# THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA 2016 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR REPORT



# INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

# International Student & Scholar Report 2016

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## I. Overview of International Services

International Services serves many roles, but its primary role is as the immigration advising office for all international students and scholars at the University of Alabama.

International Services is staffed by 7 full-time staff members, including a Director, Assistant Director, 2 International Student and Scholar Advisors, an Immigration Technician who maintains records and SEVIS reporting duties, a Sponsored Student and Services Assistant, and an Immigration Assistant who manages the front office.

In our role as international student visa sponsor, International Services coordinates with Undergraduate Admissions' international admission unit and with Graduate International Admissions to process F-1 I-20s and J-1 DS-2019s (the two student visa-types used by UA) for all incoming international students and provide each admitted student with advice and guidance on how to process a student visa and make preparations to enter the U.S.

Once international students arrive to UA, International Services' role switches to that of a compliance office, gathering copies of documents and contact information from each student, providing an extensive orientation with a primary focus on immigration regulatory issues and acculturation, and finally, monitoring all student course registration and on-campus employment to ensure students' compliance with student visa regulations as well as UA's compliance with our reporting duties to the Department of Homeland Security's US Citizenship and Immigration Services.

## II. International Enrollment Highlights for Fall 2016

As of fall 2016, International Services served 1303 active, enrolled international students, of whom 278 were new, first-time students for Fall 2016 (52 new freshmen, 16 new transfer undergraduates, 12 new conditional undergrad and grad students, 40 new ELI students, 79 new doctoral students, 53 new master's students, 1 new Education Specialist student, and 25 new visiting/non-degree students).

In addition to the 1303 active, enrolled international students served by International Services, there are an additional 173 recent graduates who remain on The University of Alabama's visa sponsorship while working on Optional Practical Training (OPT). Counting these two populations together, the total number of international students served by International Services is 1476. The 1303 active, enrolled students match the reported figures from the census data provided by the Office of Institutional Research & Assessment.

The 1303 active, enrolled international students come from 78 countries and regions of the world and represent 3.5% of the 37,665 students enrolled at The University of Alabama for fall 2016<sup>1</sup>.

**PLEASE NOTE:** For reporting purposes, "international" is understood as a non-U.S. citizen, holding any visa status other than Legal Permanent Residency, Resident Alien, Asylee, or Refugee. Additionally, the student figures presented in this report will differ slightly from the official numbers of international students reported by the Office of Institutional Research & Assessment. OIRA's count includes 9 additional students outside of the U.S. who are enrolled in Distance Learning.

At a total of 1476 (including OPT holders), UA hosted 182 fewer international students in Fall 2016 compared to Fall 2015. The University of Alabama saw its second decrease in overall international numbers, returning UA's enrollment to close to its Fall 2012 numbers.

The majority of the loss in enrollment was in undergraduate degree seeking students and in non-degree students. Undergraduate degree enrollment fell from 762 to 605 since Fall 2015 due to a number of factors, including: a smaller entering Freshman class; attrition of students especially from Freshman to Sophomore year; and graduating students. Additionally, 2015-16 was the last academic year for the Brazil Science Mobility Program (BSMP), leading to a sudden drop-off in enrollment in both the ELI program and undergraduate non-degree enrollment from Brazil.

<sup>1</sup> http://ua.edu/quickfacts/demographics.html & http://oira.ua.edu/d/content/reports/enrollment-census

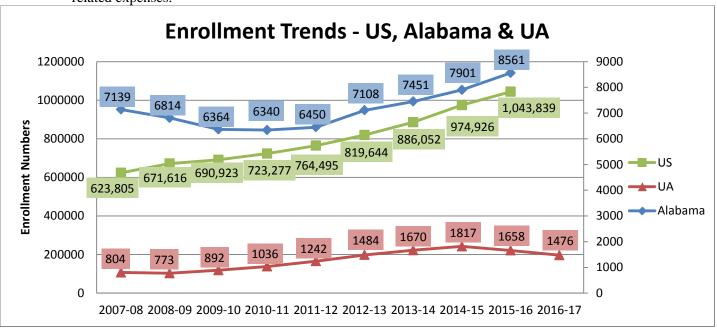
## III. National and Local Trends - Enrollment and Financial Impact of International Students

