The Covid-19 pandemic caused a decrease (64%) in the total number of University of Alabama students who studied abroad (or participated in virtual abroad programs) for academic credit between Fall 2019 – Summer 2020. 572 students including those who participated in non-credit programs.

Top 10 Countries*
1. Multi-country
2. Spain
3. Italy
4. Ireland
5. UK
6. Scotland
7. Australia
8. Denmark
9. Germany
10. Costa Rica

More than 40 countries were represented

* Virtual program participation make up 25% of country and regional data

Study Abroad by Region*

Study Abroad by Program Type
1. Affiliate (43%)
2. UA Faculty Led (34%)
3. Exchange (7%)
4. Non-UA Affiliate (6%)
5. Internships (5%)
6. Direct Enroll (4%)

Study Abroad by Major (incl. 2nd major)
1. Chemical Engr (52 stu.)
2. Business Adm. (38 stu.)
3. Marketing (32 stu.)
4. Political Sci (29 stu.)
5. Finance (28 stu.)
6. Spanish (22 stu.)
7. Accounting (21 stu.)
8. Biology (21 stu.)
10. Psychology (20 stu.)

COVID-19 Response
The COVID-19 pandemic brought unprecedented challenges to the Education Abroad (EA) office during the 2019-2020 academic year.

As the pandemic halted travel worldwide, EA responded by supporting our Spring and Summer students through the challenges.

• 268 students had programs disrupted mid-semester (Spring 2020 and Ay 19-20)

In collaboration with partners on campus, and around the world, the EA team supported students in arranging their return to the U.S., finishing their semester remotely and navigating the reimbursement procedures of the sudden cancellation or interruption of their study abroad experience.

• 1,030 students had spring break and summer programs canceled in advance (762 faculty led and 280 provider programs)

• 12 faculty-led programs, supporting 138 students pivoted to virtual programming for Summer 2020
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Study Abroad by Ethnicity

Financial Aid Students who studied abroad 19-20

Scholarship Students who studied abroad 19-20

Top Travel Registration Countries (non-credit programs registered through EA office)

1. Costa Rica
2. Canada
3. Germany
4. Japan
5. United Kingdom
6. France
7. India

Interesting facts:

- 66% of those who studied abroad are women.
- 21% of students were Alabama residents.
- 58% of those who studied abroad were Honors students.
- Study abroad students had a 3.63 average GPA.

Past 20 years of Study Abroad (for credit) at UA

No
Yes
No
Yes
31%
69%
71%
29%
67%
32%
1%
Afr. Am/Black
Unknown
Hispanic
Asian
White

# of students
Academic Years

00-01  01-02  02-03  03-04  04-05  05-06  06-07  07-08  08-09  09-10  10-11  11-12  12-13  13-14  14-15  15-16  16-17  17-18  18-19  19-20

0  200  400  600  800  1000  1200  1400  1600

00-01 01-02 02-03 03-04 04-05 05-06 06-07 07-08 08-09 09-10 10-11 11-12 12-13 13-14 14-15 15-16 16-17 17-18 18-19 19-20

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Million Dollar Band to Italy (154 students)
Start of Coronavirus Pandemic

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