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 some universities with Bilateral Exchange agreements with Virginia Tech and offer Materials Science and Engineering programs.

Asia
- **China, Tianjin University**
  - *Semester(s) abroad - One semester or more, Chinese language skills are required, Junior status or higher, receive academic credit & graduate on time*

Europe
- **Germany, TU Darmstadt**
  - *Semester(s) abroad - One semester or more, German language skills required, Junior status or higher, receive academic credit & graduate on time*

To find more information about these programs, visit the MSE Department or the Global Education Office website.

From the Global Education office website:

- Programs > Programs by Type > Bilateral Exchange.

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Study MSE Abroad
We offer opportunities for summer cultural exchange including no foreign language skill is required. Semester or year abroad also offered at these institutions. In addition, opportunities for graduate research for students who participate in the Accelerated Masters program.

**TU Darmstadt, Germany**
- **VT Rising Sophomore Program**:
  - Introduction to German Engineering
  - 3 weeks of German engineering
  - May-June, no German language skills are required.
  - [http://www.tud.vt.edu/TUDsummer/](http://www.tud.vt.edu/TUDsummer/)

- **International Research Experience Program (IREP)**
  - 10 weeks, no German language skills are required, typically during summer, 6 credits, paid internship.
  - [http://www.tudarmstadt.de/international/exchangestudents/inbound usaustralia canadaneuzept/irep/index.en.jsp](http://www.tudarmstadt.de/international/exchangestudents/inbound usaustralia canadaneuzept/irep/index.en.jsp)

**Tianjin University, China**
- **Summer 3 week Cultural Exchange Program**
  - no Chinese language skills are required,
  - 3 credits

**Grenoble Institute of Technology, France & University of Fribourg, Switzerland**
- **International Research Experience**
  - 10 weeks, no language skill requirement, typically during summer
  - academic credit TBD; paid internship.
To get started:
1. If a College of Engineering faculty member is coordinating the program you are interested in, contact the faculty member directly.

2. Visit VT’s Global Education Office website: [www.globaleducation.vt.edu/](http://www.globaleducation.vt.edu/) to research other education abroad options. Once you have selected a program, visit that program’s website to make a list of the courses you wish to take. Make an appointment to talk with your departmental advisor regarding the courses you wish to take.

3. If you are interested in other programs or countries, contact the Global Education Office to schedule an appointment with the Engineering Study Abroad Advisor.

4. If you wish to transfer credits back to Virginia Tech, contact the College of Engineering’s Assistant Director for Educational Services, Ryan Wagoner, at rdw@vt.edu. Prior to departure, you will need to complete a Transfer Credit Request Form, on which you list the courses you want to take abroad and the Virginia Tech equivalent courses. 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.

5. Apply for the program you’re interested in. Application instructions can be found on the Global Education website.

6. Complete all required forms: health insurance, liability, emergency contacts, etc. These forms must be submitted to the Global Education office prior to your departure.

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