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# International Student Enrollment Report

Fall 2010

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## Definitions of Terms

- **International Students:** International students are non-U.S. citizens holding non-immigrant visas. Citizens of other countries who are U.S. permanent residents are not included in this report.
- **Visitors:** Visitors are students enrolled in classes but not in degree programs.
- **Optional Practical Training (OPT):** OPT is the category of graduates on F-1 student visas who are legally employable for 12 months following graduation. They remain under USC auspices for the purpose of maintaining their immigration status and for national reporting purposes.
- **Enrolled International Students:** Enrolled International Students are international students who are enrolled in a degree or certificate program or are enrolled in classes as visitors.
- **Other International Students:** Other International Students are international students who are on OPT or enrolled at USC Language Academy. (In this report, tables and charts that include “All International Students” in the title include these students. Other tables and charts include only enrolled students.)

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## Introduction

In Fall semester 2010, USC's international student enrollment grew to an all-time high of 6,944 students. This enrollment number represented an increase of 5.45% from the previous academic year (6,585 international students enrolled in Fall 2009). This report includes detailed information about the academic pursuits of non-immigrant (international) students at USC, including data regarding place of origin, breakdowns by academic level, gender, and school/major, as well as some comparative figures from previous years.

All data in this report represent totals from the Fall 2010 semester and are in accordance with USC reporting protocols and national data collection for international student enrollments at institutions across the U.S. Some of the tables and charts in this report include USC-affiliated students who are not enrolled in degree programs, including students attending the USC Language Academy, and graduated students on Optional Practical Training employment who remain under USC auspices for immigration status purposes. With the inclusion of these latter affiliated groups, the total number of non-immigrant students associated with USC in Fall 2010 was 8,615. This is the number used for national comparison purposes by the Institute of International Education in their annual Open Doors report.

116 different places of origin were represented by USC's international students in Fall 2010. While India had been the leading place of origin for several years, this year China has assumed the top spot due to another year of strong enrollment growth. Nearly 37% more students from China enrolled at USC in Fall 2010 compared to the previous year. Combined with last year's growth of 41%, the number of students from China attending USC rose from 1015 in 2008 to 1951 in 2010, an increase of 92% in that two-year period.

Enrollment from India dipped slightly in Fall 2010, falling almost 8% to 1,499 compared to a high of 1,623 in Fall 2009. The number of students from South Korea was nearly equal to the previous year, with 724 students enrolled for Fall 2010. Combined, students from the three top places of origin of China, India and S. Korea represented 60% of USC's international students in Fall 2010.

Overall, international students comprised nearly 19% of USC's overall student enrollment, with the proportion of international undergraduates growing in Fall 2010 to nearly 11% of the total undergraduate student population.

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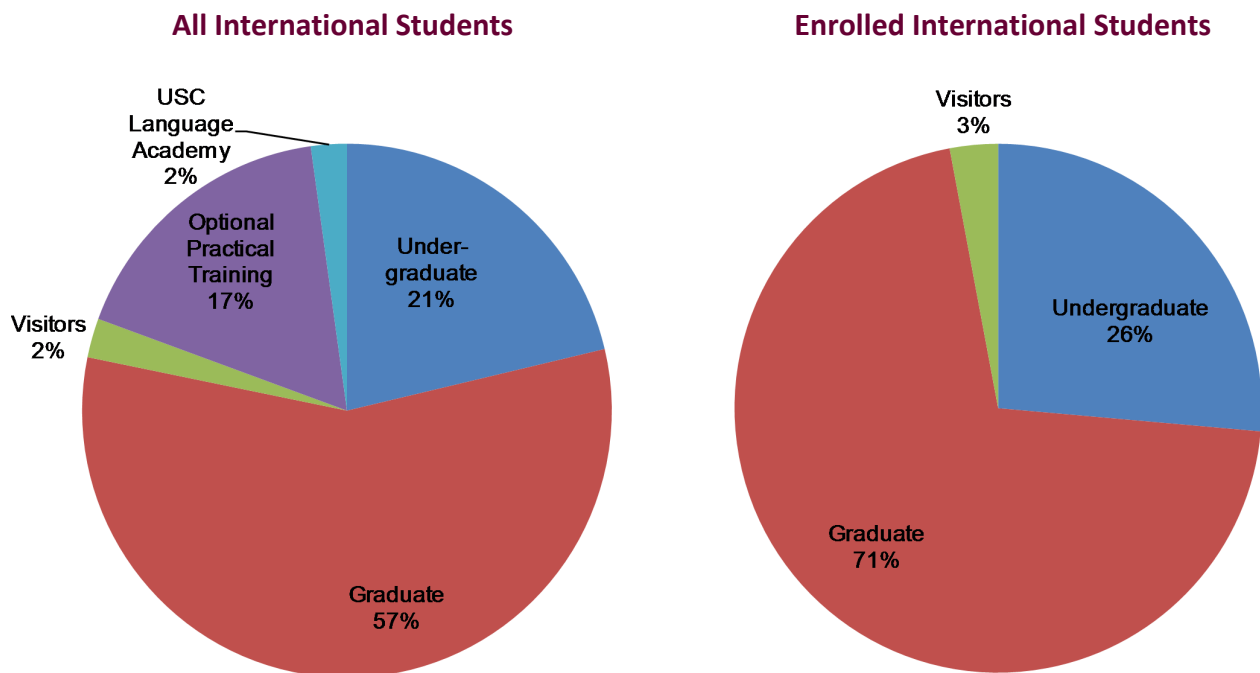
## Section 1

