

Internationalizing the University of Minnesota: Integrating Study Abroad

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 237 faculty and academic advisers from all 4 campuses of the University of Minnesota participated in one or more of the 17 Study Abroad Curriculum Integration workshops/retreats and have taken information back to their academic units for wider distribution.
- On the Twin Cities campus this year 2,000 more students came in to the study abroad office than the year before (an increase of 50%)
- Students studying abroad this spring from the Twin Cities campus increased by 17% over the year before. This despite the tragic events of September 11.
- The Crookston campus saw an increase from 0 students studying abroad to 11 students planning to study abroad this coming year.
- The Duluth campus developed a program between the UM Duluth American Indian community and the Aboriginal Studies Department at Curtin University of Technology in Perth, Australia. This year, 15 students and 6 faculty from UMD and 6 students and 1 faculty member from Curtin participated in the exchange.
- Morris developed a new scholarship web site that will be used by students on all 4 campuses.
- We have established a Multicultural Study Abroad Group with 15 members from all 4 campuses. They conducted focus groups for students of color, developed a program evaluation questionnaire that elicits information on diversity issues for students of color, and began refining the data collection process to better track students of color participation in study abroad.
- We have developed an excellent web site and materials (see attached packet) to assist faculty, academic advisers, and study abroad advisers in their work with students.
- We presented papers on aspects of curriculum integration at 4 regional, 3 national, and 2 international conferences.
- 30 faculty and advisers participated in study abroad site visits this past year.
- This spring the UM Provost designated \$225,000 as hard funding for study abroad scholarships.
- 12 faculty have been selected to internationalize their courses through a series of workshops this coming year sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning Services on the Twin Cities campus.