



Study of the U.S. Programs

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The Study of the U.S. Branch

promotes a better understanding of the people, institutions, and culture of the United States among foreign students, teachers and scholars who teach about and study the United States.

Study of the U.S. Institutes

are four-to-six-week academic programs for small groups of scholars, faculty, or student leaders from around the world. Institutes are hosted by academic institutions throughout the United States and include two components: an intensive academic residency and an integrated educational tour. Cultural and community activities help to increase the participants' understanding of U.S. society.

Institutes for Scholars

Scholar Institutes strengthen curricula and improve the quality of teaching about the United States in academic institutions overseas. Each Institute is thematically focused on a particular field or topic of U.S. studies. Participants interact with American scholars, meet with experts in the respective disciplines, visit civic institutions, and explore the diversity and culture of the United States.

Recent Scholar Institute topics include:

- American Civilization
- American Politics and Political Thought
- Contemporary American Literature
- Journalism and Media
- Religious Pluralism in the United States
- U.S. Foreign Policy: Foundations and Formulations
- U.S. National Security: Policymaking in a Post 9-11 World
- Study of the U.S. for Secondary School Educators

A Quick Snapshot

- Approximately 650 students, scholars, and faculty from 100 countries participate in Study of the U.S. Institutes each year.
- Study of the U.S. Institutes are hosted by more than 30 universities and colleges across the United States.

"The program changed my life dramatically. After my experience in the U.S., all I can think about is how I can make things better in my dear country Jordan."

- Dima, 2006 Student Leader

Institutes for Student Leaders

Student Leader Institutes for undergraduates promote a better understanding of the U.S. abroad and develop new generations of world leaders. Through academic study and enrichment activities, the Institutes explore fundamental American values such as individual rights, freedom of expression, diversity and tolerance, and volunteerism. Participants, who represent diverse and underserved sectors in their countries, examine the principles of democracy, the U.S. political system, civil society, and the media. They also have the opportunity to meet their American peers and engage in community service activities.

Fusion Arts Exchanges

The Fusion Arts Exchanges provide outstanding undergraduate students from selected countries and the United States with intensive collaborate courses in innovative professional disciplines.

Recent Fusion Arts disciplines include:

- Digital Media and Computer-Assisted Design
- Music Composition and Performance
- Screenwriting and Film Production
- Sports Management

Educational and Cultural Programs

Participants in Study of the U.S. Institutes are among the approximately 40,000 individuals who participate in exchanges managed by the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) each year. Other ECA exchange programs include the Fulbright Program and the International Visitor Leadership Program. Through the range of academic and professional exchanges, the Bureau seeks to increase mutual understanding between the United States and other countries.

"Before I entered this program, I already knew a lot about U.S. Foreign Policy but all of it in an abstract, vague, bookish and purely conceptual aspect. Now I believe I've gained firsthand information on how to match concepts with reality."

- Rhodaile, 2005 Scholar



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