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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]