### Summary of International Students

**Table 1.1 Total Numbers of All International Students**

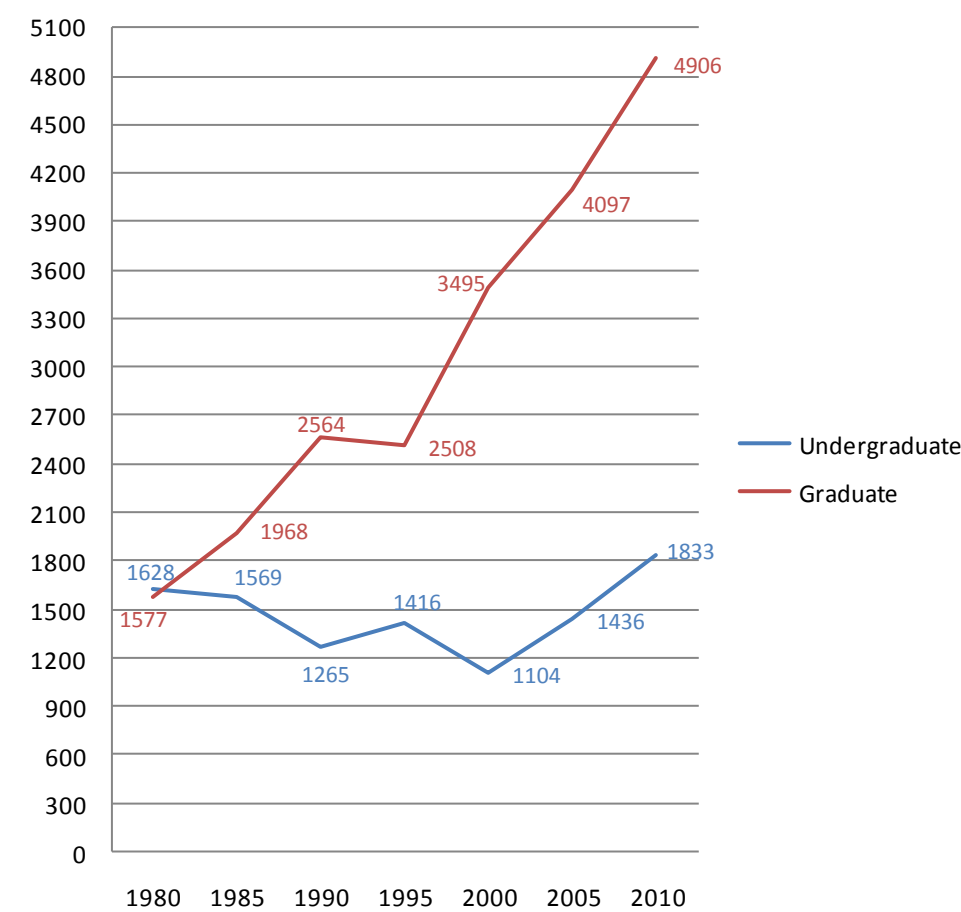
Enrolled International Students	Fall 2010	Fall 2009	% Change
<b>Undergraduate</b>	1833	1672	+9.63
<b>Graduate</b>	4906	4700	+4.38
<b>Visitors</b>	205	213	-3.76
<b>Enrolled International Student Total</b>	<b>6944</b>	<b>6585</b>	<b>+5.45</b>
Other International Students	Fall 2010	Fall 2009	% Change
<b>Optional Practical Training</b>	1483	1296	+14.43
<b>USC Language Academy</b>	188	106	+77.36
<b>Other International Student Total</b>	<b>1671</b>	<b>1402</b>	<b>+19.19</b>
<b>All International Student Total</b>	<b>8615</b>	<b>7987</b>	<b>+7.86</b>

**Chart 1.2 Fall 2010 Types of International Students within the International Population**

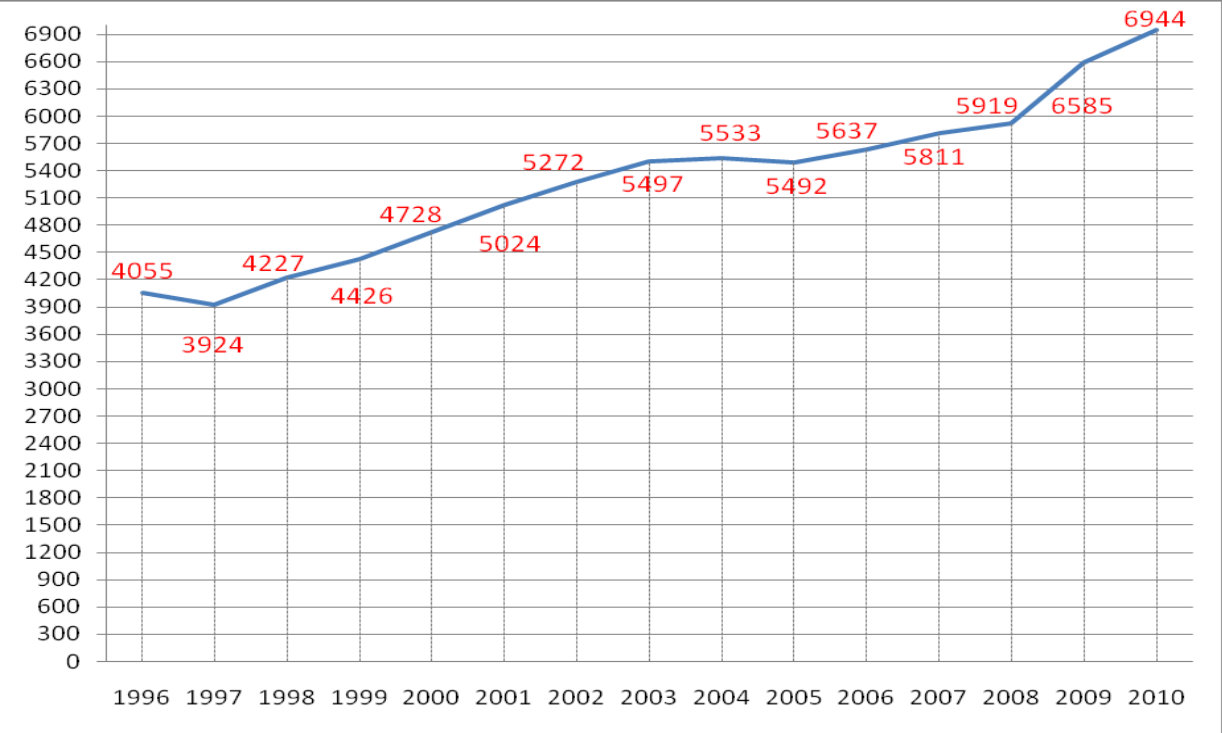


Percentages are rounded to the nearest even number.

**Chart 1.3** Enrolled Graduate and Undergraduate Student Trend in Increments of 5 Years



**Chart 1.4** 15 Years of International Student Enrollment from Fall 1996-Fall 2010



Data includes degree-seeking students and visiting students in non-degree programs for all years listed.