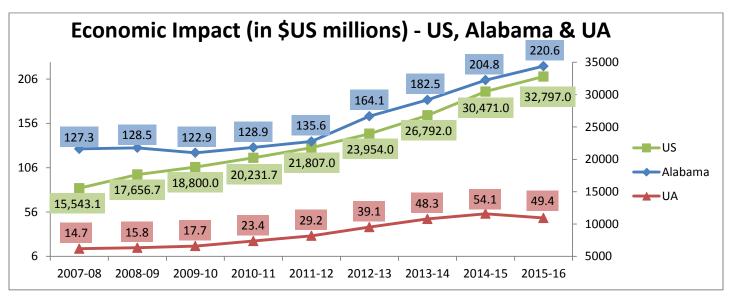
In 2015/16, the United States hosted 1,043,839 international students; in the same year, Alabama institutions of higher education enrolled 8561 international students.<sup>2</sup>

The economic impact of the **1,043,839 international students** enrolled in 2015/16 was nearly **\$32.8** billion in contribution to the U.S. economy, factoring in living expenses for students and their dependents, as well as tuition, books, fees and other education-related expenses.

In Alabama, the **7901 international students** enrolled in 2015/16 **contributed \$220,558,015 to the state economy** through paid tuition, living expenses, books, fees, and other related expenses.

Locally, the **1658** international students at The University of Alabama in 2015/16 contributed **\$49.4** million to the local economy through paid tuition, living expenses, books, fees, and other related expenses.<sup>3</sup>





<sup>2</sup> IIE's Open Doors Report 2016 - http://www.iie.org/Research-and-Publications/Open-Doors

<sup>3</sup> NAFSA's International Student Economic Value Tool:

http://www.nafsa.org/Explore International Education/Impact/Data And Statistics/NAFSA International Student Economic Value Tool/#distData

## **IV.** UA International Student Statistics

# A. Breakdown of Fall Semester 2016 Student Numbers by Degree Level and Year (Includes Recent Graduates on OPT):

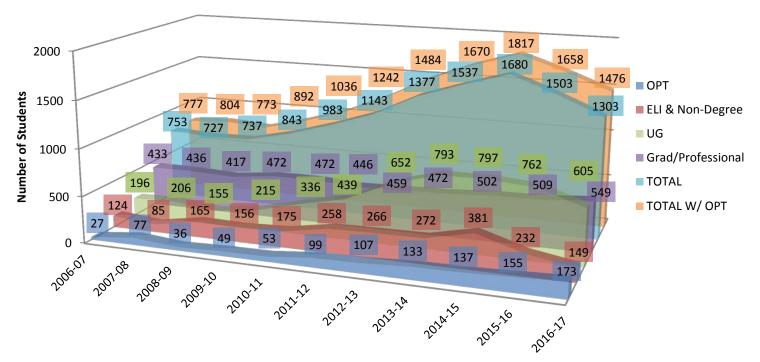
DEGREE & LEVEL	Total
Undergraduate Students	605
Freshman	122
Sophomore	123
Junior	141
Senior	219
Graduate Students	549
Master's	157
Doctoral	388
Professional	3
Educational Specialist	1
English Language Institute	117
ELI Only	98
Conditional Admits	19
Non-Degree & Education Abroad Exchanges	32
Non-Degree/Visiting Students	11
Study Abroad	21
SUBTOTAL OF ACTIVE, ENROLLED STUDENTS	1303
OPT – Graduates on Optional Practical Training	173
TOTAL	1476

