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From *Measuring Internationalization at Research Universities* (ACE, 2005).

The first number in brackets represents responses from "highly internationalized" research university. The second number or response comes from WMU's self-study when we joined the ACE Internationalization Collaborative.

Articulated Commitment

- ❖ Internationalization is a priority in the mission statement (one of top five). [69%/No]
- ❖ Internationalization is prominent in university's strategic plan. [71%/No]
- ❖ Regular assessment of internationalization (every three years). [78%/No]
- ❖ Highlight international education in recruitment literature and orientations. [95%/Yes]
- ❖ Students can study abroad without delaying graduation. [97%/Yes]
- ❖ International work considered in tenure and promotion. [20%/No]

Academic Offerings

- ❖ Offer a variety of languages at the undergraduate level. [13/9]
- ❖ Require foreign language for admissions. [47%/No]
- ❖ Require foreign language for all students for graduation. [26%/No]
- ❖ Offer foreign language residence halls. [40%/No]
- ❖ International general education requirement. [66%/Yes]
- ❖ Indicator departments/colleges, percentage of international courses:
 - Political Science [38%/37%]
 - History [53%/52%]
 - Business [17%/9%]
- ❖ Students have opportunities to take international internships for credit. [90%/Yes]
- ❖ Students have opportunities to do field study for credit. [86%/Yes]
- ❖ Students have opportunities to do international service for credit. [52%/Yes]
- ❖ Students have opportunities to do study abroad for credit. [100%/Yes]
- ❖ Indicator: Percentage of students who study abroad annually. [4.2%/1.5-2%]

Organizational Infrastructure

- ❖ The university has a campus-wide internationalization task force. [86%/No]
- ❖ The university has an office that administers international education programs. [100%/Yes]
- ❖ E-mail is used to communicate about international education. [90%/Occasionally]
- ❖ There is a newsletter published about international opportunities. [70%/No]
- ❖ There is a system for communicating study abroad experiences. [93%/Yes]
- ❖ The university's home page has a direct link to an international programs page. [60%/Yes]

External Funding

- ❖ Received private funding earmarked for international education. [88%/Yes]
- ❖ Received federal funding earmarked for international education. [79%/Yes]
- ❖ Received state funding earmarked for international education. [53%/Yes]
- ❖ Actively seek funds for international education. [97%/Yes]

Institutional Investment in Faculty

- ❖ Earmarked funds to support full-time faculty in leading study abroad programs. [95%/Yes]
- ❖ Earmarked funds to support full-time faculty teaching at institutions abroad. [64%/No]
- ❖ Earmarked funds to support full-time faculty participation in conferences abroad. [93%/Yes]
- ❖ Earmarked funds to support full-time faculty in research abroad. [93%/Yes]
- ❖ Earmarked funds to support full-time faculty in internationalizing their courses. [71%/Yes]
- ❖ Workshops are offered on how to internationalize curricula. [47%/No]
- ❖ Workshops are offered on how to utilize technology to internationalize teaching. [66%/No]
- ❖ Opportunities are available for faculty to increase their foreign language skills. [41%/No]
- ❖ Recognitions/awards are offered specifically for international activity. [43%/No]

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International Students and Student Programs

- ❖ Funding is available for ongoing international activities on campus. [98%/Yes]
- ❖ Funding is available to support study or work abroad. [86%/Yes]
- ❖ Funding is available to support student participation in conferences abroad. [23%/Yes]

Student Activities

- ❖ Regular and ongoing international activities on campus. [98%/Yes]
- ❖ Meeting place for students to discuss international topics. [78%/No]
- ❖ Buddy program to link international and domestic students. [57%/Yes]
- ❖ International residence hall or roommate program open to all. [50%/No]

Institutional Investment in International Students

- ❖ Funds for recruitment officers to travel abroad. [59%/Yes]
- ❖ Scholarships for international students. [60%/No]
- ❖ Indicator: undergraduate international student population of 5% or more [44%/No]