**Want to study abroad?**
There are many opportunities for undergraduates to study abroad. You can study in your major, learn a 2nd language, study the history and culture of a region, participate in research, complete an internship, or do a combination of the above.

**Can I afford to study abroad?**
Yes! There are numerous study abroad scholarships. Financial aid may also apply to study abroad programs.

**Steps to get started:**
1. Make an appointment with the Engineering Peer Advisor in the Education Abroad Office. He/She will give you the resources to begin research into which country & school to study.
2. See ISE Academic advisor, Paula Van Curen, in 241 Durham, to determine how a study abroad experience will fit into an BSISE curriculum.

**Spend a Semester Abroad!**
There are many opportunities to study at an international university for a semester, a year or over the summer. Listed below are existing collaborative programs taught in English; however, you aren’t limited to the options below. Contact the Global Education Office if there is another country in which you would like to study abroad.

**South Pacific**
- **Australia**, University of Technology, Sydney

**Europe**
- **England**, Oxford Brookes University

**Asia**
- **Japan**, Kansai Gaidai University
- **South Korea**, Konkuk University

**South America**
- **Chile**, Universidad Austral de Chile
- **Peru**, Universidad de Piura
- **Brazil**, Pontifical Catholic University of Parana

**Take In-Major Courses in Another Language!**
The ISE Department has formal student exchange programs in Brazil and Germany where ISE students can take in-major courses pre-approved for transfer towards the BSISE degree at Virginia Tech. German language courses are available at VT and KIT. Portuguese language courses are available at VT and PUCPR. The VT library provides online, free, self-paced language instruction resources. Interested students should see the ISE Academic Advisor, Paula Van Curen, or one of the faculty members listed below for more information on their program of interest.

**Karlsruhe, Germany**
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)
Faculty contact: *Dr. Christian Wernz*, cwernz@vt.edu

**Parana, Brazil**
Pontifical Catholic University of Parana (PUCPR)
Faculty contact: *Dr. Eileen Van Aken*, evanaken@vt.edu

**ISE Academic Advisor:**
Paula Van Curen(pcuren@vt.edu)
General Timeline for preparing to Study Abroad

Begin planning your study abroad experience one year ahead to ensure an educational and fun experience.
- Visit VT’s Global Education Office website: www.globaleducation.vt.edu/ to research education abroad options.
- Call 540-231-5888 or email vtabroad@vt.edu to schedule an appointment with the Engineering Study Abroad Peer Advisor, an engineering senior who studied abroad and is a great resource for engineering students. He or she will get you started on your search for a study abroad program.
- If interested in a program coordinated by a VT faculty member, contact him or her directly.
- Meet with the ISE Academic Advisor, Paula Van Curen in 241 Durham (pcuren@vt.edu).

Start preparing applications, securing financial aid, getting travel documents, etc. six months before your trip.
- Apply! Application instructions are found on the Global Education Office website.
- To transfer credits back to VT, fill out a Transfer Credit Permission form at www.eng.vt.edu/forms and bring to Ms. Van Curen and then to Ryan Wagoner, at rdw@vt.edu. You must submit a syllabus (not a catalog course description) for each course to be evaluated. Allow 2-3 months for the approval process. Note that credit hours transfer, grades do not, but you must earn a “C” or better for credit to transfer.
- The Scholarships/Financial Aid office has information for Study Abroad students at www.finaid.vt.edu/apply/education-abroad/index.html
- All required forms: health insurance, liability, emergency contacts, etc. must be submitted to the Global Education (GEO) office prior to your departure.
- Attend the Pre-Departure Orientation conducted by the GEO Office. Passport & visas, conduct, health & safety are a few of the topics covered.
- Instructions for what to do during and after your trip are available on the GEO website. Hope this information is enough to pique your interest and get started!

When you return to campus, stop by 241 Durham to tell Ms. Van Curen about your experience!