## B. UA International Student Numbers 2006 - 2016

YEAR	UG	GRAD	ELI & NON- DEGREE	SUBTOTAL: ACTIVE STUDENTS	ОРТ	TOTAL W/ OPT	% TOTAL CHANGE
2006-07	196	433	124	753	24	777	- 10.9%
2007-08	206	436	85	727	77	804	+ 3.5%
2008-09	155	417	165	737	36	773	- 3.9%
2009-10	215	472	156	843	49	892	+ 15.4%
2010-11	336	472	175	983	53	1036	+ 16.1%
2011-12*	439	446	258	1143	99	1242	+ 19.9%
2012-13	652	459	266	1377	107	1484	+ 19.6%
2013-14	793	472	272	1537	133	1670	+ 12.5%
2014-15	797	502	381	1680	137	1817	+ 8.8%
2015-16	762	509	232	1503	155	1658	- 8.8%
2016-17	605	549	149	1303	173	1476	- 10.9%

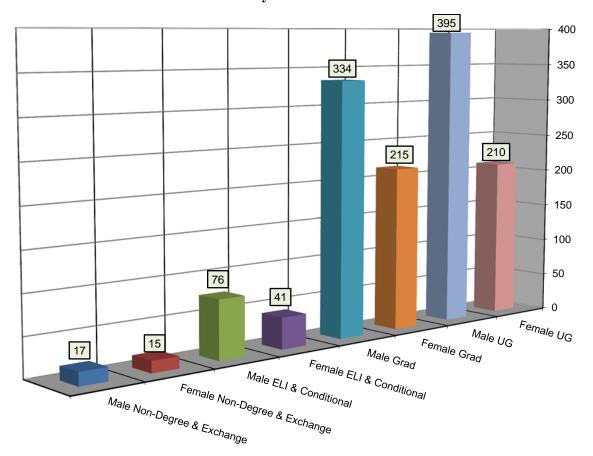
<sup>\*</sup>Prior to 2011/2012, conditionally admitted students were included with the undergraduate and graduate students rather than included with the ELI numbers.

## C. 2006-2016 Comparison of UA International Student Numbers



**Academic Year** 

## V. International Student Numbers by Gender



Male Total: 822 Female Total: 481

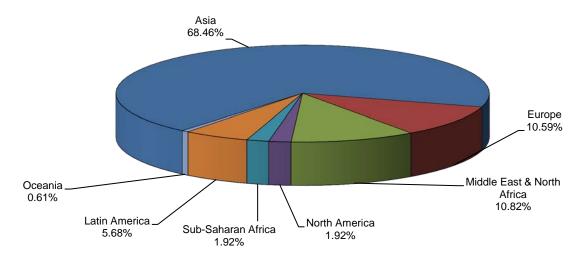
## VI. Region & Places of Origin – For All Students Except Graduates on OPT

The 1303 enrolled international students at The University of Alabama for 2016/17 originated from **78 countries**. Table A. subdivides the world into seven major regions. The total number of students from each region has been recorded. Chart B. graphically depicts student percentages from the major regions.

## A. International Students by Region

REGION	Total
Asia	892
Middle East & North Africa	141
Europe	138
Latin America	74
Sub-Saharan Africa	25
North America (Canada)	25
Oceania	8
TOTAL	1303

## B. Percentage of Students by Regions of the World



**C. Top Ten Places of Origin**: This table lists the ten countries/territories that send the highest number of students to The University of Alabama.

COUNTRY/TERRITORY	UNDERGRAD	GRAD	ELI & CONDITIONAL	NON-DEGREE & EDUCATION ABROAD	TOTAL
1. China, PR	399	210	19	1	629
2. Saudi Arabia	38	5	46		89
3. India	6	58		1	65
4. Korea, South	22	29	5	2	58
5. Turkey	1	22	15		38
6. Colombia*	1	20	9	2	32
6. Nepal*		32			32
8. Bangladesh	1	30			31
9. Germany	7	12		7	26
10. Canada	14	11			25

