EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report serves as a resource about Rice’s international degree-seeking students, as well as information on exchanges and visiting students. Information about international scholars, who come to Rice as researchers, faculty members, short-term lecturers, and visiting research students is also included. All reported students and scholars are non-immigrants and must be tracked and reported on through the Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS).

A “snapshot” view was taken for this report (09/15/2011 for students; 07/01/2011 for scholars), as the numbers are ever-changing throughout the year. The most recent International Education (IIE) Open Doors report published for 2009-2010 and NAFSA Public Policy page (Source: 2010 Open Doors Report, http://opendoors.iienetwork.org and http://nafsa.org/public_policy/sec/international_education_1/) serve as primary references. Information not included in this report: 1) Rice Intensive English students and 2) Special international guests and international delegations.

In sum, Rice’s international community has grown significantly over the last few years. To illustrate, in the past year the OISS offered services to an overall population of over 2475 internationals. In particular, its remarkable growth in the undergraduate international student population is evident in the rise from a historical 3% of the overall undergraduate student body to 10.5%. Other significant changes include the high expansion of the scholar population, which has welcomed unique groups of visitors who pursue and collaborate with Rice faculty to achieve academic excellence.

FAST FACTS FOR RICE IN FALL 2011

- Degree-seeking international students = 1194
- Undergraduate international students = 367
- Graduate international students = 827
- Percentage of total degree-seeking student population that is international = 19.64%
- Percentage of undergraduate population that is international = 10.5%
- Percentage of graduate population that is international = 34.9%
- Total number of international scholars at Rice during the 2009-2010 academic year = 683
- Multiple international delegations are hosted at Rice throughout the year. This data is not included in this report.
- Total international population at Rice = 2475

**The student figures do not include international non-degree exchange students and visiting students.

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Who are the internationals at Rice University?

- The OISS is responsible for tracking, reporting, and providing services for over 2475+ internationals at Rice.
- This is a 9% increase from last year.

**Total International Population at Rice**

- **Graduate Students = 832**  
  - 33%  
- **Undergrad Students = 367**  
  - 15%  
- **Exchange & Visiting Students = 112**  
  - 4%  
- **Research Scholars/Faculty = 683**  
  - 28%  
- **Practical Training = 216**  
  - 9%  
- **Dependents* = 270**  
  - 11%  

**Total International Population at Rice**

- Total population = 2475

**Population Growth**

- **Rice internationals not included in chart:**
  - Dependents on H-4, B-2, TD, L-2
  - Prospective incoming students = 350
  - Prospective research scholar/faculty prospects = 45

**OISS provided services for over 2475 internationals in 2011.**
**Rice international community represents 100 countries/regions**
International Student Enrollment Trends at Rice University

- Overall international student population increased 7.3% from last year.
- The overall international student population at Rice rose by 80% in the last 10 years, and over 162 in the last 15 years.

Degree-Seeking International Student Population Growth at Rice (1986-2011)

Rice degree-seeking international students = 1194
New International Undergraduate Student Population Growth

- The incoming international undergraduate class has doubled over the past 5 years.

New international students make up 10.7% of the Fall 2011 undergraduate class. Total number of new Fall 2010 undergraduate international students = 112
**How International is Rice University?**

- Rice is not only increasing in total international student numbers, but also is increasing in the **percentage of the student body** that is international.

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*International students make up almost 20% of the degree-seeking student population.*
## International Student Enrollment at Rice from 1986-2011

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IS: International degree-seeking students (non-immigrants only)

IS%: Percentage of Rice student population that is, or was, international

* Totals do not include visiting international students

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**International students make up 10.2% of the undergraduate student population.**

**International students make up 34.9% of the graduate student population.**
Where do international students at Rice University come from?

- International students at Rice represent 75 countries/regions.
- Underrepresented regions of the world at Rice are Africa and the Middle East.
- Over two-thirds of all Rice international students come from Asia.

All six habitable continents of the world are represented at Rice.
### ENROLLMENT BY REGIONS OF THE WORLD

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The overall enrollment distribution is as follows:

- **Asia:** 70%
- **Europe:** 9%
- **America:** 13%
- **Middle East:** 6%
- **Oceania:** 0%
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| TOTAL: 1194 |
| UG = Undergraduate |
| GR = Graduate (including MBA) |

*Totals:  Enrolled non-immigrant degree-seeking students: 1194  Graduate international students: 827  Undergraduate international students: 367  Exchange (yearly) students: 54  Visiting international students: 58  New international students for Fall 2011: 388

*Numbers as of 9/15/2011*
Graduate vs. Undergraduate International Student Enrollment

- The overall graduate international student population increased by 7% from last year. **Total graduate internationals = 827**

- Similarly, the overall undergraduate international student population increased by 8% from last year. **Total undergraduate internationals = 367**

*GR = Graduate  
UG = Undergraduate*
Undergraduate International Student Snapshot

- The undergraduate snapshot below illustrates the increase in international undergraduates over the past 10 years by 295%.

International students make up 10.5% of the total undergraduate population. Total number of undergraduate international students = 367
Graduate International Student Snapshot

- The graduate snapshot below illustrates the increase in international graduates over the past 10 years by 40%. (Note: The latest graduate total includes an MBA population of 104, including professional and executive programs).

Total number of graduate international students = 827
International students make up 34.9% of graduate population.
Which countries/regions have the greatest representation at Rice for Fall 2011?