## Section 2

### Fall 2010 Top Ten Places of Origin

**Table 2.1 Fall 2010 Top Ten Places of Origin of All International Students**

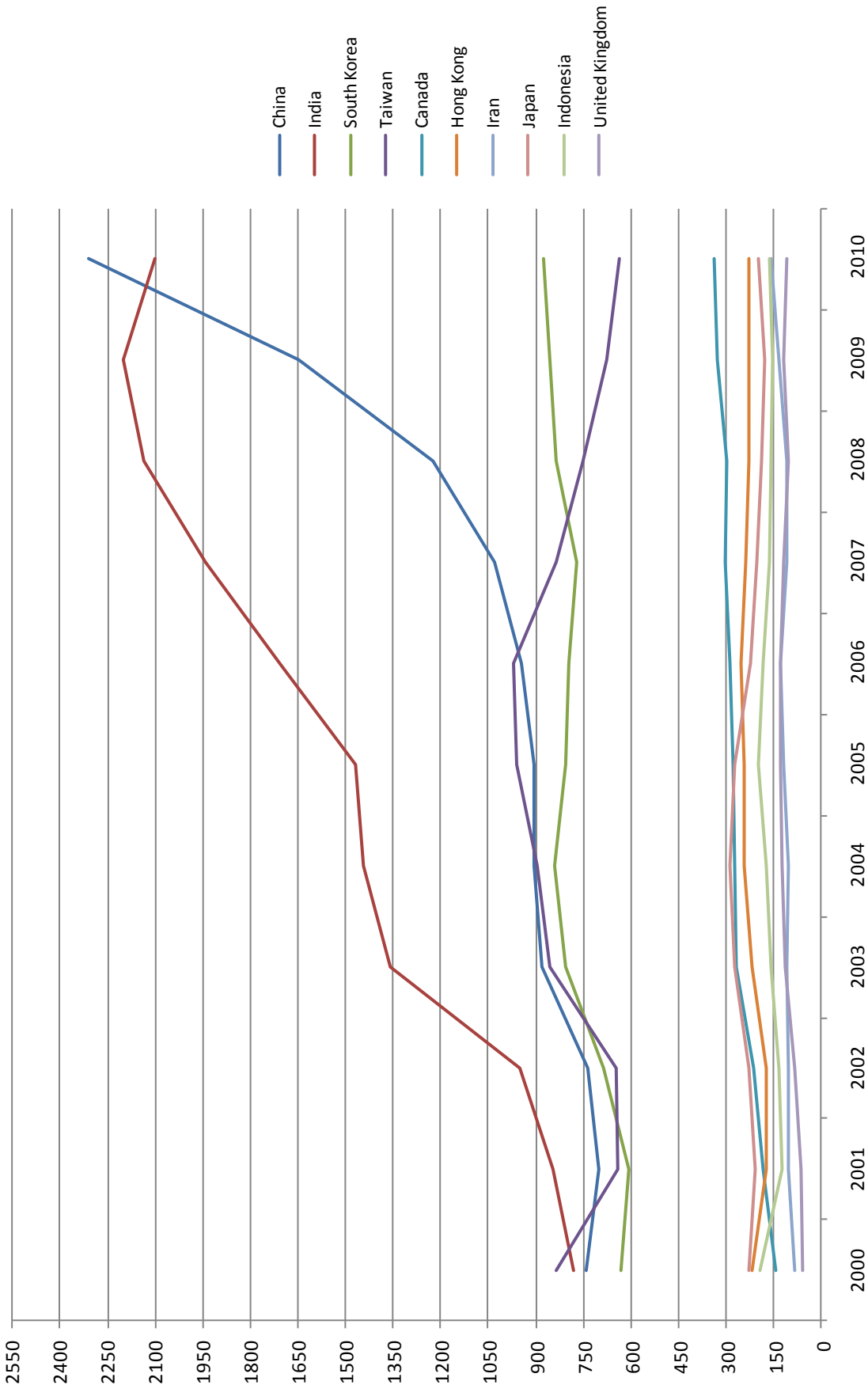
Place of Origin	Fall 2010 Enrolled	Fall 2010 OPT	Fall 2010 Language Academy	Fall 2009 Enrolled	% Change between Fall 2010 & 2009 Enrolled
<b>China</b>	1951	310	50	1428	+36.62
<b>India</b>	1499	601	0	1623	-7.64
<b>South Korea</b>	724	122	28	735	-1.50
<b>Taiwan</b>	471	131	32	518	-9.07
<b>Canada</b>	300	38	0	289	+3.81
<b>Hong Kong</b>	193	32	1	205	-5.85
<b>Iran</b>	147	13	0	126	+16.67
<b>Japan</b>	143	33	20	140	+2.14
<b>Indonesia</b>	137	25	0	129	+6.20
<b>United Kingdom</b>	97	13	0	103	-5.83
<b>Total from Top Ten Places</b>	<b>5662</b>	<b>1318</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>5296</b>	<b>+6.91</b>
<b>Total of Int'l Students</b>	<b>6944</b>	<b>1483</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>6585</b>	<b>+5.45</b>
<b>% of Top Ten Places of Origin</b>	<b>81.54%</b>	<b>88.87%</b>	<b>69.68%</b>	<b>80.43%</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Table 2.2 Fall 2010 Top Ten Places of Origin of All International Students: 11 Year Comparison**

Year	China	India	South Korea	Taiwan	Canada	Hong Kong	Iran	Japan	Indonesia	United Kingdom
<b>2000</b>	743	779	630	834	144	218	84	230	193	58
<b>2001</b>	701	845	604	642	182	175	104	210	122	61
<b>2002</b>	738	949	686	648	212	171	104	227	134	81
<b>2003</b>	880	1357	807	856	266	220	110	272	156	113
<b>2004</b>	903	1444	839	897	272	241	105	288	172	123
<b>2005</b>	904	1466	807	958	277	243	119	274	197	130
<b>2006</b>	943	1708	794	968	288	254	128	221	184	129
<b>2007</b>	1030	1942	770	833	300	236	108	205	164	118
<b>2008</b>	1224	2138	837	750	298	230	108	188	158	105
<b>2009</b>	1645	2202	855	678	326	230	134	177	151	117
<b>2010</b>	2311	2100	874	634	338	226	160	196	162	110

Total of students include visitors, students on Optional Practical Training and students attending USC Language Academy.

