



**2010
NAFSA ARKANSAS STATE
CONFERENCE**

**University of Arkansas
Fayetteville**

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, FAYETTEVILLE

Facts

- Number of students: 19,850
- Number of international students: 1,100 - 1,200
(including scholars and SILC students)
- Number of full time staff: 2,942 staff
1,000+ faculty
- Students studied overseas in 2008/09: 600+
(40 countries)



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Major Challenges:

- Missing voice advocating for international education at the table with the Provost and Chancellor;
- Lack of clarity of institutional policy and procedures for international agreements;
- Need for focused strategies for the recruitment and retention of international students
- Need for more financial assistance for students studying abroad not enrolled in the Honors College
- Hiring and employment authorization processes for international faculty and researchers.



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Major events/updates in 2010/11

- Effective July 1, Offices of International Students and Scholars, Study Abroad and Int'l Exchange and Int'l Admissions will report to same dean;
- Expansion of the UA Rome Center
- Panama Initiative
- UAF will host the annual Vietnam Educational Foundation Conference in early January, 2011;



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Additional initiatives

- ISS will be hiring mentors for entering cohort of freshmen international students to increase retention and integration;
- Global Perspectives Learning Team in the International Living/Learning Community will enjoy closer ties with the International Relations academic program.
- ISS will be using “distance education” software to conduct scholar orientations and to internationalize K-12 classrooms;
- Study Abroad Office will be focusing on curriculum integration and promoting study abroad to underrepresented students.

