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_Siena Fast Facts_

Happy St. Patrick’s Day! We’ll take a bit of a break today from our usual _Fast Facts_ fare and look at students from Ireland – and other countries! (Mostly other countries, since we currently don’t have any students from the Emerald Isle, but perhaps we can remedy that unfortunate oversight in the future.) We’ll also take a look at our Study Abroad program, where we do have a solid Irish connection.

Siena only has a small number of international students who matriculate as freshmen, and a slightly larger number who matriculate as transfer students. The following chart shows the number of new and transfer international students matriculating in the last five fall terms.

The total number of international students entering Siena in a given fall term averages about 18.

For new international students, the most common country of origin is Canada. For international transfer students the most common country of origin (by far) is France, reflecting the fact that Siena has an articulation agreement with a business school in France.

However, there are a surprising number of other countries represented by our international students, including the following:

- Brazil
- China
- Denmark
- Ecuador
- Germany
A majority of new international students (about 70%) are recruited as student athletes, with soccer being the most popular sport for international students.

And what do our international students major in? The following chart shows the number of international students by school at the time of matriculation (again for the last five fall terms).

Not surprisingly, most of our international transfer students are business majors (since most of them are coming from a business school in France). For new international students, business is still the most popular area of study, but some of these students are also majoring in liberal arts or science.

As for Ireland, all is not lost! We do have a fair number of Siena students who do Study Abroad there. The following chart shows the most popular destination countries for semester-long study abroad in AY2014-15.
Enjoy St. Patrick’s Day and may the luck of the Irish be with you!

As always, if you have any ideas for future Fast Facts, please let us know.