Chart 2.3 Current Top Ten Places of Origin of All International Students: 11 Year Comparison



Total of students include visitors, students on Optional Practical Training, and students attending USC Language Academy. Top ten places of origin only applies to year 2010. Other years have different top ten places of origin.



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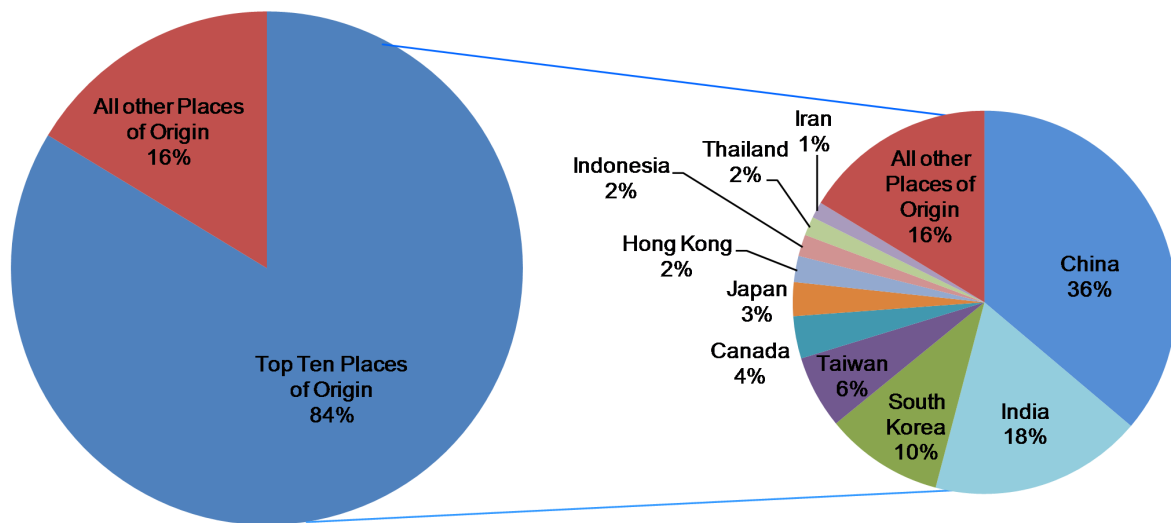
### Top Ten Places of Origin of Newly Enrolled International Students

**Table 3.1 Top Ten Places of Origin of Newly Enrolled International Students**

Place of Origin	Fall 2010	Fall 2009	% Change
<b>China</b>	951	700	+35.86
<b>India</b>	472	642	-26.48
<b>South Korea</b>	263	259	+1.54
<b>Taiwan</b>	162	211	-23.22
<b>Canada</b>	94	92	+2.17
<b>Japan</b>	75	62	+20.97
<b>Hong Kong</b>	58	72	-19.44
<b>Indonesia</b>	48	51	-5.88
<b>Thailand</b>	42	42	0.00
<b>Iran</b>	36	45	-20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2201</b>	<b>2176</b>	<b>+1.15</b>
<b>Total of New Int'l Students</b>	<b>2630</b>	<b>2643</b>	<b>-0.49</b>
<b>% of Top Ten Countries</b>	<b>83.69</b>	<b>82.33</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Total includes visitors but not USC Language Academy.

**Chart 3.2 Fall 2010 Top Ten Places of Origin of Newly Enrolled International Students**



Total includes visitors but not USC Language Academy.

