

In 2008 and again in 2014, USI was recognized by the Carnegie Foundation as a “Community Engaged University”. USI remains committed to ongoing collaboration with the tri-state community and beyond in curricular engagement, outreach, and partnerships.

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

### Service Learning

USI’s Service Learning (SL) Program is designed to support faculty and staff who incorporate community projects into courses and activities for USI students. Students have an opportunity to apply their knowledge to real world experiences while providing valuable services to the community.

- **20%** - The increase between the 2010-2011 to 2014-2015 Academic Years in number of graduates who report participating in at least one SL course.
- **59%** - The percentage of 2014-2015 graduates who took at least one service learning course.

#### Service Learning Courses by College

Academic Year	2010-2011	2014-2015	Difference
Business	10	6	-4
Liberal Arts	38	23	-15
Nursing & HP	38	27	-11
Science, Eng, & Ed	15	18	3
University Division	2	2	0
Outreach & Engagement	0	1	1

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

### Internship and Co-op Opportunities

Internships and co-op opportunities provide students with invaluable real world experience. USI Career Services coordinates internship opportunities for students with businesses, non-profits, and on campus.

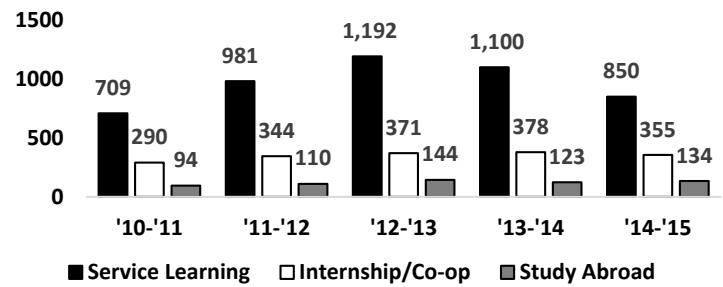
- **29%** - The increase in the percentage of internships and co-ops coordinated through Career Services between 2010 and 2015, from 375 to 486.

### Study Abroad

USI has made a concerted effort to increase study abroad opportunities for students by increasing financial assistance and building partnerships with international universities.

- **43%** - The increase in the percentage of USI graduates who have participated in study abroad programs for academic credit since 2010.

**Number of Graduates Engaging in One or More Experiential Learning Opportunities**



*Note: Counts are based on number of students who graduated in the specified academic year; 2014-2015 numbers include bachelor's degrees posted as of 8/10/2015.*

### Student Research Opportunities

The USI *Endeavor! Awards for Research and Creativity* significantly expanded opportunities for undergraduate students to gain real research experience.

- **\$200,972** - The total in awards given to students through the *Endeavor!* to support original student research and/or creative projects.

### Business Case Competitions

USI students travel nationally and internationally to showcase their knowledge, skills, and talent while competing against teams from around the globe. USI has participated in 11 competitions since 2010. Recent successes include:

- **3<sup>rd</sup>** – USI’s placing in Royal Roads University International Undergraduate Case Competition in 2014
- **1<sup>st</sup> x 2** - Placings in two of three international competitions entered in 2015 including the Alberta Energy Challenge and the Alberta Not-for-Profit Case Competition

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

### OrgSync

Use of OrgSync, a software package purchased in January 2012, has increased dramatically. OrgSync makes it easier for prospective and current students to find information about student organizations at USI.

OrgSync Statistics	Spring 2012	Fall 2015	Change
Orgs/depts. using OrgSync	77	154	+77
Events posted on OrgSync	406	748	+342
Individual users	582	3,888	+3,306