

2011 Education Abroad student deaths

Death Date/ Day of week	Name (Age) Home state	Home university/ Education abroad program/ Student Status Country of study	Location of death/ Cause of death/ Details/ News links	About this student
1/4/11 Tuesday	Erik Downes/ (20) Florida	Oglethorpe University/ EF Tours/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Costa Rica	<p>Costa Rica/ Drowned/ Erik was on a 12-day academic trip, traveling with five other students and two professors from Oglethorpe University. A group went to Playa Dominica for a swimming outing. Several were caught in a riptide, including Erik. Friends tried to save him, but were unsuccessful. Three days later, Erik's body was found. Hoping to signal to schools that they must be cognizant of the landscape they place students in, Erik's family sued Oglethorpe. However, their lawsuit was not successful.</p> <p>http://www.ticotimes.net/2011/01/13/friends-family-mourn-pre-med-student-s-death</p> <p>http://mydeathspace.com/article/2011/01/10/Erik_Downes_(20)_drowned_while_swimming_in_Costa_Rica</p>	<p>Erik was a pre-med student in his junior year. He also served as student body vice president, volunteered for community service projects, and ran track. A conscientious student, Erik planned to become a cardiologist. Friends said of Erik, "He just kind of left the legacy of being a really nice guy."</p>

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			https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/summary-judgment-favor-university-sponsoring-12-day-whitman-esq- https://www.law.com/dailyreportonline/sites/dailyreportonline/2017/07/07/university-off-the-hook-for-drowned-student/?slreturn=20180010101518	
2/25/11	Austin Bice/ (22) California	San Diego State University/ The University of Carlos III/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Spain	<p>Madrid, Spain/ Disputed: Unintentional Injury, drowning versus Intentional Injury, Homicide, crime/ Austin was last seen on February 25th. On March 8th, his body found in the Rio Manzanares River, in a shallow waterway with a series of locks. Local authorities speculated Austin had fallen in and drowned. However, Austin’s parents were skeptical about how their son had ended of in the river. Moreover, they were concerned about how their son’s case was being handled. They said that by quickly taking their child’s case directly from “missing person” to “accidental death,” local authorities had eliminated the possibility of FBI involvement.</p>	<p>Austin played high school football. At 6’5” and 200 pounds, his coach called him “a gentle giant.” Friends described Austin as “friendly”, “laid back” and “fun to be with.” Austin was a senior honors student and international business major. He was on a semester-long study abroad course in Madrid. In Facebook messages posted while there, Austin spoke of his love of the city, including how much he loved taking walks.</p>

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			<p>Spanish authorities conducted an investigation, which included an autopsy. In May of '11, a report was released, stating cause of death as accidental drowning.</p> <p>http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/education/sdut-body-missing-sdsu-student-found-2011mar08-htmlstory.html</p> <p>http://www.kpbs.org/news/2011/mar/09/death-foreign-exchange-student-austin-bice/</p> <p>http://www.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/europe/05/10/spain.us.student/index.html</p>	
4/5/11 Tuesday	Cameron O'Neill-Mullin/ (16) Maryland	St. Paul's School, Baltimore/ St. Hilda's School, Southport, Australia/ High School, education abroad exchange program/ Australia	Australia/ Vehicular/ Cameron was on a five-week exchange course. She had become close friends with St. Hilda's School student, Paris Wilson. The two went to Goondiwindi Water Park with the Wilson family. Paris and Cameron were riding on an inflatable tube that was being towed by a motorboat. When the inflatable was slammed	Cameron was an <i>a cappella</i> solo singer. She also was a powerful soccer player. Her father said, "She was competitive, but she was equally compassionate. She was a leader, but a quiet leader." Cameron was an honors student who believed in community service and world travel. "It was a huge step...to go off to Australia for five weeks, without knowing

