OPEN DOORS FACT SHEET: KUWAIT

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
Educational Exchange Data from *Open Doors 2013*

In the 2012/13 academic year, **5,115** students from Kuwait were studying in the United States (up 37.4% from the previous year). Kuwait is the twenty-fourth leading place of origin for students coming to the United States.

Academic Level: The majority of students from Kuwait study at the undergraduate level. In 2012/13, their breakdown was as follows:

60.5%	undergraduate
11.6%	graduate students
25.7%	other
2.2%	OPT (Optional Practical Training)

Historical trends: The number of students from Kuwait in the U.S. increased significantly in the last 7 years and Kuwait has entered the top 25 sending countries for the first time in 2012/2013

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Year	# of Students From Kuwait	% Change from Previous Year	# of U.S. Study Abroad Students Going to Kuwait
2012/13	5,115	37.4	n/a
2011/12	3,722	24.1	26(down 13.3%)
2010/11	2,998	22.8	30
2009/10	2,422	20.2	30
2008/09	2,031	11.4	25
2007/08	1,823	11.6	35
2006/07	1,633	-4.1	2
2005/06	1,703	-1%	1
2004/05	1,720	-6.8	2
2003/04	1,846	-16.5	3
2002/03	2,212	-25.4	6
2001/02	2,966	-2.6%	4
2000/01	3,045	-	3

Note: Study abroad figures from *Open Doors* reflect credit given by U.S. campuses during the survey year to their students who studied abroad in the academic year just completed, including the summer term. Study abroad in 2012/13 will be reported in *Open Doors 2014*, once credit is awarded by the home campus.

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