The Covid-19 pandemic caused a decrease (57%) in the total number of University of Alabama students who studied abroad (or participated in virtual abroad programs) for academic credit between Fall 2020 – Summer 2021. 253 students including those who participated in non-credit programs.

**Top 10 Countries:**
1. Spain 6. Portugal
2. Italy 7. Iceland
3. Scotland 8. South Korea
4. UK 9. Australia
5. France 10. South Africa

More than 30 countries were represented

* Virtual program participation make up 39% of country and regional data

**Study Abroad by Region**
Europe 80%
North America 4%
South America 2%
Central America 2%
Australia/NZ 3%
Africa 4%
Asia 7%
Middle East 1%

**Top 10 Majors**
1. Chemical Engr (30 stu.)
2. Finance (21 stu.)
3. Marketing (20 stu.)
4. Biology (13 stu.)
5. Spanish (12 stu.)
6. Economics (11 stu.)
7. Political Sci (10 stu.)
8. Public Relations (9 stu.)
9. General Business (9 stu.)
10. English (8 stu.)

**Study Abroad by Program Type**
1. Affiliate (31%)
2. UA Faculty Led (29%)
3. Non-UA Affiliate (22%)
4. Internships UA & Non-UA (9%)
5. Direct Enroll (4%)
6. Exchange (3%)
7. Research (1%)

Students participated in more than 80 unique programs

**Continuing through the Pandemic**
The Education Abroad (EA) office continues to support UA students who participated in programs abroad and/or global virtual opportunities. Even through the coronavirus pandemic that caused sever disruption to international education and travel, EA has been able to support:

- 20 first-generation students who traveled to France, Spain, Portugal, Jordan, Spain, South Korea and Italy
- 27 Pell-grant students who traveled to Europe and Asia
- 49 students who indicated they had never been abroad before.

In collaboration with Culverhouse College of Business, EA launched the Global Virtual Internship program with 18 students who are working with global partners from around the world. The students will complete 8-week internships at companies such as LATAM airlines, PVH Corp, Mission Australia, Phillip Capital Management and MayBank Malaysia.
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Study Abroad by Ethnicity

- White: 63%
- Asian: 3%
- Hispanic: 3%
- Unknown: 30%
- Afr. Am/Black: 1%

Financial Aid Students who studied abroad 19-20

- Yes: 32%
- No: 68%

Scholarship Students who studied abroad 19-20

- Yes: 80%
- No: 20%

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

1. South Africa
2. Costa Rica
3. France
4. Mexico
5. Italy
6. Nicaragua
7. Spain
8. Sweden

Interesting facts:

- 69% of those who studied abroad are women.
- 27% of students were Alabama residents.
- 50% 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

- Million Dollar Band to Italy (154 students)
- CV-19 Pandemic ’20 & ’21