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			<p>into a tree, the two girls were killed instantly. Paris' sister, Dodie, was critically injured, but recovered.</p> <p>https://patch.com/maryland/timonium/through-a-fathers-eyes-remembering-cameron-oneill-mullin</p> <p>http://www.baltimoresun.com/ph-tt-st-paul-australia-0404-20120330-story.html</p>	<p>anybody...It was something that she wanted to do and we were really proud of her."</p>
4/14/11 Thursday	Jasmine Jahanshahi/ (25) Florida	University of California Berkeley/ Sciences Po-College/ Undergrad, study abroad/ France	<p>Paris/ Unintentional Injury, fire with fall/ On Thursday, April 14, Jasmine and her roommate, Grace Flott, were in another student's apartment when they heard a sudden loud bang. They opened the door into the hallway. Immediately, thick smoke began pouring into the room. Flott says, "I could feel my skin start to burn and my clothing start to burn." Everyone moved to the only source of fresh air, the windows. They were on the 4th floor, but nevertheless, began to jump to the courtyard below. When Grace regained consciousness, she was lying in the courtyard, in great pain. (Grace had 2nd and 3rd degree</p>	<p>As a pianist, Jasmine attended an arts magnet high school. A friend said of Jasmine, "She was absolutely fearless...Whenever I was with her, I felt she knew something about life that I did not. She was so distinct and bold." Jasmine attended UC-Berkeley as a history/political science major. Her roommate at Berkeley said, "Jasmine never wasted time. She never stopped studying because...she said she could never know everything, so how was she supposed to know when to stop?...This is how she accomplished so much." Jasmine's plan was to study one year at</p>

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			<p>burns over 50% of her body, plus a broken spine and ankle.) She could see Jasmine was not moving and realized her friend was likely dead. Flott later said, "We have such amazing safety standards in the U.S. that when you go to Western Europe you kind of assume it's going to be the same." Four other students also perished that day. In the aftermath of Jasmine's death, her parents came together with fire safety experts and surviving students to form the Jasmine Jahanshahi Fire Safety Foundation.</p> <p>http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/jasmine-jahanshahi-former-dreyfoos-student-dies-paris-apartment-building-fire/H3vwwLU019gwAhPABnmQpO/</p> <p>http://www.berkeleyside.com/2011/04/19/death-of-uc-student-prompts-friends-to-fight-for-change/</p> <p>http://www.firesafetyfoundation.org/about-jasmine/</p>	<p>Sciences Po-College Paris, then return to Berkeley. In a paper Jasmine wrote for a college course, she said, "The beauty of a memory is that it can't be killed. It can only be reconstructed. This reconfiguration of the past may be so utterly different than the truth that it may seem that truth is lost forever. However, through activism, art, music and literature, the passage of time can be re-opened."</p>
4/19/11	Mamie	Boston University/	Sweden/	Mamie was a graduate of Kent State

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	<p>("Tootie") Hyatt/ (31)</p>	<p>Fulbright Fellowship/ Graduate school, research program/ Sweden</p>	<p>Illness/ Mamie was found dead. An autopsy was being performed. News reports speculated that Mamie had suffered a heart attack, though no source for this information was cited and there were no follow up articles.</p> <p>https://www.bu.edu/today/2011/bu-student-dies-while-studying-abroad/</p> <p>http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/ohio/obituary.aspx?n=mamie-elizabeth-hyatt&pid=150961254</p>	<p>University. She had a master's degree in art museum studies from Tufts University. Mamie had interned at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC, the Guggenheim in Venice, and the Museum of Fine Arts Boston. She was a PhD student in art history at Boston University. She had received BU's Adelson Curatorial Fellowship in American Art, and was a Fulbright Fellow studying in Sweden. Mamie was particularly interested in African American art, especially expressionist painter Herbert Gentry.</p>
5/4/11	<p>Caitlin ("Caity") Noelle Jones/ (17)/ Ohio</p>	<p>Patriot Preparatory Academy, Columbus, OH/ Patriot Preparatory Academy/ High school, mission program/ Costa Rica</p>	<p>Costa Rica/ Drowned/ Charter school senior high students were on a school-sponsored Christian missionary trip, "going to orphanages and handing out toys and books and crayons to kids and helping build a church." Near the Pacific coast town of Parrita, four staff and eight students went swimming. A riptide grabbed five of them and a lifeguard was able to rescue two. The body of Caity washed up to shore on the same day.</p>	<p>Caity was a 4.0 student. Family said, "Her heart was to help people, [especially] kids."</p>

