

1997 Education Abroad Student Deaths

Death date/ Day	Name (age) Home state	Home university/ Study abroad program/ Student status, Program type, Timing of incident/ Country of study	Location of death/ Cause of death/ Details	About this student
1/25/97 Saturday	Brian Bainbridge (27) Maryland	No US-based home institution/ Robert Gordon University/ Graduate, direct enroll/ Scotland	Scotland/ Bacterial meningitis/ Twenty-one U.S. students from 20 different states arrived in Scotland. Within a few days, Brian began to suffer flu-like symptoms. After three days of symptoms, his roommates called an ambulance. Brian died within hours of admission to the hospital. Surviving students were treated with antibiotics. Newspapers reported that, in the preceding months, there'd been a spate of meningitis-deaths in the UK. https://apnews.com/article/e8c6b7e1ac23991b412717662e6cbeaa	Brian was studying physiotherapy.
11/25/97	Mary Eddington (21) IL	University of Illinois, Champaign/ Curtin University/ Undergraduate, Unclear/ Australia	Perth, Australia/ Motor Vehicle Crash/ Authorities said that Mary and another study abroad student (not from the U.S.) were driving a rental vehicle on a rural road. The car veered off the road and flipped over. Both students were thrown from the car. Mary sustained severe head injuries and is believed to have died instantly. The surviving student was transported to the hospital	Mary was a senior majoring in marketing. She had been in Australia for five months. Mary's mother described her as "effervescent...she just glowed."

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			<p>and died shortly after arrival. Authorities could not tell what caused the crash, nor even who was driving, though they indicated that alcohol or drugs were not involved.</p> <p>https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-xpm-1997-12-05-9712050230-story.html</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10152525745812016.1073741841.284226402015&type=3</p>	

Non-lethal student safety incidents during 1997:
Boat accident, car crash into pedestrian, broken bones with nerve damage