- Ten years ago the top five countries/regions represented by students at Rice University were the same countries/regions (different order):
  1. China
  2. India
  3. Canada
  4. South Korea
  5. Mexico
What do international students contribute to the USA?

- International students contributed over $18.8 billion to the U.S. economy in 2009-2010.

- International education contributed over $1.26 billion to the Texas economy in 2009-2010.

- **690,923 foreign students** studied in the U.S. in 2009-2010. This is an 3% increase from the year before.

- Texas is ranked third (after California and New York) among all the states in the U.S.A. in numbers of international students with 59,112 students. This is a 2% increase from the previous year.

**International Student Enrollment in the U.S.
Top 10 States**

- California
- New York
- Texas
- Massachusetts
- Illinois
- Florida
- Pennsylvania
- Michigan
- Ohio
- Indiana

*Over 59,000 international students studied in Texas in 2009-10, bringing in over $1.25 billion to the state.*
Top 10 Countries/Regions in USA

- Eight of the top ten countries/regions represented in the USA are the same as Rice’s top countries/regions.

- Vietnam and Saudi Arabia made it to the top 10 countries represented in the US, but remain underrepresented at Rice.

- The same two continents represented in Rice’s top 10 countries/regions are the same top two continents represented in the USA overall.

- India, China and South Korea have been the top three countries of origin for the past eight years.

Top 10 Countries Represented in USA
(2009-2010)
What do Rice international students study?

- The largest percent of international students at Rice University study in one of the Engineering fields.
- Natural Sciences and Social Sciences were second and third, respectively.
- Architecture, Music, and Business Administration remained almost the same as last year.

### International Student Enrollment by Major (Fall 2011)

- **Engineering**: 37%
- **Social Sciences**: 17%
- **Humanities**: 4%
- **Business Administration**: 9%
- **Natural Sciences**: 25%
- **Music**: 4%
- **Architecture**: 4%

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**Humanities**
- English
- French Studies
- German & Slavic Studies
- Hispanic & Classical Studies
- History
- Linguistics
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies

**Music**

**Business Administration**

**Architecture**

**Social Sciences**
- Anthropology
- Economics
- Political Science
- Psychology

**Natural Sciences**
- Applied Physics
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Geology
- Mathematics
- Physics

**Engineering**
- Bioengineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computational & Applied Mathematics
- Computer Science
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Environmental Science & Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering & Materials Science
- Statistics
Demographics of International Students at Rice University

International Students by Gender
(Fall 2011)

- Male: 60%
- Female: 40%

International Students by Marital Status
(Fall 2011)

- Single: 77%
- Married: 7%
- Unknown: 16%

International Students by Immigration Status
(Fall 2011)

- F-1: 91%
- J-1: 2%
- Other Visas: 7%
**Demographics (continued)**

**International Undergraduate Students by Level**
(Fall 2011)

- Freshman: 27%
- Sophomore: 26%
- Junior: 25%
- Senior: 21%
- Exchange Students: 1%

**Primary Sources of International Student Funding**
(Fall 2011)

- Rice University: 60.5%
- Government Funding Sources (US & Foreign): 1%
- International Organization: 0.7%
- Personal/Family: 37.4%
International Scholars

- Researchers
- Faculty members
- One-time visitors (lecturers and consultants)
- Other foreign visitors conducting scholarly works (includes non-degree seeking research students)
- Other special Summer International College visitors

- Rice international scholar population increased by 9.1% from last year, and has more than quadrupled in the last 15 years.

**International Research Scholar/Faculty Population Growth at Rice (1991-2011)**

*Total number of international scholars at Rice during the 2010-2011 academic year = 683*
**Which countries/regions do Rice international scholars come from?**

- Rice international scholars represent 76 countries/regions and 6 continents.
- As was the case with students, China is the leading country among those represented by international scholars at Rice.

The top ten countries/regions represented by scholars in the United States are:

1. China
2. India
3. South Korea
4. Germany
5. Japan
6. Canada
7. France
8. Italy
9. United Kingdom
10. Spain

- Rice international scholars reached record high numbers this year again. This is attributed to the increased focus on research at Rice, as well as the V2C’s internationalization efforts.
- International scholar numbers have more than doubled in the last 10 years.

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Rice’s international scholar population has increased by 53% in the last 5 years.

In the last year, the international scholar population in the US increased by 1%; at Rice it increased by 9.1%.
International Scholar Specializations
(2010 - 2011)

- International scholars are represented in fields of study at Rice through conducting research, teaching, conducting workshops, and/or performing.

**Overall Scholar Information**

**Humanities**
- Art & Art History
- Hispanic & Classical Studies
- History
- Linguistics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies

**Social Sciences**
- Anthropology
- Economics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- History

**Natural Sciences**
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Geology
- Physics
- Mathematics

**Engineering**
- Chemical Engineering
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Computational & Applied Math
- Environmental Science & Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering & Material Science
- Statistics

**Business Administration**

![Pie chart showing the distribution of disciplines among international scholars at Rice University.](chart.png)
Demographics of International Scholars at Rice University

Scholars by Gender

- Male: 67%
- Female: 33%

Primary Scholar Function

- Research: 70%
- Teaching: 7%
- Other: 23%

Scholar Type Breakdown

- Scholars: 80%
- One-time Visitors: 20%