

Study Abroad Health and Safety Report

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To provide the public with a more accurate understanding of the risks of studying abroad, the Office of Higher Education (OHE) reports study abroad health and safety incident data along with student participation data. This information is annually submitted to OHE by Minnesota postsecondary institutions whose students studied abroad in the prior academic year.

About Study Abroad Data

According to [Minn. Statutes § 5.41](#), postsecondary institutions offering credit for study abroad must:

- report deaths and hospitalizations that occurred during, and as a result of, program participation
- report country, primary program host, and program type of each incident
- request, but not mandate, incident disclosure from students upon completion of their program
- report whether the institution is committed to complying with the health and safety standards set by the [Forum on Education Abroad](#)

Data Privacy

OHE adheres to current federal and state data privacy laws and best practices to protect the privacy of individual students. Reports and data required by Minn. Stat. § 135A.15, Subd. 6 are prepared and published as summary data, as defined in Minn. Stat. § 13.02, Subd. 19, and are consistent with federal and state laws governing access to educational data and student privacy.

OHE's policy for complying with federal and state laws governing access to student records is to suppress student data in cells containing fewer than 10 students. In the data reports that follow, when "<10" is displayed the data for that cell is suppressed to protect student identity in compliance with federal and state privacy laws. Additionally, if only one cell in a column is suppressed, the cell with the second lowest count will also be suppressed to prevent identification.

The following data are on study abroad participation and incidents of Minnesota students that occurred between August 1, 2016 and July 31, 2017..

Minnesota Study Abroad Participants by Country, 2016-2017

Minnesota students studied abroad in a wide variety of countries. Scroll over each country to see the number of students who studied there from August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017. If no number is displayed, the data is suppressed to protect student identity (total <10).



Study Abroad Participation and Incidents by Institution, 2016-2017

Institution	Participants	Hospitalizations	Deaths
Minnesota Total	9399	15	0

Reporting by Institution, 2016-2017

Institution reporting includes compliance with Forum Standard 8 parts 1, 2 and 3 described below, as well as student participation, hospitalizations, and deaths.

Institution	1	2	3	Participants	Hospitalizations	Deaths
Adler Graduate School	N	Y	N	0	0	0
Augsburg University	Y	Y	Y	213	0	0
Bemidji State University	Y	Y	Y	19	<10	0
Bethany Lutheran College	Y	Y	Y	13	0	0
Bethel University	Y	Y	Y	275	0	0
Carleton College	Y	Y	Y	490	<10	0
Central Lakes College (Brainerd)	Y	Y	Y	53	0	0
College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University	Y	Y	Y	600	<10	0
College of Saint Scholastica	Y	Y	Y	201	0	0
Concordia College	Y	Y	Y	134	<10	0
Concordia University-St. Paul	Y	Y	Y	76	0	0
Crown College	Y	Y	Y	34	0	0
Dumwoody College of Technology	N	N	Y	<10	0	0
Gustavus Adolphus College	Y	Y	Y	281	<10	0
Hamline University	Y	Y	Y	184	<10	0
Itasca Community College	Y	Y	Y	12	0	0
Lake Superior College	Y	Y	Y	16	0	0
Macalester College	Y	Y	Y	309	0	0
Martin Luther College	N	N	N	44	0	0
McNally Smith College of Music	Y	Y	Y	<10	0	0
Minneapolis College of Art and Design	Y	Y	Y	10	0	0
Minnesota State Community and Technical College	N	N	N	0	0	0
Minnesota State University Moorhead	Y	Y	Y	102	0	0
Minnesota State University, Mankato	Y	Y	Y	242	<10	0
Mitchell Hamline School of Law	N	N	N	60	0	0
Normandale Community College	N	N	N	0	0	0
North Central University	Y	Y	Y	23	0	0
North Hennepin Community College	Y	Y	Y	<10	0	0
Northland Community & Technical College	Y	Y	Y	<10	0	0
Northwestern Health Sciences University	Y	Y	Y	14	0	0
Ridgewater College	Y	Y	Y	<10	0	0
Rochester Community and Technical College	Y	Y	Y	20	0	0
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	Y	Y	Y	42	0	0
South Central College	Y	Y	Y	<10	0	0
Southwest Minnesota State University	Y	Y	Y	16	0	0
St. Catherine University	Y	Y	Y	253	<10	0
St. Cloud State University	Y	Y	Y	424	<10	0
St. Olaf College	Y	Y	Y	786	<10	0
University of Minnesota Crookston	Y	Y	Y	36	0	0
University of Minnesota Duluth	Y	Y	Y	325	<10	0
University of Minnesota Morris	Y	Y	Y	117	0	0
University of Minnesota Twin Cities	Y	Y	Y	2962	<10	0
University of Northwestern - St. Paul	Y	Y	Y	134	0	0
University of St. Thomas	Y	Y	Y	960	0	0
Winona State University	Y	Y	Y	273	0	0

Source: Minnesota Office of Higher Education

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Along with their participation and incident reporting, postsecondary institutions report whether the institution is committed to complying with the following health and safety standards set by the Forum on Education Abroad, indicated by 1, 2 and 3 above.

1. The organization prioritizes health, safety, and security in program development, implementation, and management, conducting appropriate risk assessments for program sites and activities, maintaining written emergency plans and protocols, and identifying and leveraging relevant authorities, networks and resources.
2. Staff are trained to anticipate and respond responsibly to student health, safety, or security issues, students are trained to responsibly manage their own health, safety, and security while abroad, and measures are in place for ongoing monitoring of and advising on health, safety, and security issues.
3. The organization maintains appropriate kinds of insurance at recommended levels, operates in compliance with local laws, and follows best practices in reporting on critical incidents. **See more information on the Forum's Standards of Good Practice** [🔗](#).

Minnesota Study Abroad Incidents as a Percentage of Participants, 2014-2017

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Overall, 2014-2017

Incidents as a Percentage of Participants	0.27%
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Incidents as a Percentage of Participants, By Program Host Type

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All others	0.74%

During the 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-2017 academic years, less than 1 percent of Minnesota student participants in study abroad programs experienced an incident of hospitalization related to program participation.

Incidents as a Percentage of Participants, By Country

Argentina	0.14%
Australia	0.31%
Austria	0.34%
Cambodia	6.67%
Chile	0.17%
China, People's Republic of	0.48%
Costa Rica	0.30%
Cuba	0.54%
Czech Republic	0.31%
Dominican Republic	0.66%
Ecuador	0.89%
France	0.12%
Germany	0.26%
Greece	0.12%
Guatemala	1.67%
Hungary	0.34%
India	0.78%
Indonesia	1.79%
Ireland	0.15%
Israel	0.70%
Italy	0.14%
Jordan	0.81%
Kenya	0.79%
Malaysia	0.76%
Mexico	0.41%
Morocco	0.22%
Nepal	1.25%
Netherlands	0.26%
Peru	0.80%
South Africa	0.39%
South Korea	0.29%
Spain	0.19%
Switzerland	0.28%
Thailand	0.17%

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United Kingdom	0.03%
Other	0.01%

Other Study Abroad Health and Safety Data

Minnesota law also requires the **Minnesota Secretary of State** [↗](#) to publish links to the **United States Department of State's Consular Information Program** [↗](#) informing the public of conditions abroad that may affect their safety and security. Also other links to publicly available reports on sexual assaults and other criminal acts affecting study abroad program participants during program participation are available. That information and other study abroad resources are available at **Study Abroad Health and Safety Resources for Students and Parents**.

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