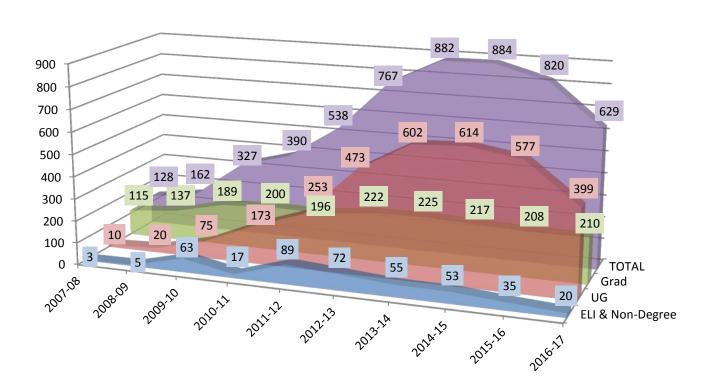
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## D. International Student Places of Origin – For All Active Students (Not OPT)

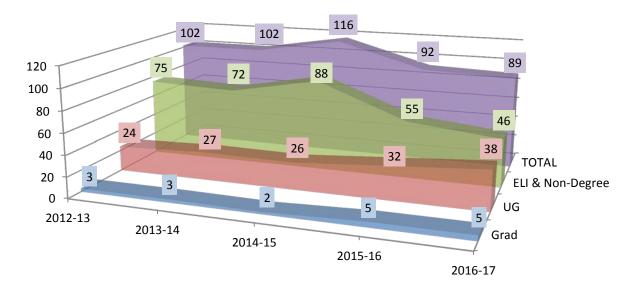
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COUNTRY/TERRITORY	UNDERGRAD	GRAD & PROFESSIONAL	ELI & CONDITIONAL	& EDUCATION ABROAD	TOTAL		
Albania		1			1		
Australia	5	1		2	8		
Austria	1			1	2		
Bahamas	2	1			3		
Bangladesh	1	30			31		
Bolivia	2				2		
Brazil	2	3			5		
Bulgaria		1			1		
Cameroon		1			1		
Canada	14	11			25		
Cayman Islands	1				1		
Chile	1				1		
China, P.R.	399	210	19	1	629		
Colombia	1	20	9	2	32		
Cyprus	5				5		
Denmark	1			2	3		
Dominica		1			1		
Ecuador	2				2		
Egypt	1	4			5		
Finland		1			1		
France	2	1		1	4		
Germany	7	12		7	26		
Ghana		4			4		
Greece	2				2		
Guatemala		1			1		
Haiti	1				1		
Honduras		4			4		
Hong Kong	2	1			3		
Iceland	1				1		
India	6	58		1	65		
Indonesia	1				1		
Iran		21			21		
Iraq		1			1		
Ireland	1	2			3		
Italy	1	1		3	5		
Jamaica		5			5		
Japan	2	2	15	5	24		
Jordan		1			1		
Kazakhstan	1				1		
Kenya	1	1			2		
Korea, South	22	29	5	2	58		
Kuwait	14		1		15		
Lithuania	1				1		
Malaysia	1	1		1	3		
Mexico	7	2	1		10		
Mongolia		1			1		
Nepal		32			32		
Netherlands	3	1			4		
Nigeria	3	6			9		
Norway	1				1		
Pakistan		1			1		
Panama	1				1		
Philippines	1	1			2		
Poland	1	1			2		
Romania	1	1			2		
Russia	3	5			8		

COUNTRY/TERRITORY	UNDERGRAD	GRAD	ELI & CONDITIONAL	NON-DEGREE & EDUCATION ABROAD	TOTAL
Rwanda		2	1		3
Saint Lucia		1			1
Saudi Arabia	38	5	46		89
Slovakia			1		1
South Africa	5	1			6
Spain	2	4			6
Sri Lanka	1	2			3
Sweden	3				3
Switzerland	2				2
Syria	1				1
Taiwan	1	8	3	2	14
Thailand	2	1			3
Trinidad & Tobago	2				2
Turkey	1	22	15		38
Ukraine	1				1
United Arab Emirates (UAE)	1				1
United Kingdom (UK)	6	7		2	15
Uzbekistan		1			1
Venezuela	1	1			2
Vietnam	7	12	1		20
West Bank		1			1
Yemen	6				6
TOTAL	605	549	117	32	1303