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5/4/11	Kai Lamar/ (16) Ohio	Patriot Preparatory Academy, Columbus, OH/ Patriot Preparatory Academy/ High school, mission program/ Costa Rica	<p>Costa Rica/ Drowned/ Charter school senior high students were on a school-sponsored Christian missionary trip, “going to orphanages and handing out toys and books and crayons to kids and helping build a church.” Near the Pacific coast town of Parrita, four staff and eight students went swimming. A riptide grabbed five of them and a lifeguard was able to rescue two. The body of Caity Jones washed up to shore on the same day. James Smith was found the next day, and Kai, the day after that. Four</p>	<p>Kai was morning announcer at his high school and a member of the soccer team. He was active in theater and had played the lead role in “The King and I.” Kai was a gifted guitarist and singer. He planned to attend college as a psychology major “so he could help people.”</p>

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5/4/11	James Eric Smith/ (16) Ohio	Patriot Preparatory Academy, Columbus, OH/ Patriot Preparatory Academy/ High school, mission program/ Costa Rica	<p>Costa Rica/ Drowned/ Charter school senior high students were on a school-sponsored Christian missionary trip, "going to orphanages and handing out toys and books and crayons to kids and helping build a church." Near the Pacific coast town of Parrita, four staff and eight students went swimming. A riptide grabbed five of them and a lifeguard was able to rescue two. The body of Caity Jones washed up to shore on the same day. James Smith was found the next day, and Kai, the day after that. Four months into 2011, at the point of these three deaths, 47 people had</p>	James was an avid guitar player. He had been planning for his first mission trip since the previous September and was said to be very excited.

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6/2/11	Justin Johnston/ (16) Kansas	McLouth High School/ EF Tours/ High school, language program/ Costa Rica	<p>La Fortuna de San Carlos, Costa Rica/ Unintentional Injury versus Intentional Injury, homicide/ Justin was on a 9-day Spanish Club trip with 12 students and 2 district sponsors. Around 4am, students were returning to their rooms. One of the hotel guards shot Justin in the chest. There were no emergency medical resources, and Justin quickly died. In the aftermath, the guard said he'd mistaken Justin for a thief. An investigation revealed that the guard had no security training and his weapon was not registered. Charges were brought against the guard. He was convicted and sentenced to 15 years in prison. The sentence is being appealed. In the hopes of sending "a strong message" to the student travel industry, the Johnston family also</p>	<p>Described by family as an "outgoing and charismatic youth," Justin was a high school junior honor roll student. He ran track and played baseball. Justin planned to attend the University of Kansas, with the goal to study criminal law and forensics.</p>

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			<p>sued EF tours for wrongful death.</p> <p>http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2011/jun/02/mclouth-teenager-shot-killed-school-trip-costa-ric/</p> <p>https://www.cbsnews.com/news/16-year-old-student-justin-johnson-shot-and-killed-in-costa-rica-on-school-trip/</p>	
6/18/11 Saturday	Rebecca Brooke ("Brooke") Winslett/ (30) Tennessee	University of Tennessee, Chattanooga/ University of Tennessee, faculty led/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Greece and Italy	<p>Athens, Greece/ Illness/ Brooke became suddenly ill and died.</p> <p>http://www.chattanooga.com/2011/6/24/203769/Winslett-Rebecca-Brooke.aspx</p>	Family described Brooke as a lifelong learner. She was interested in history and literature. She was especially well versed on her family's 250-year history as pioneers. Brooke was a tireless human rights advocate, particularly speaking out for the disabled.
6/28/11 Tuesday	Anthony Radze/ (16) Michigan	Manchester High School/ Student exchange program/ High school, language program/ Germany	<p>Germany/ Drowned/ Anthony was on a two-week trip to improve his German language skills. Students traveled to Prague, then returned to Berlin for the rest of the day. A few students decided to swim at a nearby lake. News accounts do not say whether chaperones or</p>	Anthony was a senior in high school. He enjoyed his German language and drama classes. He also enjoyed photography, gardening and cooking.

