

# CASA Cuba

## 10 Años de Cooperación Académica entre Cuba y Estados Unidos

XXII Conversaciones Cuba en Política Exterior de EEUU  
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# CASA Consortium for Advanced Studies Abroad

## CASA Cuba - what it is and what we do

- Founded in 2014, led by Brown University
- Association of 16 international Universities
- Mission: foster study abroad, academic collaboration & exchange
- Only US higher ed Program with physical presence in Cuba
- Partners with Casa de las Americas and University of Havana
- Semester-long experience with Cuban faculty and at University of Havana
- Courses, Conferences, Public/hybrid events, research, visits & trips
- 300+ students since 2015, Dozens faculty & research visits & workshops





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## Study Abroad with CASA Cuba

### Academic Overview

- Lunch Talks on contemporary Topics
- CASA-sponsored courses
- Academic Spanish Class
- University of Havana Classes
- Teaching English to Cubans
- Research and Internship Opportunities





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## Study Abroad with CASA Cuba

### Current CASA Cuba Courses

- US-Cuban Relations
- Cuban History
- The Image of Cuba / Cuban Cinema
- The Cuban Economy
- Public Health in Cuba
- Intersectionality: Race, Inequality and Gender







Visit to Center for Molecular Biology – Cuba's leading biotech sector  
Meeting with Director and Researchers, Havana





Visit to Cuba's Sports University  
80% of Cuba's Gold Medalists from here  
Exchange with leadership & students



Hybrid international Event:

Cuba's Response to COVID  
CASA-Cuba, December 2020



Book Talk:  
**Ada Ferrer, Cuba. An  
American history**

Pulitzer Prize  
CASA, Havana, March 2023

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# The Significance of Academic Exchange between Cuba & the US

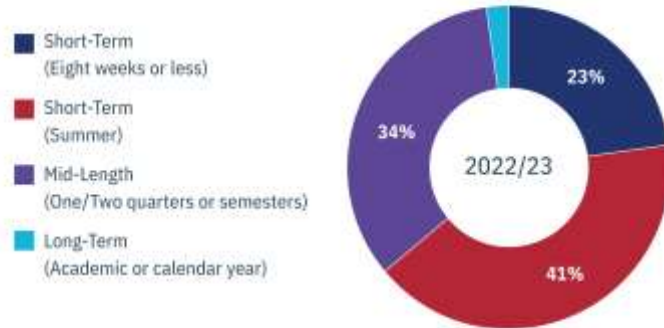
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- Reduce prejudice, inter-cultural understanding
- Formation of citizens, academics and politicians: better informed & tolerant
- Shows that dialogue, cooperation, and mutual respect is possible
- Advances knowledge on both sides
- Find solutions to shared problems (migration, diseases, environment, etc.)
- Innovating Academia & Pedagogy, Sharing of best Practices

# US Students Study Abroad

## OPEN DOORS U.S. STUDY ABROAD DATA

### DURATION OF U.S. STUDY ABROAD, 2022/23



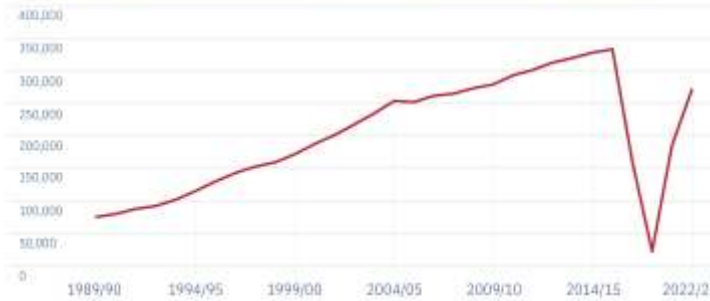
For their study abroad experience, **64% of students** traveled for eight weeks or less, or during the summer.

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## OPEN DOORS U.S. STUDY ABROAD DATA

### U.S. STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD, 1989/90–2022/23



In 2022/23, the total number of U.S. students who studied abroad for academic credit **increased by 49% to 280,716 students.**

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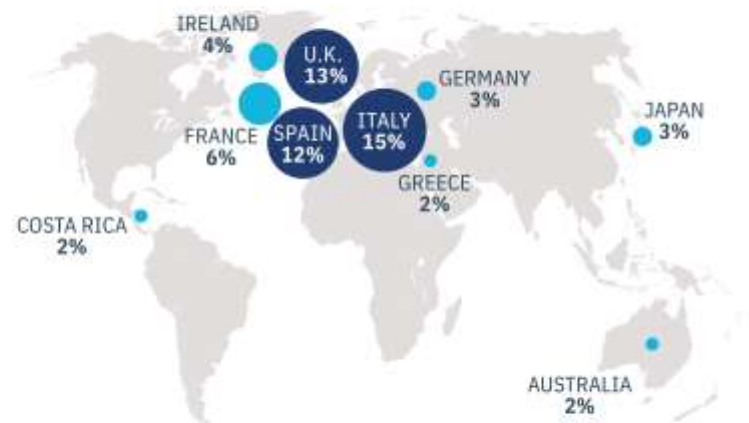


# US Students in Cuba:

2022/23:	950
2016/17	4,607
2021/22	266
2008/09	251

## OPEN DOORS U.S. STUDY ABROAD DATA

### LEADING DESTINATIONS OF U.S. STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS, 2022/23



Europe hosted **64%** of all U.S. students who studied abroad.

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# Main Obstacles today

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- Volatile and changing political regulations
- 2025: Anticipation of further restrictions (flights, finance, visa, travel warnings)
- Difficulties to obtain Visa for Cubans to travel to US
- US Restrictions on services & In Cuba: Internet speed and stability
- Traditional funding sources decreased – Private Donations?
- In Cuba: economic, energy, transportation & migration crisis and inflation complicates logistics & planning

# CASA Cuba Projects for the Future

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- Hybrid Book Presentations for Mutual Benefit
- Work in Progress Workshop with Commentators for both Sides
- Solar Energy for CASA Cuba Center in Havana
- Innovate & Diversify Course Offers
- 10 Year CASA Cuba Celebration with International Conference
- Solidify Institutional Partnerships in Cuba
- Expand Alumni Network
- Expand Internship Opportunities
- New funding opportunities: Cuban diaspora, new foundations, private donors
- Student and Professor Mobility



# Alumni Network & Social Media