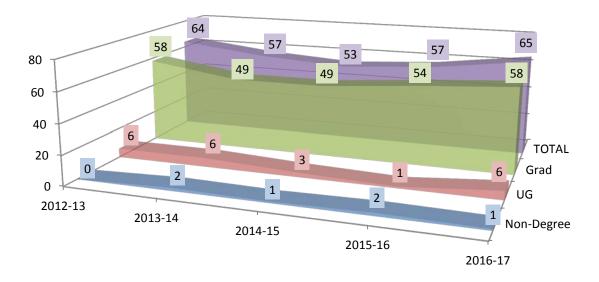
## E. Chinese Student Enrollment 10-Year Comparison: 2007–16



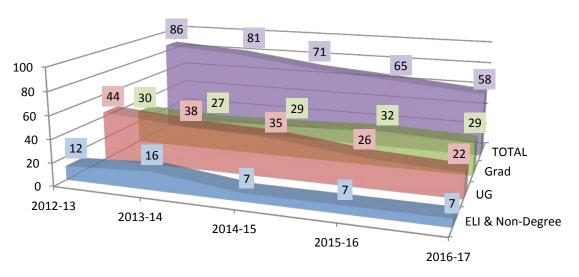
## F. Saudi Arabian Enrollment 5-Year Comparison: 2012-16



## G. Indian Enrollment 5-Year Comparison: 2012-16



## H. South Korean Enrollment 5-Year Comparison: 2012-16

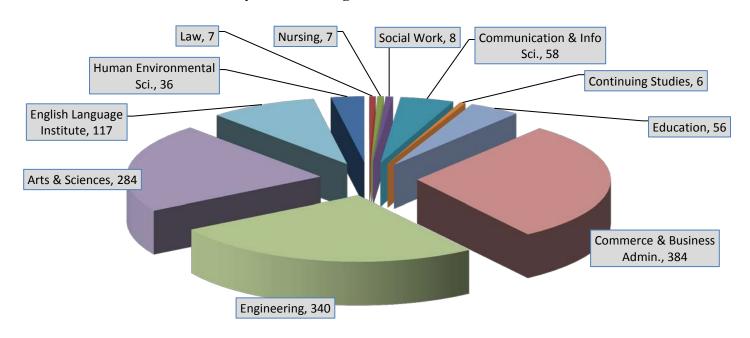


VII. International Student Numbers by Major (NOTE: ELI & Conditional Students are broken down by intended degree. Those students who are only studying English as a Second Language are listed under ELI for their major)

Department	Undergrad	Grad	ELI &	Non-Degree &	Total
Accounting	88	3	Conditional 2	<b>Education Abroad</b>	93
Advertising	7	1	1		9
Aerospace Engineering & Mechanics	7	20	1		27
American Studies	/				1
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Anthropology	6	L			6
Apparel and Textiles	0	2			3
Applied Mathematics		3			
Applied Statistics		13			13
Architectural Engineering	2				2
Art	1	1			1
Art History	•	1		15	1
Arts & Sciences, General/Undeclared	9	10	2	15	26
Biology	10	18	1		29
Business, General	37				37
Chemical Engineering	25	10			35
Chemistry	2	34			36
Civil & Construction Engineering	18	27	1		46
Clothing, Textiles & Interior Design		1			1
Communication & Information Sciences		23			23
Communication Studies	3	3			6
Computer Science	20	23			43
Consumer Science	1				1
Continuing Education				6	6
<b>Counseling Education</b>		2			2
Creative Writing		3			3
Criminal Justice	2				2
Economics	8	17	1		26
<b>Education, Secondary</b>		11		2	13
<b>Education Leadership/ Education Admin</b>		7			7
<b>Education Psychology</b>		8			8
Education Research		2			2
<b>Electrical Engineering</b>	26	47	2		75
ELI – English Language Institute			93		93
Engineering, General	1		2	6	9
English Literature	3				3
Environmental Engineering	1	2			3
Finance	115	15	2		132
Food and Nutrition	8				8
General Health Studies	8	1			9
Geography	1	7			8
Geology		22			22
German		8			8
Health Education & Promotion		1			1
Health Studies		1			1
History	3				3
Human Development & Family Studies	1				1
Human Environmental Science, General	1		4	2	7
Human Performance (Kinesiology)	2	7		_	9
Instructional Leadership		2			2
Interdisciplinary Studies	1	_			1
International Studies	1				1
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Department	Undergrad	Grad	ELI & Conditional	Non-Degree & Education Abroad	Total
Interior Design	4				4
Journalism	4	1			5
Law (JD, JSD, and LLM)		7			7
<b>Library &amp; Information Studies</b>		3			3
Management	26	3	2		31
<b>Management Information Systems</b>	7				7
Marketing	16	10	1		27
<b>Materials Science</b>		11			11
Mathematics	17	19			36
MBA		10			10
Mechanical Engineering	53	34	1		88
Metallurgical & Materials Engineering	2	7			9
Music		9			9
<b>Music Education</b>	1				1
Non-Degree	2	13			15
Nursing	6	1			7
<b>Operations Management</b>	14	9			23
Performance	1				1
Physics	4	32			36
Political Science	3	4			7
Psychology	12	8			20
<b>Public Administration</b>		1	1		2
<b>Public Relations</b>	7				7
Restaurant & Hospitality Management	1				1
Romance Languages (French & Spanish)	1	12			13
Social Work		7	1	1	9
Taxation and Accounting		1			1
<b>Telecommunication &amp; Film</b>	6				6
Theater		1			1
TOTAL	605	549	117	32	1303