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			<p>lifeguards were present. At some point, it was recognized that Anthony was missing. German police found Anthony’s body in the lake.</p> <p>http://www.annarbor.com/news/manchester-high-school-student-dies-in-drowning-accident-during-school-trip-to-germany/</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2KCa32HyOs4</p>	
7/9/11	Kathryn (“Kathy Wilkins”) Rios/ (22) New Hampshire	University of New Mexico/ University of New Mexico/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Nicaragua	<p>Nicaragua/ Illness/ Kathy was traveling with her course, “Sustainable Development in Central America: Poverty, Inequality and Growth in Nicaragua.” She died due to complications from lupus.</p> <p>http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/obituaries-memorials/obituaries/2011/07/14/kathryn-m-wilkins-rios/</p> <p>http://www.dailylobo.com/index.php/article/2011/07/student-studying-in-nicaragua-dies</p>	<p>In high school, Kathy played field hockey and lacrosse. Family said, “She refused to let health issues stop her living.” In college, she was a Latin American Studies and Economics major. Kathy was proud of her Scottish heritage and Catholic faith, and was passionate about social justice. She enjoyed simple things, like time with friends and walking her dog. She also loved the adventure of travel.</p>

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7/17/11	Christopher Zahuta/ (20) Haiti	University of California, Berkeley/ All Hands International/ Undergrad, mission program/ Haiti	Haiti/ Fall/ As part of a mission program to build schools, Christopher had been in Haiti for over a month. On 1/14/17, Christopher was sleeping on the roof of a building. The perimeter was bordered by a snow fence. However, while sleeping on the roof, Christopher rolled over and the fence was not strong enough to break his fall. He landed 15-feet below and died three days later. Christopher's family elected to make their son an organ donor. His heart now lives in a Florida man. http://www.dailycal.org/2011/09/06/uc-berkeley-student-dies-while-volunteering-in-haiti/	Christopher was described as "all heart and humor." An economics and business major, he hoped to change the world through disaster relief work. Toward that end, he was also studying sociology, with a specific interest in the relationships between people of the world. Christopher was determined to participate in the All Hands Mission program, for which he raised \$4000 in donations.
7/21/11	Zoe Damon/ (20) New York	SUNY Binghamton/ Binghamton University and the Tropical Forestry Initiative/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Costa Rica	Costa Rica/ Vehicular/ Zoe was one of sixteen students attending a one-month professor-run biology course operated through Binghamton University and the Tropical Forestry Initiative of Costa Rica. Two weeks into the course, a van being driven by the professor,	Zoe was a high honors double major in biology and art. Her mother states, "Zoe was a talented, ambitious, smart, community-oriented, compassionate person." She was a scholar-athlete, painter, and pianist.

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7/22/11	Kan Mei Chan/ (24) New Jersey	Caribbean Medical School/ Caribbean Medical School/ Graduate school, direct enroll/ Curacao	<p>Curacao/ Intentional Injury, Homicide/ Students were outside their dorm when they heard screams. An enraged student was stabbing one of the teachers, Dr. Farrah Syed. Mei Chan came to Dr. Syed's aid and she was also stabbed. Though Dr. Syed survived, Mei Chan did not. The perpetrator, 20-year old student Moustapha Khalesa, was jailed, charged with murder, and evaluated for mental illness.</p> <p>http://www.nj.com/hudson/index.ssf/2011/07/jersey-city-medical-student-ki.html</p> <p>http://www.nj.com/hudson/index.ssf/2011/07/classmate-charged-with-murderi.html</p> <p>http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/sdut-police-probe-killing-of-us-med-student-in-curacao-2011jul26-story.html</p>	Mei Chan graduated from Rutgers in pre-med. She was studying medicine in Curacao at Caribbean Medical School. Mei Chan was in her last year of medical student. She wished to become a doctor in order to help people.

