



# 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 whose specialization is American society and culture, past and present.

The Branch develops programs such as the Study of the U.S. Institutes and the *Currents in American Scholarship* series, as well as other projects that support the study of the United States abroad. U.S. Embassies and Fulbright Commissions promote our programs overseas and recruit participants.

## Study of the U.S. Institutes

are four-to-six-week academic programs for small groups comprised of participants 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 activities complement the Institutes and help to increase the participants' understanding of U.S. society.

## Study of the U.S. Institutes for Educators

Educator Institutes strengthen curricula and improve the quality of teaching about the United States in academic institutions overseas. These Institutes host multinational groups of university faculty or secondary school educators. 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 important civic institutions, and explore the diversity and culture of the United States.

### Recent Educator Institutes 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 people 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

## Study of the U.S. Institutes for Student Leaders

Student Leader Institutes promote a better understanding of the U.S. abroad and develop new generations of world leaders. These Institutes explore fundamental American values such as individual rights, freedom of expression, diversity and tolerance, and volunteerism. Participants examine the principles of democracy, the organization of the U.S. political system, civil society, and the roles of political parties and the media. They also have the opportunity to meet their American peers, engage in local community activities, and discover the U.S. and its diverse cultures for themselves.

### Recent Student Leader Institutes include:

- Bolivian Indigenous Undergraduate Student Leaders
- Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program
- Korean Undergraduate Student Leaders
- Middle East Partnership Initiative Undergraduate Student Leaders
- Regional Undergraduate Student Leaders (selected regions and countries)
- Fusion Arts Exchange (selected regions and countries)

## Media and Publications

The *Currents in American Scholarship* series offers information in disciplines relevant to the study of the society, culture, and institutions of the United States. In addition, the *African-American Reader* is an anthology of essays on African-American history, culture, and society for advanced students, teachers, and scholars. These publications can be downloaded for free from the Study of the U.S. website.

## Educational and Cultural Programs

Participants in Study of the U.S. Institutes are among the approximately 30,000 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.



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