## VIII. International Student Numbers by School/College



## IX. UA International Faculty, Staff, & Scholars Report

International scholar and faculty numbers at The University of Alabama for the 2015/16 year (the period between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016) totaled **336** non-immigrants, representing **42 countries and territories**. This is a **3% increase** from the 326 scholars hosted by UA the previous year.

**PLEASE NOTE:** For reporting purposes, the faculty, staff, and scholar figures presented in this report will differ greatly from the official numbers of faculty and staff reported by The University of Alabama's Office of Institutional Research & Assessment. International Services capture the data contained within this report from internal files, which include a large number of unpaid, visiting researchers who are not counted in official employment numbers.

# International Scholars, Faculty and Staff Excluded from Reported Data: Permanent Residents and Guest Lecturers

This figure of 336 international scholars and faculty present in 2015/16 does not include the faculty and staff who hold Permanent Residency Status (Green Card-holders); nor does the total include the numerous international guest lecturers and contractors who visited and performed services for The University of Alabama between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

The reason that Permanent Residents (Green Card Holders) are not included in International Sevices' international faculty and staff statistics in this report is because it is not within the purview of International Services to track or advise Permanent Residents who work for The University of Alabama. New employees who hold Permanent Residency status do not report to International Services. Permanent Residents do not normally require the office's services nor do they have to have their visa-status maintained by International Services.

International guest lecturers and contractors who came for brief visits to perform a service for UA are not counted because they are not employees of the University. Like any other guest lecturer or contractor, their visit is brief and is for a specific purpose.

## X. What the Visa Categories Mean

## J-1 Research Scholar/Professor

The J-1 Exchange Visitor category is for persons who are coming to the U.S. for a temporary stay in a variety of different areas. As it concerns faculty and staff, The University of Alabama authorizes J-1 documents only for professors, research scholars, short-term scholars, specialists, and student interns.

The J-1 program is a temporary program. J-1 researcher scholars/professors are limited to just 5 years for their research or teaching; specialists and student interns are limited to 1 year, and short-term scholars are limited to 6 months of research or other activity in their field. The J-1 Visa is considered a non-immigrant visa, meaning that J-Visa holders should have no intent to immigrate to the United States or become Permanent Residents. J-1 Professors and Scholars cannot be candidates for tenure or hold tenure-track positions.

The overall objective of the J-1 Exchange Visitor classification as written in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act (Fulbright-Hayes Act) of 1961 is "to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchanges."

## **O-1 Extraordinary Ability**

The O-1 Visa is a rarely used visa category. It is a sponsored visa-type. The O-1 is used in cases where the faculty member or researcher is someone of extraordinary renown and for whom the H-1B is not an option.

