

Office of International Students and Scholars Annual Report Fall 2021

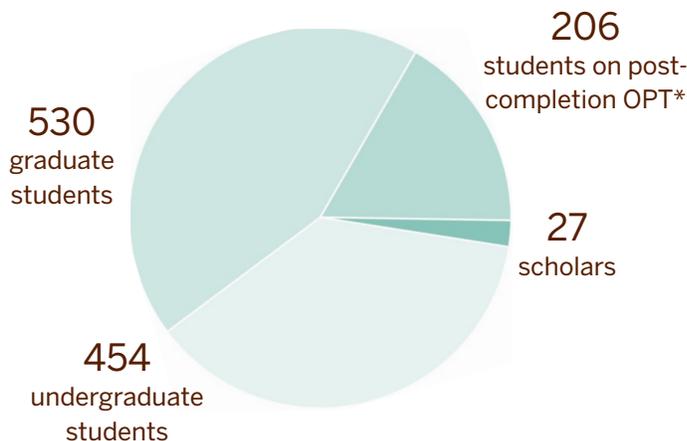


Introduction

This report is a statistical resource about Lehigh's international population. This includes degree-seeking and non-degree-seeking nonimmigrant visa holders; international scholars serving as researchers, faculty members and short-term lecturers; and their dependents.

Our International Community

Lehigh University's total international community includes 1,217 students and scholars, and their families.



* OPT, or Optional Practical Training, lets students work in their field of study in the U.S. for one to three years after graduation.

THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

We advise and support the university's international community of students and scholars.

We work with relevant government agencies on matters relating to our international community.

We strive to educate and collaborate with university colleagues.

We advocate on behalf of our population regarding immigration, cross-cultural and personal matters.

We contribute to intercultural awareness through educational, social and cross-cultural programs.



International Students: An Overview



Lehigh is home to 984 international students from 81 countries.

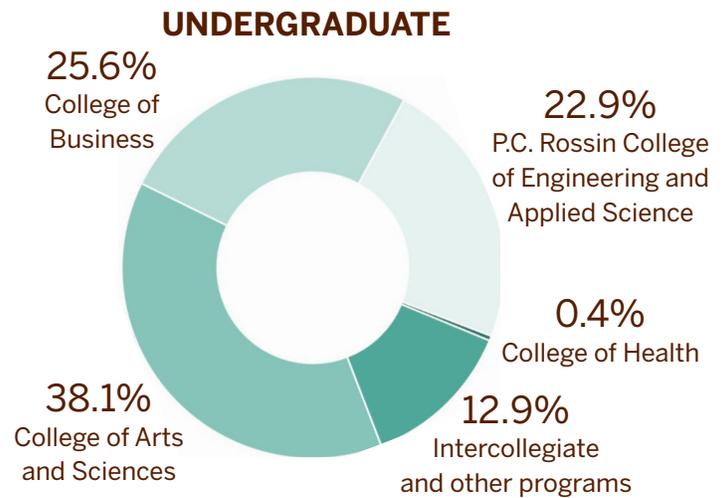
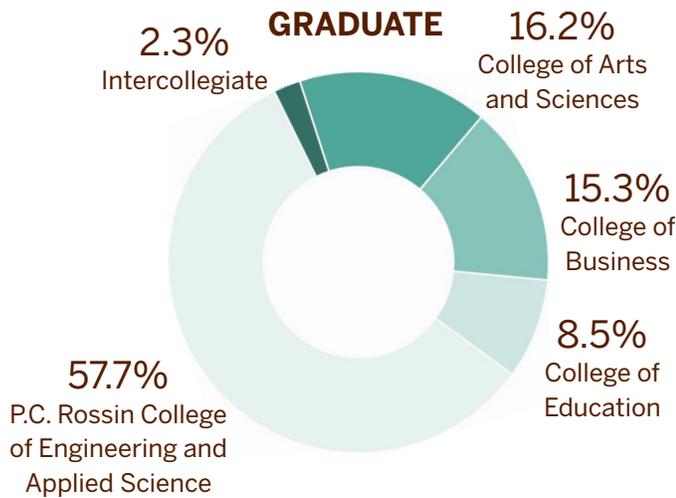


The top countries of origin are China, India, South Korea, Iran and Vietnam.



Most students are F-1 visas, with smaller numbers on J-1 and other visa types.

International Enrollment by College



Top Programs of Study

GRADUATE

Mechanical Engineering: 60
 Computer Science (RCEAS): 52
 Industrial and Systems Engineering: 39
 Chemical Engineering: 38
 Electrical Engineering: 31