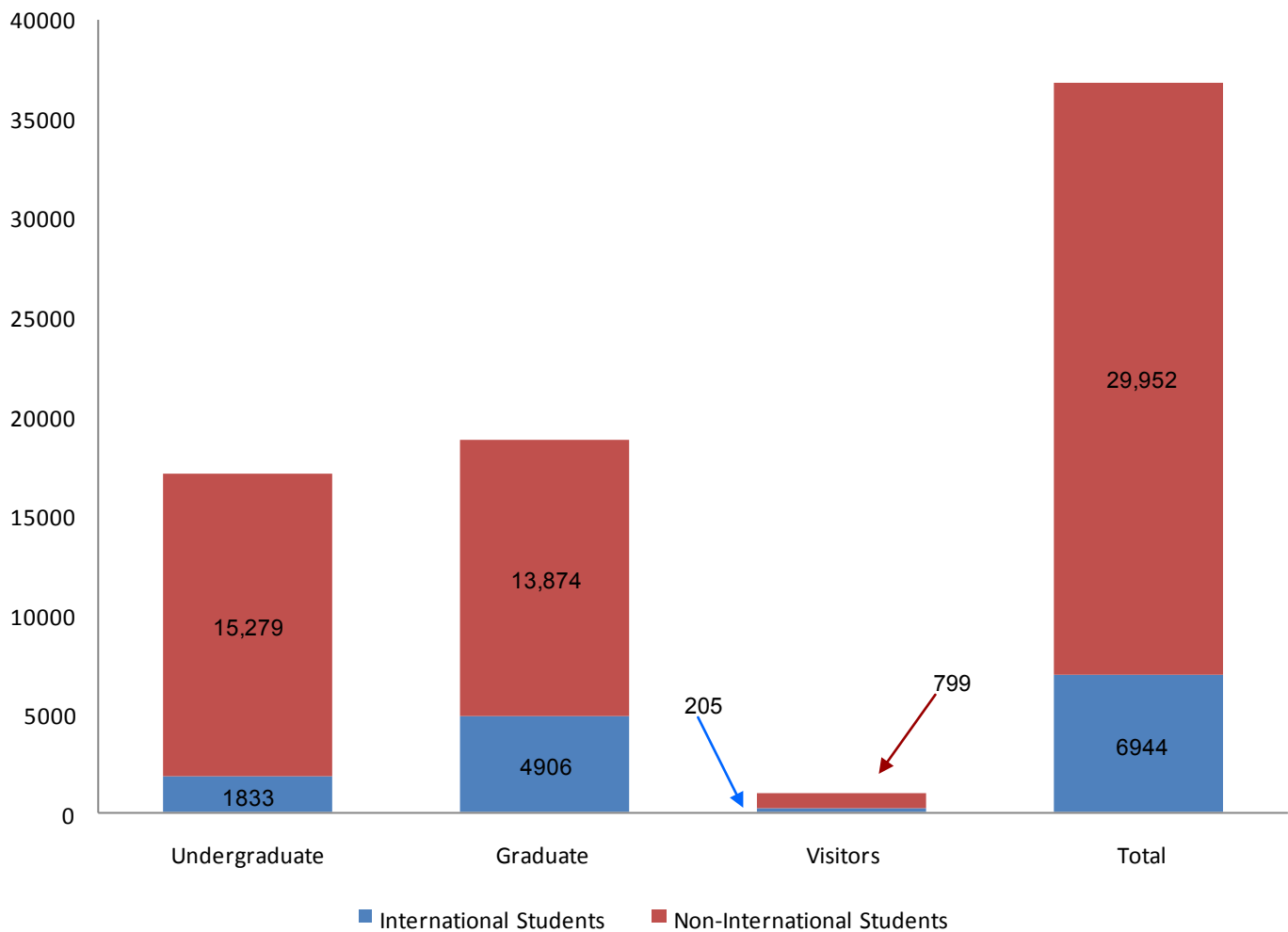
## Section 4

### Enrolled International Students within the Total of USC Student Enrollment

**Table 4.1** Fall 2010 Enrolled International Students as a Proportion of USC Student Enrollment

Class Level	Enrolled International Students	USC Students including Enrolled Int'l Students	% Enrolled International Students
<b>Undergraduate</b>	1833	17,112	10.71
<b>Graduate</b>	4906	18,780	26.12
<b>Visitors</b>	205	1004	20.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>6944</b>	<b>36,896</b>	<b>18.82</b>

**Chart 4.2** Fall 2010 Enrolled International Students as a Proportion of USC Student Enrollment



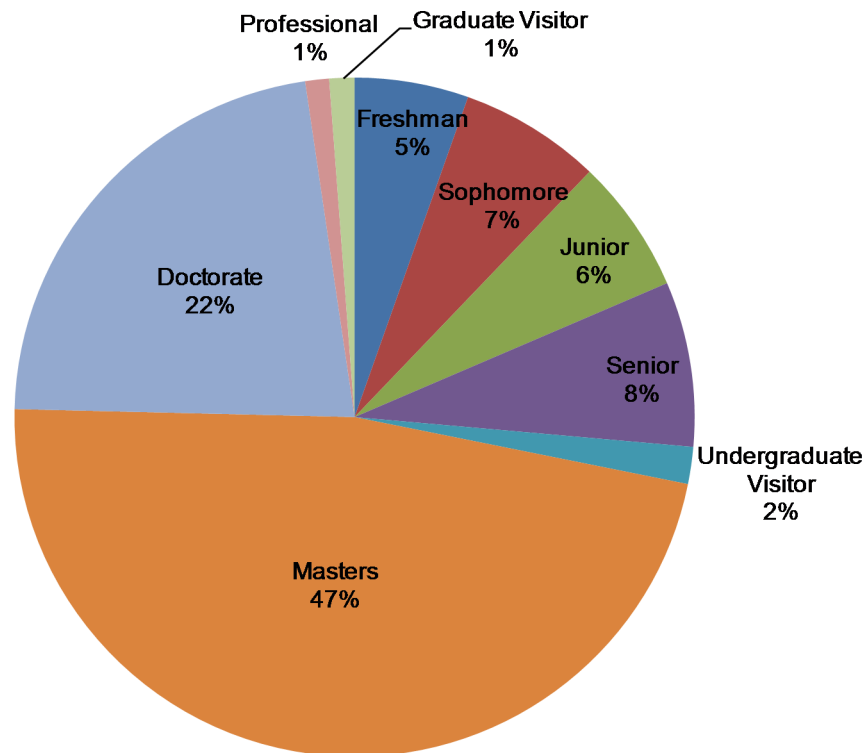
## Section 5

### Distribution of Enrolled International Students by Academic Level

**Table 5.1** Enrolled International Students by Academic Level

Undergraduate Students	Fall 2010	Fall 2009	% Change
Freshman	377	374	+0.80
Sophomore	468	321	+45.79
Junior	444	478	-7.11
Senior	544	499	+9.02
Undergraduate Visitor	122	109	+11.93
Graduate Students	Fall 2010	Fall 2009	% Change
Masters	3279	3082	+6.39
Doctoral	1548	1540	+0.52
Professional	79	78	+1.28
Graduate Visitor	83	104	-20.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>6944</b>	<b>6585</b>	<b>+5.45</b>

**Chart 5.2** Fall 2010 Distribution of Academic Levels for Enrolled International Students



## Section 6

### International Student Enrollment by Schools and Majors

**Table 6.1**      **Fall 2010 International Student Enrollment by Schools**

School	Intl Total	Intl UG	UG Total	% Intl UG	Intl GR	GR Total	% Intl GR
Leventhal School of Accounting	199	146	532	27.44	53	288	18.4
School of Architecture	170	65	554	11.73	105	222	47.3
Marshall School of Business	912	634	3087	20.54	278	1719	16.17
School of Cinematic Arts	145	31	873	3.55	114	718	15.88
Anneberg School for Communication	249	64	1391	4.6	185	719	25.73
Ostrow School of Dentistry	102	4	123	3.25	98	1286	7.62
Rossier School of Education	45	0	0	0	45	2055	2.19
Viterbi School of Engineering	2974	237	2030	11.67	2737	4312	63.47
Roski School of Fine Arts	12	9	247	3.64	3	39	7.69
Leonard Davis School of Gerontology	8	1	32	3.12	7	134	5.22
School of Law	134	0	0	0	134	783	17.11
College of Letters, Arts & Sciences	1182	597	6,643	8.99	585	1594	36.7
Keck School of Medicine	229	13	238	5.46	216	1517	14.24
Thorton School of Music	78	12	531	2.26	66	375	17.6
School of Pharmacy	68	0	0	0	68	910	7.47
School of Policy, Planning & Development	178	4	354	1.13	174	899	19.35
School of Social Work	34	0	0	0	34	1086	3.13
School of Theatre	18	16	477	3.35	2	48	4.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>6737</b>	<b>1833</b>	<b>17112</b>	<b>10.71</b>	<b>4904</b>	<b>18704</b>	<b>26.22</b>