### H-1B

The H-1B category is another employment visa category which is sponsored by The University of Alabama. It is for persons who are coming to the U.S. to be temporary workers in a specialty occupation. To be considered eligible for H-1B, the position must require at least a Bachelor's degree.

Employment approval is granted through the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and is job-specific as well as employer- and department-specific. The H-1B has a maximum total stay of six years. Workers in this category can fill permanent positions, including tenure-track positions, but they must leave the country at the end of their authorized period of stay unless they have filed for a change to Permanent Residency or another valid visa category. H-1B is often the category used while in the process of applying for Permanent Residency.

## Other Visa Categories:

## F-1 OPT, F-1 CPT, J-1 Academic Training, J-2 with EAD, B-1/B-2 or WB/WT

There are several employees whose visas are not sponsored by The University of Alabama. Those with Employment Authorization Cards are the most common non-sponsored employee. F-1 international students who are on Optional Practical Training (OPT) and J-2 Spouses with Employment Authorization hold Employment Authorization Cards issued by US Citizenship and Immigration Services. Additionally, there are two other authorizations for students which do not require Employment Authorization Cards – F-1 students with Curricular Practical Training (CPT) authorization and J-1 students with Academic Training (AT) authorization. CPT and AT are authorized by the students' international advising offices.

Another common, non-sponsored visa types is the B-1/B-2 Visitor Visa or WB/WT Visa Waiver Visitor. B-1/B-2 Visas and WB/WT status are visitor visa statuses for business trips and tourism. While those with a visitor visa status cannot be employees, it is possible for someone on a visitor visa to conduct research with the University with strictly external-support (e.g. a professor on sabbatical or researcher on personal funds).

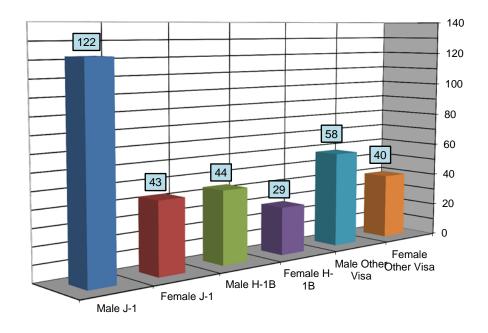
## XI. International Faculty and Scholar Statistics\*

VISA-STATUS	Total
J-1 Scholars	154
J-1 Physicians (sponsored by ECFMG)	11
H-1B Workers	73
0-1	1
F-1 CPT/OPT	19
J-1 Academic Training (counted as "OTHER")	69
Other	2
B-1/B-2 – WB/WT	7
TOTAL	336

<sup>\*</sup> Information covers July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

YEAR	J-1	H-1B	OTHER	TOTALS	% TOTAL CHANGE
2011-12	79	77	16	172	-
2012-13	149	67	16	232	+ 34.8%
2013-14	126	73	27	226	- 2.6%
2014-15	160	77	89	326	+ 44.2%
2015-16	165	73	98	336	+ 3.1%

## XII. International Faculty and Scholar Numbers by Gender



Total International Male: 224 Total International Female: 112

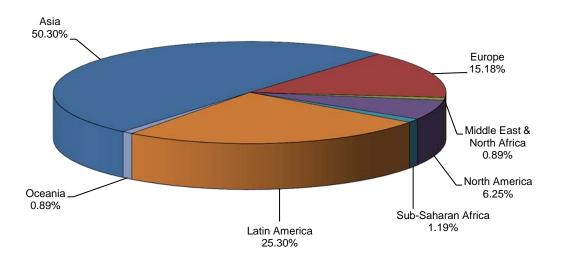
## XIII. Region & Places of Origin

International Scholars and Faculty at The University of Alabama for 2015/16 originated from **42 countries and territories**. The first table subdivides the world into seven major regions. The total number of scholars and faculty from each region has been recorded. And the chart in B graphically depicts faculty and staff percentages from the major regions.