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			http://www.nj.com/hudson/index.ssf/2011/07/jersey-city-medical-student-ki.html	
8/13/11 Friday or Saturday	Kelly Rose Denman/ (20) Colorado	University of Washington/ Upcoming education abroad program not noted in news stories, except to mention ultimate destination/ Undergrad, study abroad, pre-program travel/ South Africa	Vernazza, Italy/ Fall with drowning/ Kelly was ten days away from an autumn semester study abroad in South Africa. She was on pre- program travel through Italy and Spain. Kelly was staying in Cinque Terre, a region of northwest Italy known for its rugged coastline and steep cliffs. On the night of her death, Kelly went out with friends and then returned to her room. In the morning, Kelly's roommates discovered her missing. That afternoon, local boys found Kelly's body in the water. No one was clear what had happened. A local prosecutor ordered an autopsy. Pathology concluded that, sometime after 4am, Kelly tipped from her window ledge, fell 80-feet down the cliffs and into the ocean. Reporter Candace Dempsey writes, "Vernazza is no Yosemite, a place where adventurers come to take risks. No, Vernazza is a chic stop for Americans	Kelly was a business major and a member of Delta Gamma sorority. She was said to be popular, beautiful, and very excited about her fall semester in South Africa. In anticipation of her travels, Kelly had posted "Die Living" on her Twitter profile. "She had a zest for life. She literally lived every day to the fullest."

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			<p>along the Cinque Terre, a chain of five quaint towns made famous by [a book for American travelers.]” Meanwhile, in the aftermath of Kelly’s death, local people cited concerns about the safety of tourists, especially students, citing their landscape as one of steep cliffs.</p> <p>https://www.denverpost.com/2011/08/15/cherry-creek-high-graduate-dies-in-fall-from-italian-balcony/</p> <p>http://blog.seattlepi.com/dempsey/2011/08/14/beautiful-u-s-college-student-plunges-to-death-in-italy/</p> <p>https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/uw-student-drowns-after-80-foot-fall-in-italy/</p>	
8/15/11	Emily Spickler/ (19) West Virginia	West Virginia University/ University of Southern Queensland/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Australia	<p>Australia/ Illness/ Emily had spent six weeks of a year-long program in Toowomba, Australia. On August 15th, she was found dead in her dorm room. Emily’s parents reported that she’d “felt sick over the weekend, but was better.” That was her last phone call</p>	<p>Emily was a journalism student, said to be “smart” and “funny”. She was a ballet dancer and a model. She had recently completed a fashion magazine internship in Southern California. After graduation, Emily hoped to be a fashion writer. She died three days shy of her 20th birthday.</p>

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			<p>home. An Australian coroner, along with Emily's family, suggested she died from complications of spherocytosis, a blood condition that had been, until her death, asymptomatic. Physicians speculated that, in a new geographic environment, bacteria were able to overwhelm Emily's immune system.</p> <p>http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2011/08/emily_spickler_west_virginia_student_model_toowomba_university_australia.html</p> <p>http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/grieving-parents-set-to-fly-out-to-reclaim-their-lost-angel/news-story/711b96e2b73989fe3cafb3ee691bb986?sv=d3b4dfcd6605419fd6120238a2dd14f1</p> <p>http://www.news.com.au/national/why-did-emily-die-in-paradise/news-story/0c1935cd27e3b88335353b980cae60b4</p>	
8/31/11	Brittany	Post-undergrad,	Hamburg, Germany/	Britt was a graduate from the