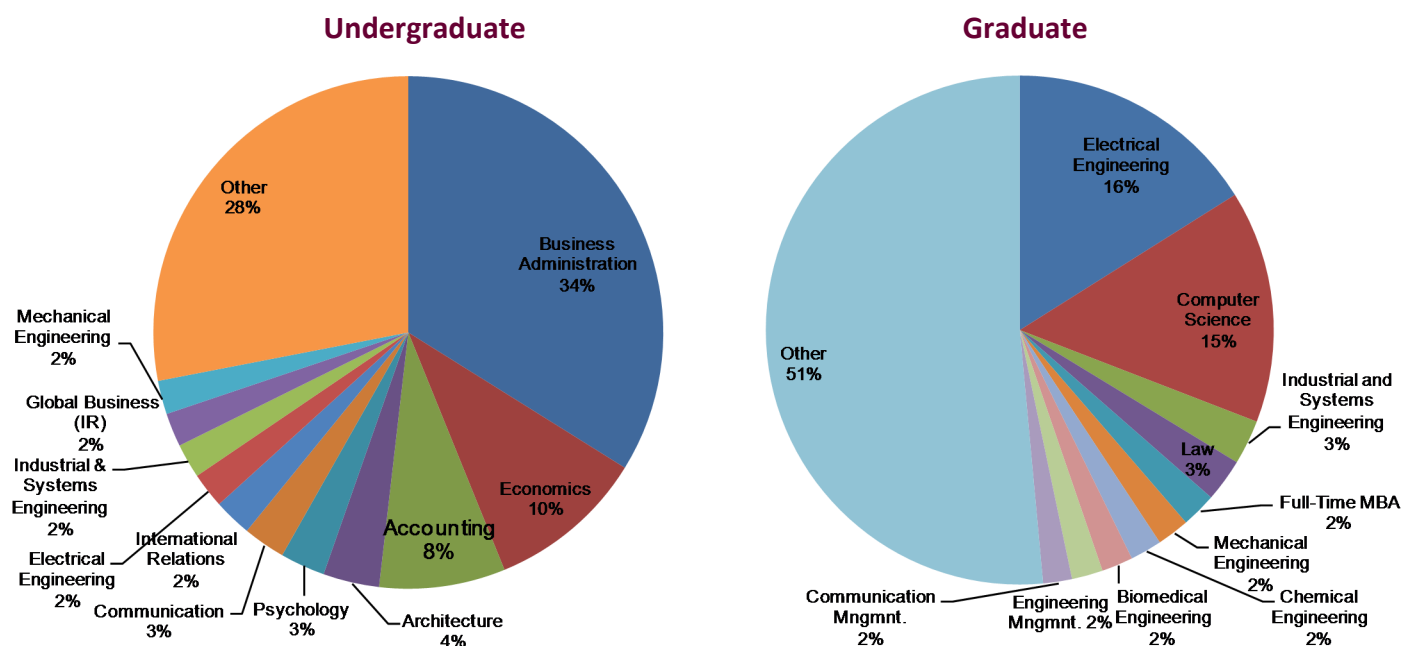
Listed numbers do not include visitors and dual degree program students. There are 76 dual degree students, of which 2 are international students, and 205 visiting students.

**Table 6.2 Fall 2010 International Student Enrollment by Top 15 Majors**

Major	Undergraduate	Major	Graduate
1. Business Administration	621	1. Electrical Engineering	789
2. Economics	183	2. Computer Science	725
3. Accounting	146	3. Industrial Systems Engineering	139
4. Architecture	65	4. Law	134
5. Psychology	52	5. Business Administration (Full-Time MBA)	109
6. Communication	49	6. Mechanical Engineering	101
7. International Relations	44	7. Chemical Engineering	99
8. Electrical Engineering	41	8. Biomedical Engineering	98
9. Industrial and Systems Engineering	40	9. Engineering Management	97
10. Global Business (Intl' Relations)	39	10. Communication Management	90
Mechanical Engineering	39	11. Economics	88
11. Biological Sciences	35	12. VLSI Design (Electrical Engineering	84
12. Economics/Mathematics	32	13. Business Administration	82
13. Chemical Engineering	14	14. Genetic, Molecular, & Cell Biology	76
14. Health Promo. & Disease Prevention	12	15. Chemistry	70
Political Science	12		
Theatre	12		
15. Biochemistry	11		
Petroleum Engineering (Chem. Eng.)	11		

Listed numbers do not include visiting students or dual degree students.

**Chart 6.3 Fall 2010 International Student Enrollment by Top 10 Majors**



## Section 7

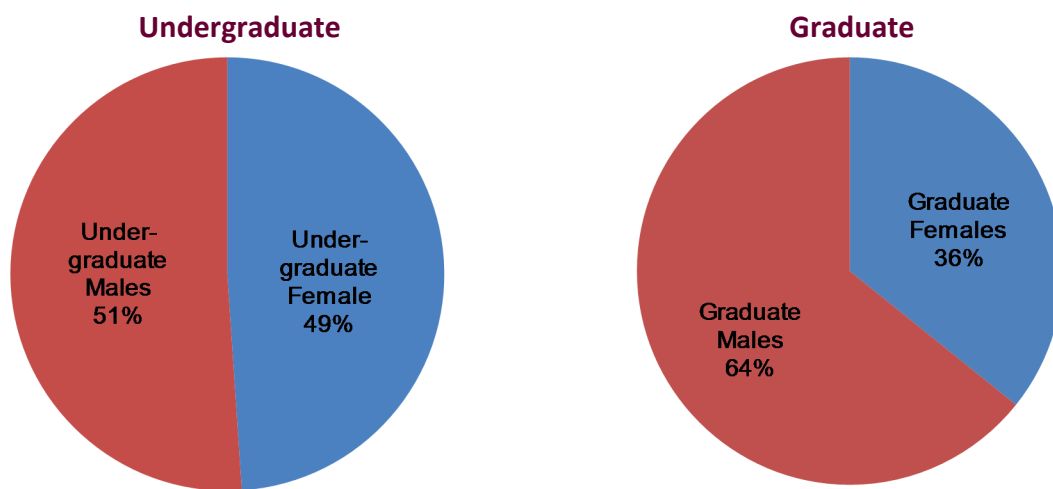
### Gender Composition of International Students

