

Title: Reporting Study Abroad Students in IPEDS Survey Components

Purpose: The table provides supplemental guidance to existing survey instructions on reporting study abroad students enrolled for credit at the institution, by role of the institution and IPEDS survey component.

Description: The inclusion and exclusion of study abroad students in IPEDS survey components depends on the survey component and the role of the institution where the student is enrolled for credit. The table explains when an institution should report study abroad students in eight (8) IPEDS surveys. How an institution reports a study abroad student depends on the type of institution where the student is enrolled for credit: home institution or host institution. If a student is seeking a degree or certificate at a home institution but may be taking classes in a foreign location, then the data on the student is reported in IPEDS surveys based on the information in the home institution column of the table. If a student is visiting and taking courses for credit, but not seeking a degree or certificate at a host institution, then the data on the student is reported in IPEDS surveys based on the information in the host institution column of the table. As a reminder, for student to be reported by either home or host institution, the student must be enrolled for credit at that institution.

Survey component	Role of the U.S. institution where the student is enrolled for credit	
	Home institution	Host institution
Fall Enrollment	Include as degree/certificate-seeking only if student is taking courses for credit at the institution or if the institution provides the instructional resource (classroom, instructors) at the foreign location; Include in retention calculations (freshman study abroad students can be added to the first-time cohort and sophomore study abroad students can be considered part of the retained cohort)	Include as non-degree/non-certificate-seeking; Exclude from retention calculations
12-month Enrollment	Include in enrollment if student is taking courses for credit at the institution or if the institution provides the instructional resource (classroom, instructors) at the foreign location	Include in enrollment
Graduation Rates and Graduation Rates 200%	Include in first-time cohort and completion	Exclude from first-time cohort and completion
Outcome Measures	Include in first-time cohort and outcomes	Exclude from first-time cohort and outcomes
Institutional Characteristics	Exclude students' cost of attendance	Exclude students' cost of attendance
Student Financial Aid	Exclude students' cost of attendance	Exclude students' cost of attendance
Finance	Include in FTE and scholarships/fellowships processed by the institution	Include in FTE and scholarships/fellowships processed by the institution

NOTES:

- For student to be reported by either home or host institution, the student must be enrolled for credit at that institution.
- Study abroad students can include U.S. students taking courses abroad or foreign students taking courses at a U.S. institution.
- Foreign students who are only taking coursework at a host institution - If these students are not enrolled at a U.S. institution (home institution), these students are not counted in any IPEDS survey components.

KEY TERMS:

- **Home institution** – student is seeking a degree or certificate at that institution but may be taking classes in a foreign location
- **Host institution** – student is visiting and taking courses for credit, but not seeking a degree or certificate at that institution