

USI is recognized by the Carnegie Foundation as a “Community Engaged University”, and is committed to ongoing collaboration with the tri-state community and beyond through curricular engagement, outreach, and partnerships.

**Key Strategy: Promote and more fully integrate community and global experience in the academic curriculum**

- The Experiential Learning Council was established to facilitate achievement of this goal. This council is charged with promoting awareness, facilitating program development and collaboration, and serving as a resource for experiential learning opportunities.
- Beginning in fall 2014, the new USI Core Curriculum will require students to complete a global experience during their course of study.
- Emphasis on providing students with service learning opportunities is evidenced by the rise in service learning courses since 2009-2010.

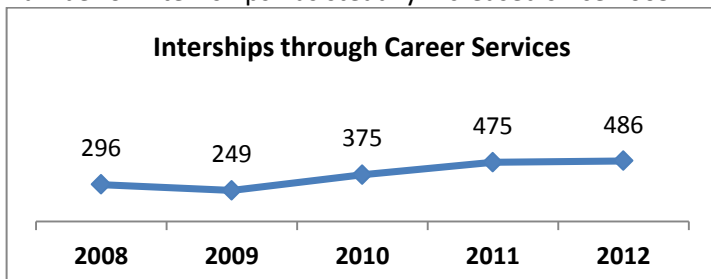
### Service Learning Courses by College

Academic Year	2009-2010	2012-2013	% Change
Business	7	23	229%
Liberal Arts	39	46	18%
Nursing & HP	31	40	29%
Science, Eng, & Ed	43	54	26%
University Division	1	0	---
Outreach & Engagement	0	1	---

**Key Strategy: Increase internships, co-op, study abroad, and community engagement**

### Internship and Co-op Opportunities

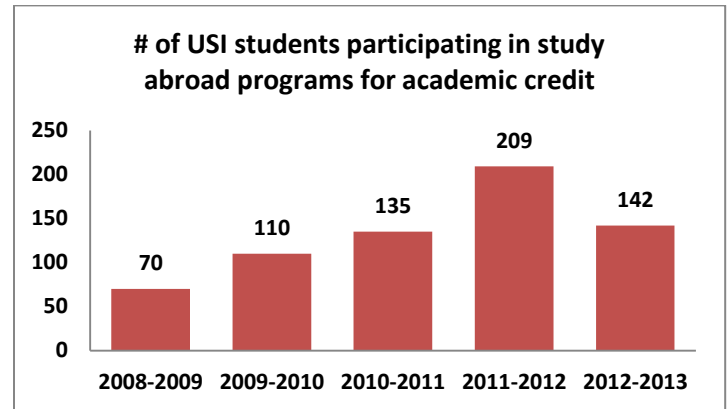
To promote learning by doing, USI Career Services coordinates internship opportunities for students with businesses, non-profits, and campus departments. The number of internships has steadily increased since 2009.



\*Data is based on calendar year January 1st – December 31st.

### Study Abroad

In the past five years, the number of USI students participating in study abroad programs for academic credit has grown, with an all-time high in 2011-2012.



### Student Research Opportunities

The USI *Endeavor! Awards for Research and Creativity* significantly expanded opportunities for undergraduate students to gain real research experience. In 2012-2013, *Endeavor!* supported 26 students with a total of \$32,669 in awards for research or creative projects.

### Academic-Related Student Travel

As more students participate in hands-on research, the demand for financial assistance for conference and other academic-related travel has increased. In 2012-2013:

- The Student Government Association (SGA) provided \$37,000 in travel grants to students.
- A total of \$20,007 was awarded to 37 students for conference travel to present original research through USI *Endeavor! Awards for Research and Creativity*.

**Key Strategy: Accurately track and measure the experiences of students**

### OrgSync

The purchase and implementation of OrgSync software has dramatically improved USI’s ability to track co-curricular activities of students.

- 1,739 students are active users of OrgSync
- 119 student organizations are registered with OrgSync
- 1,285 events were planned, organized, and marketed via OrgSync, including committee meetings, lectures, practices, etc.
- 4,400+ hours of student involvement were logged within the system