**Table 7.1 Comparison of Gender Composition of All International Students**

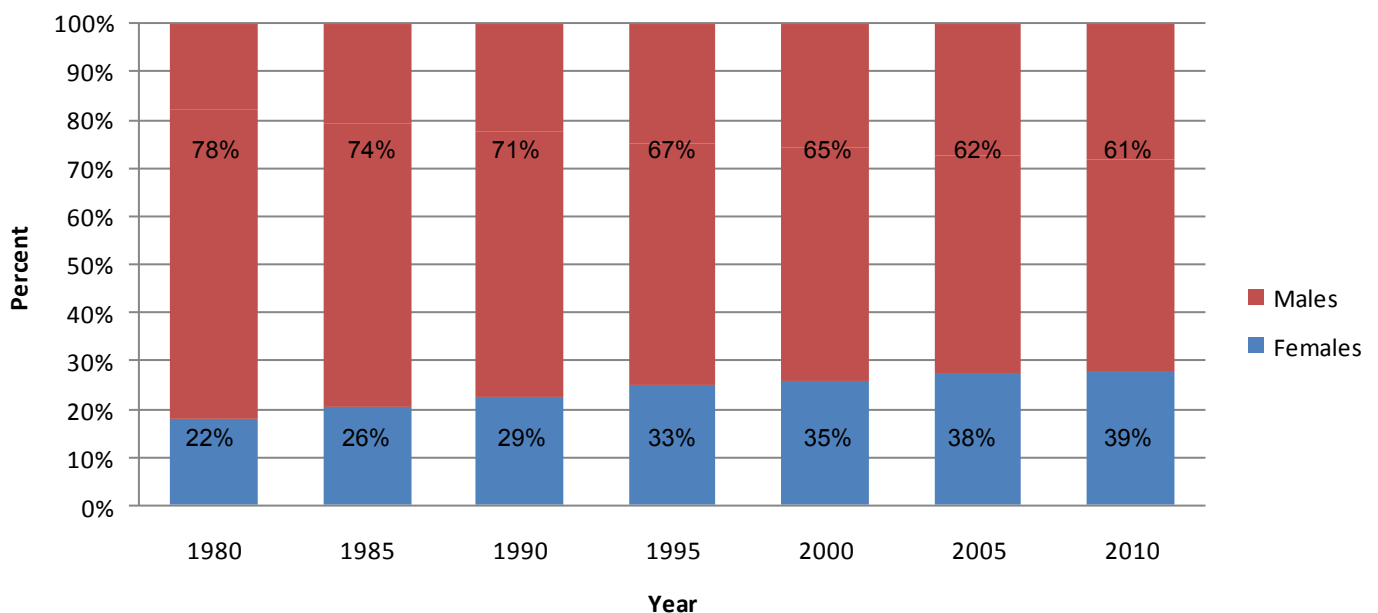
Gender	Fall 2010	Fall 2010 %	Fall 2009	Fall 2009 %
<b>Males</b>	5230	61%	4946	62%
<b>Females</b>	3385	39%	3041	38%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8615</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>7987</b>	<b>100%</b>

Totals include OPT, USC Language Academy and student visitors.

**Chart 7.2 Fall 2010 Gender Comparison of All International Students**



**Chart 7.3 Percentage of All Male & Female Intl' Students in Increments of 5 Years since 1980**



## Section 8

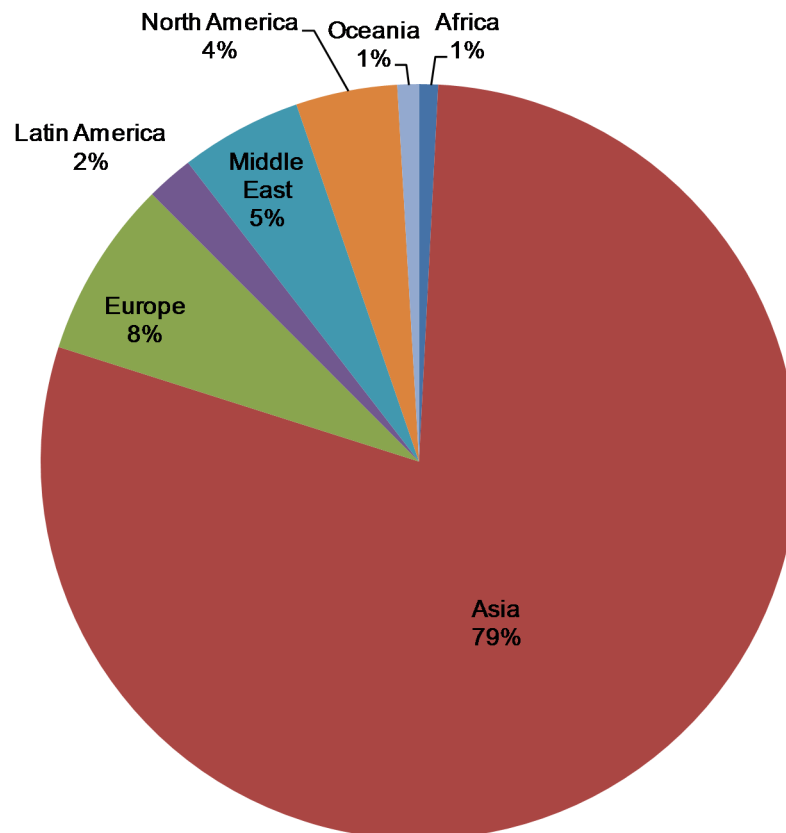
### International Student Enrollment by Region

**Table 8.1 International Student Enrollment by Region**

Region	Fall 2010	Fall 2009	% Change
Africa	56	53	5.66%
Asia	5493	5161	6.43%
Europe	529	531	-0.38%
Latin America and the Caribbean	140	150	-6.67%
Middle East	361	340	6.18%
North America	301	289	4.15%
Oceania	64	61	4.92%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6944</b>	<b>6585</b>	<b>5.45%</b>

Totals include degree-seeking students and student visitors and excludes students on OPT and USC Language Academy.

**Chart 8.2 Fall 2010 International Student Enrollment by Region**



Totals include degree-seeking students and student visitors and excludes students on OPT and USC Language Academy.

