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- Voluntary membership association
- Coordinating and spokesperson roles
- 1,600 member institutions
- 200 higher education association members



ACE Member Institutions' International Activity

- Study abroad
- Partnerships for teaching and research
- Development collaboration
- Distance education



Concerns of Higher Education

- What is “public” and what is “private”?
- National treatment: Impact on government subsidies?
- Accreditation
- State authority
- Colleagues in developing countries

Issues for Higher Education Worldwide

- Better information and more transparency for students and institutions on higher education systems around the world
- Better information for consumer protection
- Build on Lisbon Convention, new initiative to create a system for recognition of accrediting agencies

