

VII. Global Partnerships

Additional benefits of America's Urban Campus colleges and universities in Chicago come from these institutions' international initiatives. AUC schools have prioritized study abroad and student exchange programs while developing international campuses, faculty exchange programs, and connections with organizations across the globe. This chapter identifies several types of global partnerships and quantifies their scope.

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

In all, AUC schools reported about 500 study abroad and student exchange programs.¹³ In 2017 alone, these initiatives served around 3,200 AUC students, providing them with the opportunity to travel, learn in alternative settings, and exposure to other cultures. Furthermore, these institutions documented nearly 90 faculty exchange programs. For further details, see "Global Partnerships" on page A-10.

The infrastructure underpinning these programs includes about 20 international campus locations and 543 strategic alliances and memoranda of understanding. These facilities and agreements ensure that AUC has a durable foothold in a wide variety of nations. Table 8 summarizes these statistics about America's Urban Campus' global partnerships.

While it is difficult to quantify the gains resulting from such partnerships, the benefits are significant. Most centrally, these initiatives help entrench Chicago's status as a global city. Plentiful exchange programs ensure that faculty and students with international perspectives consistently visit the city, bringing new ideas and experiences. Secondly, programs provide unique learning opportunities to AUC students. They also signal the ability of the student body to work in international environments, be flexible, learn quickly, and adapt to new audiences.

13. Reporting schools for this question included Adler University, DePaul University, Illinois Institute of Technology, Loyola University Chicago, Northwestern University, Robert Morris University, Roosevelt University, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, University of Chicago, and University of Illinois at Chicago.

TABLE 8. America's Urban Campus Global Partnerships, FY 2017

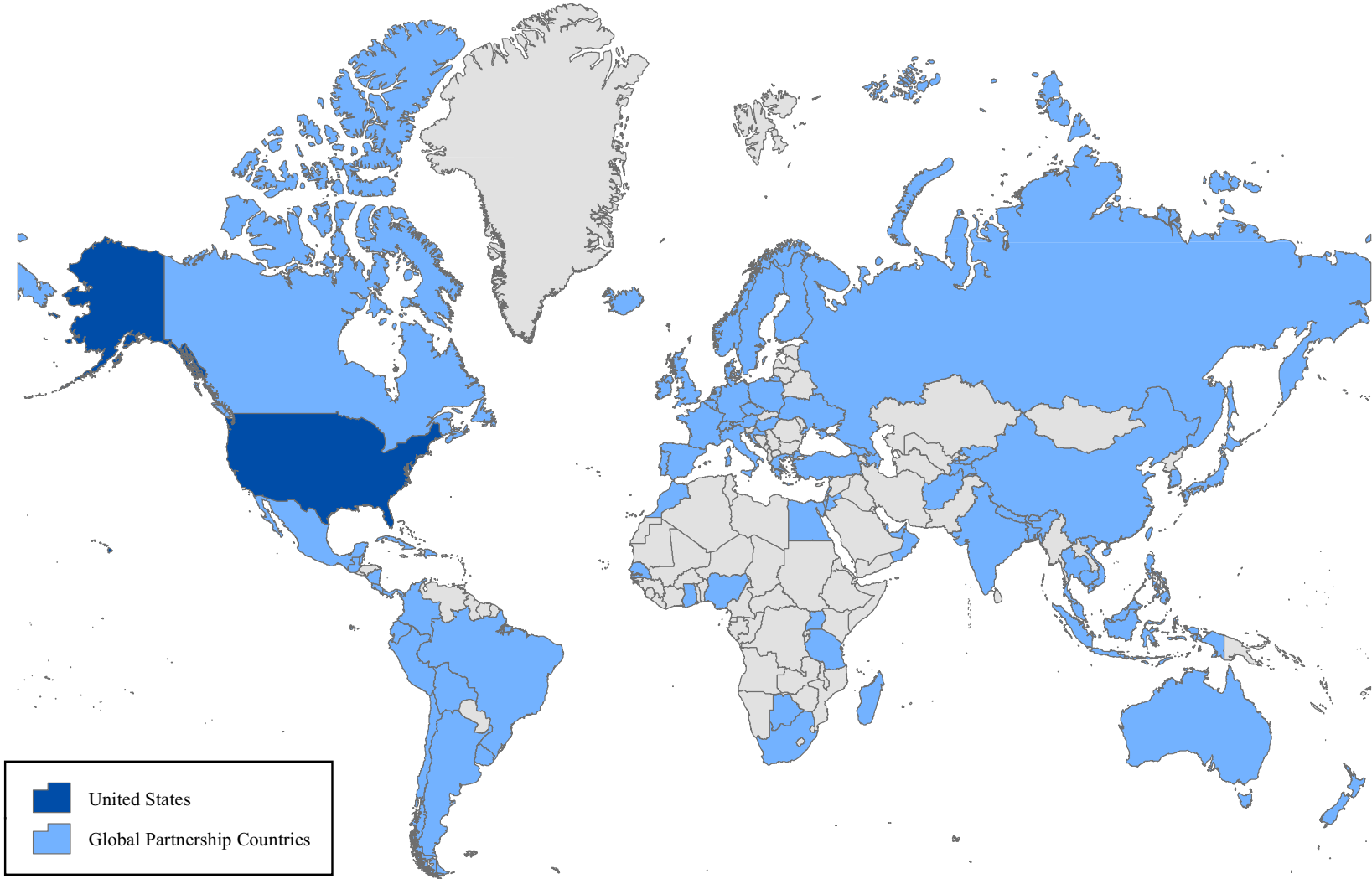
Number of Study Abroad and Student Exchange Programs	488
AUC Students in Study Abroad and Student Exchange Programs	3,198
Number of International Campus Facilities or Extensions	19
Number of Faculty Exchange Programs	88
Number of Strategic Alliances or MOU	543

Source: America's Urban Campus colleges and universities

Analysis: Anderson Economic Group, LLC

AUC's network of programs, facilities and strategic alliances cuts across the globe. Collectively, America's Urban Campus colleges and universities have developed connections with 82 unique countries. On average, the reporting colleges and universities each engaged with 29 countries. This broad reach suggests that students at AUC institutions have a variety of opportunities for international exposure. Map 3, "America's Urban Campus 2017 Global Partnerships," provides a visualization of this network.

Map 3. America's Urban Campus 2017 Global Partnerships



Source: America's Urban Campus Colleges and Universities
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