## Section 9

### International Student Total by Place of Origin

**Table 9.1      Fall 2010 All International Student Total by Place of Origin**

Place of Origin	Undergraduate	Graduate	Visitors	Enrolled Intl Student Total	Language Academy	OPT	All Intl Student Total
<b>Angola</b>	1	1	0	2	3	0	5
<b>Argentina</b>	1	8	0	9	0	3	12
<b>Armenia</b>	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Australia</b>	25	12	9	46	0	3	49
<b>Austria</b>	3	1	0	4	0	2	6
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Bahrain</b>	2	0	0	2	0	1	3
<b>Bangladesh</b>	3	3	0	6	0	3	9
<b>Belarus</b>	1	0	1	2	0	0	2
<b>Belgium</b>	1	3	1	5	0	3	8
<b>Belize</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Bermuda</b>	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Bolivia</b>	0	2	0	2	0	1	3
<b>Brazil</b>	7	29	1	37	0	7	44
<b>Bulgaria</b>	2	10	0	12	0	2	14
<b>Cambodia</b>	3	2	0	5	0	0	5
<b>Canada</b>	163	129	8	300	0	38	338
<b>Chile</b>	0	7	0	7	0	1	8
<b>China</b>	327	1593	31	1951	50	310	2311
<b>Colombia</b>	2	12	1	15	0	1	16
<b>Costa Rica</b>	3	1	0	4	0	0	4
<b>Croatia</b>	1	2	0	3	0	0	3
<b>Cyprus</b>	0	3	0	3	0	0	3
<b>Czech Republic</b>	1	0	1	2	0	0	2
<b>Denmark</b>	0	0	9	9	0	0	9
<b>Dominican Republic</b>	0	1	0	1	0	0	1



Place of Origin	Undergraduate	Graduate	Visitors	Enrolled Intl Student Total	Language Academy	OPT	All Intl Student Total
Ecuador	2	1	0	3	0	0	3
Egypt	2	8	2	12	0	0	12
El Salvador	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Estonia	2	1	0	3	0	0	3
Ethiopia	3	0	0	3	0	0	3
Finland	0	3	3	6	0	0	6
France	13	18	6	37	2	7	46
Gabon	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Georgia	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Germany	16	42	7	65	0	5	70
Ghana	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Greece	3	23	0	26	0	0	26
Guinea-Bissau	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Honduras	1	0	0	1	1	1	3
Hong Kong	165	22	6	193	1	32	226
Hungary	7	0	10	17	0	2	19
Iceland	0	5	0	5	0	2	7
India	114	1380	5	1499	0	601	2100
Indonesia	112	25	0	137	0	25	162
Iran	3	143	1	147	0	13	160
Iraq	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Ireland	1	2	0	3	0	1	4
Israel	3	11	1	15	0	3	18
Italy	8	16	11	35	0	7	42
Jamaica	2	3	0	5	0	0	5
Japan	43	97	3	143	20	33	196
Jordan	2	13	0	15	0	2	17
Kazakhstan	6	3	0	9	0	2	11
Kenya	3	2	0	5	0	0	5
Kuwait	12	10	2	24	6	9	39
Kyrgyzstan	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Latvia	5	0	0	5	0	0	5
Lebanon	0	2	0	2	0	0	2
Libya	0	3	0	3	2	1	6
Lithuania	0	1	0	1	0	0	1

Place of Origin	Undergraduate	Graduate	Visitors	Enrolled Intl Student Total	Language Academy	OPT	All Intl Student Total
Macau	7	3	0	10	0	3	13
Malaysia	33	16	4	53	0	4	57
Mauritius	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Mexico	17	17	0	34	1	8	43
Monaco	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Mongolia	1	0	0	1	0	1	2
Montenegro	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Morocco	1	2	0	3	0	2	5
Myanmar (Burma)	3	1	0	4	0	0	4
Nicaragua	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Nepal	0	2	0	2	0	0	2
Netherlands	5	2	4	11	0	0	11
Netherlands Antilles	2	0	0	2	0	0	2
New Zealand	7	9	1	17	0	1	18
Nigeria	2	14	0	16	0	2	18
Norway	7	3	0	10	0	1	11
Pakistan	9	21	0	30	0	7	37
Panama	1	2	0	3	0	0	3
Paraguay	1	0	0	1	1	0	2
Peru	1	6	0	7	0	0	7
Philippines	10	3	1	14	0	3	17
Poland	7	5	0	12	0	1	13
Portugal	11	8	2	21	0	0	21
Qatar	0	1	2	3	0	0	3
Romania	1	12	0	13	0	0	13
Russia	5	39	2	46	0	2	48
Saudi Arabia	11	36	3	50	31	4	85
Serbia	4	1	0	5	0	0	5
Serbia & Montenegro	1	1	0	2	0	0	2
Singapore	54	30	6	90	0	12	102
Slovakia	0	2	0	2	0	1	3

Place of Origin	Undergraduate	Graduate	Visitors	Enrolled Intl Student Total	Language Academy	OPT	All Intl Student Total
<b>Slovenia</b>	1	1	0	2	0	0	2
<b>South Africa</b>	2	4	0	6	0	1	7
<b>South Korea</b>	320	380	24	724	28	122	874
<b>Spain</b>	3	12	15	30	0	2	32
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	9	7	0	16	0	3	19
<b>Sweden</b>	10	3	1	14	0	3	17
<b>Switzerland</b>	8	5	1	14	0	0	14
<b>Syria</b>	1	0	1	2	1	0	3
<b>Taiwan</b>	60	404	7	471	32	131	634
<b>Tanzania</b>	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Thailand</b>	17	68	9	94	2	7	103
<b>Tonga</b>	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Trinidad and Tobago</b>	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
<b>Turkey</b>	31	64	0	95	0	10	105
<b>Turks &amp; Caicos Islands</b>	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Ukraine</b>	0	3	0	3	0	1	4
<b>United Arab Emirates</b>	3	1	0	4	6	0	10
<b>United Kingdom</b>	65	29	3	97	0	14	111
<b>Uruguay</b>	1	1	0	2	0	0	2
<b>Venezuela</b>	1	4	0	5	1	4	10
<b>Vietnam</b>	16	24	0	40	0	5	45
<b>Yemen</b>	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Zambia</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Zimbabwe</b>	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1833</b>	<b>4906</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>6944</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>1483</b>	<b>8615</b>

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