

2000 Study Abroad Student Deaths

Death date/ Day of incident	Name (age) Home state	Home university/ Education abroad program/ Student status/ Country of study	Location of death/ Cause of death/ Details/ Links	About this student
<p>3/12/2000 OR 3/13/2000</p> <p>Sunday or Monday</p>	<p>Emily Howell/ (19) Michigan</p>	<p>Antioch University/ Antioch University school-sponsored off-campus study abroad/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Costa Rica</p>	<p>Puerto Viejo, Costa Rica/ Homicide/ Emily and her roommate, Shaun Sellers, were doing an off-campus study abroad program in Costa Rica. Emily Eagan, another Antioch student, joined them. Emily H. and Shaun were meant to photograph the people and places of Costa Rica. Sunday evening, “the two Emily’s” walked into town, while Shaun remained behind in their shared housing. On Monday afternoon, both Emily’s were found dead, repeatedly and at close range shot in the head. Police suspected at least two killers, with robbery as motive. In the aftermath, Antioch’s Dean of Students said, “We’re convinced that nothing we could have done in terms of preparation or orientation could have prevented this tragedy.”</p> <p>http://people.com/archive/their-paradise-lost-vol-53-no-13/</p>	<p>Emily’s father said of his daughter, “She just didn’t have a mean bone in her body.”</p>

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			http://www.newsweek.com/hell-heavenly-place-156863	
3/27/2000	Michael ("Mike") D. Rose/ (27)	University of California, Davis/ Kyoto University Scientist/ Graduate student, research program/ Earthwatch Institute	Baja Mexico/ Vehicular, Drowned/ On an island in the Sea of Cortez, U-C Davis Professor Gary Polis was engaged in a research project studying scorpions and spiders. Rough waters capsized a boat carrying nine members of the scientific research team. The dead included Professor Polis and Mike Rose, plus three others. Two students survived. The head of Mexico's island nature reserves said that the Gulf is known for sudden windstorms, called <i>chubascos</i> . "When the chabascos blows, the local people don't even move." https://www.ucdavis.edu/news/accidents-prompt-new-travel-policy-%E2%80%94-first-uc http://articles.latimes.com/2000/mar/29/news/mn-13775	Mike was a post-graduate researcher with Professor Gary Polis.
4/27/2000	Francis Bossuyt/ (30) Connecticut	University of California, Davis/ UC Davis and the Leakey Foundation/	Cocha Cashu, Peru/ Probable drowning, missing since 2000/ Francis was conducting research at	Francis was a graduate of Earlham college, with a double major in biology and chemistry. He was

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		Graduate student, research program/ Peru	<p>Cocha Cashu Biological Station. On April 27th, the night before Francis' birthday, he went for his daily swim in a nearby lake. His body was never found.</p> <p>http://cochacashu.sandiegozooglobal.org/remembering-francis-bossuyt/</p>	<p>attending graduate school at UC Davis, majoring in Animal Behavior. Francis was in his last year of his program, conducting research on the use of medicinal plants by a group of dusky titi monkeys. He wrote that there was much to learn from the titi's, that they exemplified "love as having a basic biological origin, not reserved for <i>Homo Sapiens</i>."</p>
12/21/2000	Jamison Russell Curran/ (21) Iowa	Grinnell College/ George Washington University/ South India Term Abroad Program (SITA)/ Undergrad, study abroad, post-program travel/ Madurai, India	<p>Rishikesh, India/ Homicide/ Jamison was engaged in post-program travel. He disappeared on 12/21/2000. Friends reported him missing. A suspect confessed to the killing and authorities began searching a nearby river for Jamison's body. News accounts said Jamison was "murdered in an apparent robbery attempt, while traveling alone in the northern part of the country." GW's director for study abroad said, "SITA did everything it would have done if the session was in progress...Everything that was possible</p>	<p>[Unable to find further information about Jamison.]</p>

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Non-lethal incidents in 2000:

Vehicular, boating incident—multiple survivors (plus, 5 deaths)

Sexual assaults

Robberies