There were 8,530 international students from 177 countries enrolled at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) in Fall 2009. At NOVA, international students are those students who self-identify as non-U.S. citizens in their application. Many of these students are permanent residents or on student visas.

Almost half (48%) of the international students enrolled at NOVA in Fall 2009 were from 10 countries: Ethiopia, South Korea, Peru, Bolivia, Vietnam, Pakistan, Ghana, India, El Salvador, and Iran. Figure 1 shows the student enrollment from the top five countries.

In Fall 2009, international students represented 18 percent of the 46,619 students enrolled at NOVA. In the previous five years, the percentage of international students among all enrolled students remained fairly steady between 18 and 20 percent. The highest percentage of international student enrollment was in 2008. As overall enrollment has increased in the past
five years so has international student enrollment. The Fall 2009 number of international students represents a nearly 18 percent increase in international student enrollment at NOVA in the past five years.

Of the international students enrolled at NOVA in Fall 2009, 33 percent were enrolled at the Annandale campus, 30 percent at Alexandria, 15 percent at Loudoun, 8 percent at Woodbridge, 8 percent at Manassas, and 5 percent at the Medical Education campus.

Among programs of study, about 30 percent of international students majored in general studies or liberal arts. Another approximately 20 percent of international students majored in science, technology, or engineering fields and about another 20 percent majored in business related fields.

Of international students enrolled at NOVA, 5,302 (62%) were enrolled in Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) degree programs, 1,953 (23%) in Associate of Applied Arts (A.A.A.) or Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree programs, 359 (4%) in Certificate programs, and 916 (11%) were not classified in programs. In the five countries with the most students enrolled at NOVA:

- Ethiopia had 439 students enrolled in A.A. or A.S. programs, 115 in A.A.A. or A.A.S. programs, 21 in Certificate programs, and 52 not classified in programs.
- South Korea had 371 students enrolled in A.A. or A.S. programs, 141 in A.A.A. or A.A.S. programs, 20 in Certificate programs, and 61 not classified in programs.
- Peru had 279 students enrolled in A.A. or A.S. programs, 138 in A.A.A. or A.A.S. programs, 27 in Certificate programs, and 39 not classified in programs.
- Bolivia had 268 students enrolled in A.A. or A.S. programs, 101 in A.A.A. or A.A.S. programs, 15 in Certificate programs, and 40 not classified in programs.
- Vietnam had 282 students enrolled in A.A. or A.S. programs, 79 in A.A.A. or A.A.S programs, 14 in Certificate programs, and 21 not classified in programs.

By region, in descending order, the 50 countries with the highest number of students enrolled at NOVA were:

**Asia:** South Korea had 593 students, Vietnam had 396, Pakistan had 379, India had 314, Iran had 259, Nepal had 245, Philippines had 228, China had 157, Afghanistan had 156, Bangladesh had 114, Russian Federation had 112, Turkey had 72, Mongolia had 67, Thailand had 67, Iraq had 61, Japan had 42, Lebanon had 40, Saudi Arabia had 38, and North Korea had 32.

**Africa:** Ethiopia had 627 students, Ghana had 331, Morocco had 160, Somalia had 95, Sierra Leone had 92, Sudan had 87, Egypt had 86, Cameroon had 78, Nigeria had 44, Eritrea had 43, Kenya had 39, Democratic Republic of Congo had 35, and Liberia had 35.

**South America:** Peru had 483 students, Bolivia had 424, Colombia had 139, Brazil had 124, Argentina had 68, Ecuador had 51, and Venezuela had 49.

**North America:** El Salvador had 290 students, Canada had 106, Mexico had 85, Guatemala had 63, Honduras had 52, and Jamaica had 32.

**Europe:** Germany had 108 students, United Kingdom had 65, Poland had 64, Ukraine had 57, and Bulgaria had 35.