.S. citizens are permitted to enter. Due to these same factors, short-term faculty-led study abroad programs during J-session have either been cancelled or moved to an all-virtual format. Due to the change in spring break for 2021, all spring break short-term faculty-led programs have also been cancelled or moved to an all-virtual format. At this time, we plan to move forward with summer 2021 programming as planned, but programming will also be evaluated on an ongoing basis, due to the factors outlined above.

The South Africa Service Learning program has been re-named to “Sibanye Cape Town”. “Sibanye” is a Xhosa word meaning “together as one” (Xhosa is a national language of South Africa and commonly spoken in Cape Town). We believe that the use of the city name instead of the country name provides additional context for the program as well. Due to the current situation surrounding COVID-19 in South Africa and Cape Town, we have made the decision to pivot the program to a virtual semester with optional 2-week travel component in mid-May to early June. Participants can choose between a full semester option of courses offered through our program and partner institution, the University of the Western Cape, or selection of one or two courses through the program while also enrolled in courses at Marquette (or their regular home institution). We hope to resume the full in-person semester program for fall 2021, but programming will be evaluated on an ongoing basis, due to the factors outlined above.

Programming

The **OIE Program Center** is an active space visited by over 3,500 people each year. It is a home for Marquette international students to gather and reflect on their common MU experiences and a center for international activities on campus. Throughout the year, OIE also sponsors numerous notable campus-wide events such as two Study Abroad Fairs, International Education Week programming, Soup with Substance, International Day and more. Due to campus COVID policies in fall 2020, in-person programming has been limited and replaced with virtual events.