## A. International Scholars and Faculty by Region

REGION	Total
Asia	169
Latin America	85
Europe	51
North America (Canada)	21
Sub-Saharan Africa	4
Middle East & North Africa	3
Oceania	3
TOTAL	336

## B. Percentage of Scholars and Faculty by Regions of the World



**C. Top Ten Places of Origin**: The following table lists the ten countries/territories that have the highest number of scholars and faculty at The University of Alabama.

1. China, PR	95
2. Brazil	77
3. India	32
4. Germany	27
5. South Korea	26
6. Canada	21
7. Japan	5
8. Taiwan	4
9. France, Italy, Sri Lanka, Turkey*	3

<sup>\*</sup>Tie

## **D.** International Scholar and Faculty Places of Origin

Country	J-1	H-1B	Other Visa	Total
Argentina	1			1
Armenia	1			1
Australia			2	2
Belgium	1			1
Brazil	4	2	71	77
Canada	12	9		21
Chile	1			1
China, P.R.	68	16	11	95
Comoros	1			1
Croatia	1			1
Cuba	2			2
Ecuador	1			1
Egypt		1		1
France	3			3
Germany	21	6		27
Ghana		1		1
Greece		2		2
Hong Kong		1	1	2
India	11	15	6	32
Ireland			1	1
Italy	2	1		3
Japan	5			5
Jordan	1			1
Kenya		1		1
Korea, South	15	9	2	26
Libya		1		1
Malaysia	1			1
Mexico	2			2
Netherlands			2	2
New Zealand	1			1
Nigeria	1			1
Norway	1			1
Poland	1			1
Portugal	1			1
Romania		1		1
Sri Lanka		2	1	3
Taiwan	2	2		4
Turkey	2	1		3
United Kingdom	1	1		2
Ukraine			1	1
Venezuela		1		1
Vietnam	1			1
TOTAL	165	73	98	336

## XIV. International Scholars and Faculty by Department

Department	J-1	H-1B	Other Visa	Total
Advertising & Public Relations	<b>V</b> 1	1	O CLICI VIDA	1
Aerospace Engineering & Mechanics	10	1	6	17
Alabama Innovation & Mentoring of Entrepreneurs (AIME)	10	_	2	2
Art			1	1
Biology	4	3	4	11
CCHS – School of Medicine	11	1	•	12
Center for Advanced Public Safety (CAPS)		5	1	6
Center for Advanced Vehicle Technology		1	-	1
Center for Green Manufacturing/Chemistry	2	1		3
Chemical & Biological Engineering	2	2	5	9
Chemistry	20	3	6	29
CIS - Communication and Information Science	3	3	1	4
	13	3	18	34
Civil, Construction, & Environmental Engineering	7	1	5	13
Computer Science	/		3	
Consumer Science/ CHES		1		1
Curriculum and Instruction	12			
Economics, Finance & Legal Studies	13	2		15
Education Leadership, Policy, & Technology Studies	3	2		3
Ed Studies in Psych, Research Methods & Counseling	1	3	10	4
Electrical & Computer Engineering	10	1	19	30
English Language Institute	1			1
English Literature and TESL	4	1		5
Gender & Race Studies	1			1
Geological Sciences	5	2		7
History		2		2
Honors College	2			2
Human Nutrition & Hospitality Management		3		3
Information Systems, Statistics & Management Science	1	3	2	6
Information Technology		1		1
Institutional Research Assessment (OIRA)		1		1
Kinesiology		1		11
Law, School	1		2	3
Management and Marketing		2		2
Mathematics	5	5	2	12
Mechanical Engineering	7	1	9	17
Metallurgical & Materials Engineering	5	1	11	17
MINT Center (Materials for Information Technology)	23	2	1	26
Modern Languages & Classics	2	5	1	8
Philosophy	1			1
Physics & Astronomy	6	4		10
Psychology		3	2	5
Religious Studies		2		2
Social Work	2	1		3
Special Education & Multiple Abilities		1		1
Telecommunication and Film		1		1
University Libraries		1		1
TOTAL	165	73	98	336