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(January 5, 2009)-The University of Minnesota, Morris ranks third, among colleges that award bachelor's degrees, in the percentage of students who participate in a study abroad experience during college, according to the recent "Open Doors Report 2008" study by The Institute of International Education. Other colleges named in the same category are St. Olaf College (10th) Concordia College – Moorhead, (18th), Carleton College (21st), and Macalester (25th).

The report analyzes data from the 2006-07 academic year and the rate is based on the number of undergraduate students who participated in study-abroad programs and the number of undergraduate degrees conferred. At Morris, study abroad is a popular part of the student experience.

"The University of Minnesota as a whole has been very supportive of encouraging students to study abroad. There has been a growth of student participation in study abroad across the entire University system," said Tom McRoberts, director of international programs at UMM. "The Morris campus has had the highest percentage of students studying abroad among all University campuses."

"Having some kind of global or cultural experience not only looks good on a resume, but compels us to think about our own lives and what we value," said Brady Alsaker '07, who received the National Security Education Program David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship as a UMM senior and participated in the Minnesota Studies in International Development (MSID) program in India. "When I got back from India, I significantly reduced the amount of water I used because I was awe-struck by how many people desperately need it in some parts of India."

India is one of the 20 most popular destinations for students. Other locations include United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, France, China, Australia, Mexico, Germany, Ireland, Costa Rica, Japan, Argentina, Greece, South Africa, Czech Republic, Chile, Ecuador, Austria and New Zealand.

The report also ranks international students who are studying in the United States. The UMM student body is comprised of about 1,600 students representing 30 different states and 13 different countries.

Visit [Study Abroad](#) for more information.

Photo: The Eiffel Tower provides the backdrop for UMM students studying abroad.

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