In 2008, USI was recognized by the Carnegie Foundation as a "Community Engaged University". USI remains committed to ongoing collaboration with the tri-state community and beyond in curricular engagement, outreach, and partnerships.

> **Key Strategy: Promote and more fully integrate community and global experience in the academic curriculum**

Service Learning

USI's Service Learning (SL) Program is designed to support faculty and staff who incorporate community projects into courses or activities for USI students. Students have an opportunity to apply their knowledge to "real world" experiences while providing valuable services to the community.

- **26%** - The increase in the SL courses offered, from 121 in 2009-2010 to 153 in 2011-2012.
- **69%** - The percentage of 2011-2012 graduates who took at least one service learning course, up from 2% in 2008-2009.
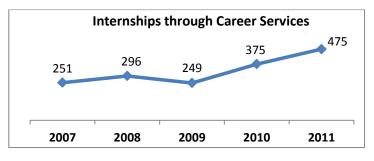
Service Learning Courses by College

Academic Year	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Business	7	11	20
Liberal Arts	39	39	45
Nursing & HP	31	38	34
Science, Eng, & Ed	43	58	51
University Division	1	2	2
Outreach & Engagement	0	0	1

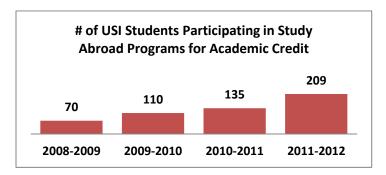> **Key Strategy: Increase internships, co-op, study abroad, and community engagement**

Internship and Co-op Opportunties

Internships and co-op opportunities provide students with invaluable real world experience. USI Career Services coordinates internship opportunities for students with businesses, non-profits , and on campus. Since 2007, the number of internships coordinated through Career Services has almost doubled.

Internships through Career Services

251	296	249	375	475
2007	2008	2009	2010	2011

Study Abroad

USI has made a concerted effort to increase study abroad opportunities for students by increasing financial assistance and building partnerships with international universities. In the past four years, the number of USI students participating in study abroad programs for academic credit has almost tripled.

# of USI Students Participating in Study Abroad Programs for Academic Credit

70	110	135	209
2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012

Student Research Opportunities

The USI *Endeavor! Awards for Research and Creativity* significantly expanded opportunities for undergraduate students to gain real research experience. In 2011-2012, *Endeavor!* supported 29 students with a total of $32,169 in creativity/research awards for research and/or creative projects.

Academic-Related Student Travel

As more students participate in hands-on research, the demand for financial assistance to attend conferences and for other academic-related travel has also increased. In 2011-2012:

- $100,000+ in student travel fund requests were made to the Student Government Association, though SGA was able to provide only $25,000 with USI Foundation funding support.
- 31 students were awarded a total of $20,043 for conference travel to present original research through USI *Endeavor! Awards for Research and Creativity*.

> **Key Strategy: Accurately track and measure the experiences of students**

OrgSync

In January 2012, USI purchased OrgSync, a software package that allows for tracking student extracurricular activities. Eventually, students will have a printable document (a co-curricular transcript), that lists all co-curricular activities during their time at USI, with detailed information about leadership positions, membership in student clubs and organizations, volunteer hours and activities, and much more.