

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

# FLORIDA

## FAST FACTS

International students contributed an estimated **\$836.7 million** to the Florida economy in the 2010–11 academic year.

**2,871** citizen diplomats in Florida volunteered to host international students, scholars, and visitors in their homes and communities.

**614** citizens of foreign countries participated in ECA’s academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in Florida.

**418** Floridians participated in ECA’s academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in foreign countries.

## Higher Learning

Florida is ranked **#7** in the U.S. for the number of international students in its colleges and universities.

1. University of Florida
2. Florida International University
3. University of Miami
4. University of South Florida
5. University of Central Florida

Florida universities with the most foreign students.

1. China
2. India
3. Venezuela
4. Saudi Arabia
5. S. Korea

Leading places of origin for foreign students in Florida during 2010–11.

## Notable ECA Alumni

Rita Dove

Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, 1987 (*Fulbright / Hays Fellow*)

Carlos E. Santiago

Chief Executive Officer of the Hispanic College Fund, 2010–Present (*Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program*)

Alcee Hastings

U.S. Representative for Florida’s 23rd Congressional District, 1993–Present (*American Council of Young Political Leaders*)

David Rivera

U.S. Representative for Florida’s 25th Congressional District, 2011–Present (*American Council of Young Political Leaders*)



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