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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University has once again drawn national attention for its Study Abroad Program.

The University moved up six spots on the latest Institute of International Education's (IIE) Open Doors report, ranking 31st in the nation among baccalaureate institutions for the total number of students studying abroad.

IIE calculates the percentage of students studying abroad during an academic year to the number of students who are conferred degrees that same year. The most recent IIE report, which covers the 2006-2007 academic year, records 313 Illinois Wesleyan students traveling for their studies, whether for a semester, a year or May Term.

When looking at May Term alone, which IIE considers "short-term duration study abroad," Illinois Wesleyan ranks 20th in the nation among baccalaureate institutions.

"These numbers are a confirmation of the continued effort on the part of the University to provide international opportunities for our students," said Illinois Wesleyan Director of the International Office Stacey Shimizu. "We have incredible students, and we want them to be prepared to take their place as global citizens. Study abroad programs are an important part of that."

The number of students taking advantage of study abroad opportunities is increasing, said Shimizu. She noted this spring 85 students are taking part in study programs abroad, a record for a single semester at Illinois Wesleyan.

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