Want to study abroad?

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

Steps to get started:
1. Go to http://www.me.vt.edu and look under: Academics -> International Programs. to see what opportunities the department offers.
2. Consult the Engineering Peer Advisor in the GEO office. He/She can help you research locations and programs.

Can I afford to study abroad?
There are study abroad scholarships available. Financial aid may also apply to study abroad programs. To learn more about applying financial aid to study abroad, please contact the Global Education Office.

Spend a Semester Abroad!

There are many opportunities to study abroad at an international university for a semester, a year or over the summer! Listed below are universities that the Virginia Tech faculty of mechanical engineering recommend to its students for education abroad experiences.

Asia and Oceana
- China, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Europe
- Germany, Technische Universität Darmstadt

South America
- Mexico, Monterey Tec
- Brazil, University of São Paulo

For more information on ME International Programs:

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540-231-3278

ME International Programs:  
http://www.me.vt.edu/academic-programs/international-programs/

Special Programs for VT ME

University of Melbourne, Australia
VT BSME Sophomore Fall Semester Program
Complete VT BSME fall semester abroad  
Instruction in English  
http://www.me.vt.edu/academic-programs/international-programs/

Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China
VT BSME Rising Junior Program
12-week summer of Chinese language and culture, and junior-level mechanical engineering  
Instruction in English  
http://www.me.vt.edu/academic-programs/international-programs/

Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany
VT BSME Rising Sophomore Program: Introduction to German Engineering
3 weeks of German engineering May-June  
Instruction in English  
http://www.tud.vt.edu/TUDsummer/

Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany
Dual BSME Degree Program
VT BSME Senior Year Abroad Program
VT BSME senior year abroad with an option to simultaneously also earn a German BSME degree  
Instruction in German  
http://www.tud.vt.edu/BS/

Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany
Automotive Engineering Summer Germany
Ten-week summer study program for rising seniors and graduate students  
Instruction in English  
http://www.tud.vt.edu/TUDsummer/
Begin planning your study abroad experience early to complete all educational & logistical requirements.

- Go to [http://www.me.vt.edu](http://www.me.vt.edu) and look under Academics -> International Programs. Follow this link to see what opportunities the ME department offers.


- Call 540-231-5888 or email vtabroad@vt.edu to schedule an appointment with the Engineering Peer Advisor. He/She can help get you started on your search for a study abroad program.

- If a faculty member is coordinating the program you are interested in, contact the faculty member directly.

**Start preparing applications, securing financial aid, getting travel documents, etc. far in advance of your trip.**

- To transfer credits back to Virginia Tech, complete a Transfer Credit Request Form at [www.eng.vt.edu/forms](http://www.eng.vt.edu/forms). List the courses you want to take abroad and the Virginia Tech equivalent courses.

- Meet with the College of Engineering’s Assistant Director for Educational Services, Ryan Wagoner, at rdw@vt.edu. You will be required to submit a detailed syllabus for those courses which have not previously been evaluated by Virginia Tech. Faculty members will evaluate the syllabi, and you will be informed if the courses will transfer as you requested. You should allow 2-3 months for this approval process! Note that credit hours for approved courses transfer, grades do not; however, students must earn a minimum C or equivalent grade for the credits to transfer.

- The Scholarships/Financial Aid office has information for Study Abroad students at [www.finaid.vt.edu/appl/education-abroad/index.html](http://www.finaid.vt.edu/appl/education-abroad/index.html)

- Submit all required forms (health insurance, liability, emergency contacts, etc.) to the Global Education office prior to your departure and attend GEO’s Pre-Departure Orientation.

- After completion of your courses, request that an official transcript from the study abroad university be sent to Virginia Tech.