	<p>("Britt") Keele/ (23) Texas</p>	<p>language course/ Direct enroll (News accounts indicate Britt had or was about to enroll in school. However, they do not indicate which program and whether or not it had started.)/ Germany</p>	<p>Intentional Injury, Homicide/ Britt had completed undergrad, but had hoped to study abroad. So she enrolled (had, or was about to) in a Hamburg-based language program. Early summer of 2011, Britt moved in with a friend and began her studies. During that time, she met a Greek traveler who had just finished his master's in engineering. At the end of August, the man "ritualistically" killed Britt by stabbing. In an attempted suicide, he jumped from a staircase, which resulted in injuries that left him comatose. Emergency personal found the man in possession of a key. This key led police to Britt's room, where they discovered her body. Initial news reports stated that the perpetrator was Britt's boyfriend, but this was disproved. Courts deemed the man legally insane. He was convicted of murder and "will spend the rest of his life in a closed facility."</p> <p>http://eu.greekreporter.com/2011/09/09/spartan-student-murders-texan-woman-in-hamburg-hotel-</p>	<p>University of Houston. She was interested in photographer and language. Family described her as a "selfless, giving, kind person," who believed in daily random acts of kindness. In memory of Britt, her family created a Facebook page, "Random Acts of Kindness in Honor of Brittany Nicole Keele."</p>
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9/22/11 Thursday	Thomas ("Tom") Plotkin/ (20) Minnesota	University of Iowa/ National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS)/ Undergrad, study abroad/ India	India/ Fall/ For Thomas's semester abroad, he chose what he hoped would be "a cultural immersion" with "the world's best guides." One month into this course, Thomas slipped from what NOLS referred to as a "wide commercial trail," a 6-foot wide path, over a nearly 300-foot drop into the Gori Ganga River. As surviving students gradually returned to the US, plus a Daily Iowan journalist who had traveled to the incident site to cover the story, family learned that students had made a distance miscalculation, which instructors let stand and absented themselves from supervising. Students ended up trekking much longer than expected, in the rain, nearing dark, tired, hungry, and carrying newly	Thomas played high school and college ice hockey and lacrosse. His position was defense, and he loved defending his teammates. Thomas called his college freshman year "a lot of fun"—but by sophomore year he declared himself an economics major and scholar-athlete, with an interest in sustainable development and international business. Human hunger especially perplexed him. Specifically, on an "earth capable of abundance" why were humans starving? With other Iowa students, Thomas built three-stage composters and instructed anyone interested in the benefits of composting and gardening. Family described him as a watcher, quiet, smart, humble and searching, "the glue between many different personalities," remembered for his