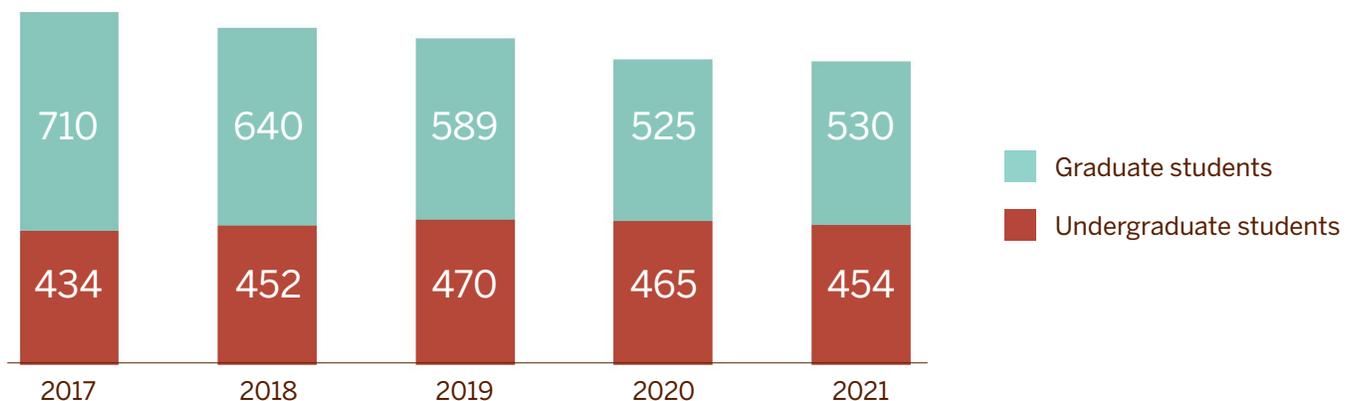
UNDERGRADUATE

Computer Science and Business: 31
 Finance: 29
 Computer Science (RCEAS): 25
 Chemical Engineering: 18
 Business Information Systems: 18

96%

of international students in the Class of 2020 who replied to the First Destination Survey are employed or continuing their education.

International Enrollment Trends



Students' Countries of Origin

Country	UG	G	Total
Afghanistan	0	4	4
Argentina	3	0	3
Australia	0	2	2
Azerbaijan	0	1	1
Bangladesh	2	8	10
Barbados	1	0	1
Belgium	1	0	1
Botswana	1	0	1
Brazil	8	6	14
Canada	6	4	10
China	272	301	573
Colombia	2	6	8
Costa Rica	2	1	3
Dominican Republic	1	0	1
Egypt	1	3	4
El Salvador	2	0	2
Ethiopia	4	3	7
Germany	0	1	1
Ghana	5	4	9
Greece	3	2	5
Guatemala	9	0	9
Guyana	1	0	1
Honduras	1	0	1
Hong Kong	1	1	2
India	12	51	63
Indonesia	2	1	3
Iran	0	20	20
Iraq	0	3	3
Italy	1	1	2
Jamaica	0	2	2
Japan	1	1	2
Jordan	4	6	10
Kazakhstan	3	1	4
Kenya	3	1	4
Korea (South)	12	10	22
Kuwait	0	3	3
Kyrgyzstan	1	0	1
Lebanon	0	2	2
Macau	1	0	1
Macedonia	1	0	1
Malaysia	3	0	3

Country	UG	G	Total
Mauritius	1	0	1
Mexico	4	2	6
Mongolia	1	0	1
Montenegro	2	0	2
Morocco	1	1	2
Nepal	3	6	9
Netherlands	4	2	6
New Zealand	1	0	1
Nigeria	3	7	10
Pakistan	4	4	8
Palestine	1	0	1
Peru	5	1	6
Philippines	1	1	2
Poland	0	1	1
Portugal	1	1	2
Romania	1	1	2
Russia	1	2	3
Rwanda	2	0	2
Saudi Arabia	1	12	13
Senegal	1	0	1
Singapore	1	1	2
Slovakia	0	1	1
Slovenia	0	1	1
South Africa	1	0	1
South Sudan	1	0	1
Spain	6	1	7
Sri Lanka	1	1	2
Switzerland	1	0	1
Taiwan	3	6	9
Thailand	5	0	5
Tunisia	0	1	1
Turkey	1	12	13
Uganda	1	0	1
Ukraine	4	0	4
United Kingdom	1	3	4
Uzbekistan	0	4	4
Vietnam	15	2	17
West Bank	2	0	2
Yemen	0	1	1
Zimbabwe	3	3	6

The Economic Impact of International Students

In addition to the immeasurable academic and cultural value that international students add to colleges and universities in the United States, they make an important economic impact. According to data from NAFSA: Association of International Educators, for every eight international students, three U.S. jobs are created and supported by spending in the higher education, accommodation, dining, retail, transportation, telecommunications and health insurance sectors.

NATIONALLY	IN PENNSYLVANIA	IN THE LEHIGH VALLEY
1 million international students contribute	42,477 international students contribute	1,796 international students contribute
\$28.4 billion to the economy and support	\$1.5 billion to the economy and support	\$72.6 million to the economy and support
306,000 jobs	18,750 jobs	833 jobs

International Scholars

Lehigh is currently hosting 27 international scholars from 15 countries. They are working on campus as visiting researchers and scientists, professors and student interns.

Scholars' Fields of Specialization

Biology and Biological Sciences	Materials Science
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering	Mathematics
Electrical and Computer Engineering	Philosophy
Entrepreneurship Education	Physics
Environmental Science	Psychology
Industrial Engineering	Mechanical Engineering

Scholars' Countries of Origin

Argentina	Saudi Arabia
Brazil	South Korea
China	Spain
Colombia	Taiwan
Germany	Timor-Leste
India	Turkey
Israel	United Kingdom
Italy	

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