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			<p>resupplied packs that were “heavier than ever.” Moreover, the trail had become a slippery combination of wet flat rock and loose gravel. About a year after Thomas’s death, the University of Iowa, who had conducted their own investigation, severed ties with NOLS.</p> <p>https://www.twincities.com/2013/10/23/minnetonka-mom-sues-trekking-company-in-college-sons-fatal-fall/</p> <p>http://www.dailyiowan.com/2012/02/16/metro/27043.html</p> <p>http://www.dailyiowan.com/2012/10/04/Metro/30168.html</p> <p>http://trib.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/national-outdoor-leadership-school-faces-wrongful-death-lawsuit/article_0d2dfb24-531a-528f-a30e-49ffd279a230.html</p> <p>https://www.twincities.com/2017/07/07/when-study-abroad-ends-in-death-u-s-parents-find-few-answers/</p>	<p>generous smile and hugs.</p>
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<p>11/15/11 Tuesday</p>	<p>Derrick Flahive/ (20) Colorado</p>	<p>Colby College, Waterville, Maine/ SIT Chile: “Socioeconomic & Political Transformation Program”/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Chile</p>	<p>Santiago, Chile/ Drowned/ Derrick was traveling with other students to the Vicente Perez Rosales National Park. Along with a friend, Derrick jumped into a chute-like waterfall. A tourist boat was able to rescue Derrick’s friend, but not Derrick. In the process of falling, he’d hit his head, lost consciousness, and drowned. Derrick’s body was recovered.</p> <p>https://www.denverpost.com/2011/11/16/kent-denver-graduate-dies-in-drowning-accident-in-chile/</p> <p>https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/littleton-student-dies-after-jumping-into-chilean-falls</p>	<p>Derrick was a global studies major, with a minor in philosophy. He was also a skilled lacrosse player. Derrick’s lacrosse coach spoke of his high-level athletic skill, but also his ability to connect with people, “We lost a very dynamic young man.” In addition to his time in Chile, Derrick had volunteered in Tanzania and Zimbabwe, building schools, wells, and stoves for people in need. (Derrick’s family runs a non-profit focused on global development, the Flahive Family Foundation.)</p>
<p>11/23/11</p>	<p>Alexander Reinis/ (20) Texas</p>	<p>Trinity College/ IES Abroad/ Undergrad, study abroad/ England</p>	<p>London/ Illness/ Alex lived in student housing. He was feeling unwell. The next morning, Alex’s roommate could not rouse him. Medics were called, but Alex quickly died. Bacterial meningitis was determined to be the cause.</p>	<p>Alex was said to be smart, kind, and mature. He was “the nicest guy,” “popular with other students” and “made great class presentations.”</p>

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11/23/11	Landon Hill/ (21) North Carolina	Appalachian State University/ Univesity Pablo de Olavide/ Undergrad, study abroad/ Spain	Seville, Spain/ Illness/ A couple months into Brandon's course, he complained about a stiff neck. The next day, he was found dead in his bed. Landon died from bacterial meningitis. http://www.wsocvtv.com/news/local-college-student-dies-while-studying-abroad/223012915 http://www.wataugademocrat.com/news/asu-student-dies-in-spain/article_99267af3-e0cd-5070-9fb7-ae71c513d702.html	Landon's semester long course started in August and was meant to continue into January. Landon's professor said of him, "He loved to learn about cultures." Another student said, "He planned to be back in time to help with the International Student Orientation, because international students were a large part of his life here."
12/2/11	Travis Eiler/ (23) South Carolina	Southern Wesleyan University and Spartanburg Methodist College/	Shymkent, Kazakhstan/ Disputed: Unintentional Injury versus Intentional Injury, Homicide, crime/	Travis attended Spartanburg Methodist College on a cross- country scholarship, then transferred to Southern Wesleyan

		<p>CRU/ Post-undergrad continuation of internship for CRU/ Kazakhstan</p>	<p>Travis was recruited from SMC campus by CRU (previously known as Campus Crusades). At the time of his death, Travis had recently graduated and was on his third internship, this time to to a place so dangerous that to protect the safety of interns and staff the country name was not to be revealed. Travis' roommate found him suffocated, a plastic bag over his head. Travis' family filed suit against CRU. Their complaint states that the organization was not in compliance with Kazakhstan laws and "intentionally, deliberately and with reckless disregard for his health and safety, sent Travis to...Shymkent."</p> <p>http://mydeathspace.com/vb/showthread.php?24948-Travis-Eiler-(23)-was-suffocated-with-a-plastic-bag-and-an-investigation-is-ongoing</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hiq6UpHnDdc</p> <p>https://www.courthousenews.com/campus-crusade-for-christ-blamed-for-death/</p>	<p>University, where he also ran track. He led his college track teams in national competitions. He was on the Dean's List every school year. Travis believed in the value of service. His family said of him, "[Travis] was so genuine in his faith and cared for people."</p>
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- Non-lethal incidents during 2011:
- Natural disaster (earthquake, tsunami)
- Civil unrest
- Injuries
- Physical assaults
- Robberies
- Sexual assaults
- Arrests, Interrogation, Imprisonment
- Kidnapping