

Mathematics | Study Abroad Advising

Thinking about studying abroad? Great! Step 1 involves talking with the Global Education Office and your academic advisor. You should begin planning for your study abroad at least a year in advance. This guide can be downloaded on the Global Education Office website (www.globaleducation.vt.edu).

The Global Education Office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Check the website for weekly **Walk-In Advising Hours**. To set up an appointment, contact: vtabroad@vt.edu or (540) 231-5888.

When to Study Abroad

Generally, your sophomore year is the best year to go abroad. However, the year and semester must fit your academic plan of study, career plans, family obligations, and personal concerns. Early planning is key in determining when studying abroad fits best into your four-year plan. Consult your academic advisor for the best fit for your major. If you cannot go abroad for an entire semester, look into short-term programs over the summer, spring break, or winter break.

Program Types

VT Faculty-Led: VT offers programs designed by VT faculty and sponsored by a specific VT department. In addition to program fees, pay VT tuition and enroll in VT courses that count towards your GPA. Cost-effective for all students.

VT Exchange/ISEP Exchange: VT has forged partnerships with 60 prestigious universities across the world. To expand options, VT also partners with ISEP, a non-profit educational organization with a network of about 170 universities for exchange. Enroll at VT, but take courses abroad. Tuition and fees are paid to VT. Room and board varies. Most cost-effective for in-state students.

ISEP Direct: VT partners with ISEP, a non-profit educational organization, with direct enroll options into 60 universities. A program fee is paid to ISEP. Cost-effective for all students.

Third Party: non-VT affiliated study abroad organizations help you find and plan your program. Costs are paid to the 3rd party. Most cost-effective for out-of-state students.

For more a more detailed explanation including cost, tuition, fees, and GPA, see this [comparison chart](#).

Key Study Abroad Procedures

Program Application Deadlines:

- VT Faculty-Led and Third Party: depends on the program
- VT Exchange: Fall – February 15; Spring – September 15
- ISEP Direct or Exchange: Fall – March 1; Spring – September 15

Credit Transfer:

- Only faculty-led programs receive VT credit; all other programs receive transfer (T) credit.
- When choosing your courses abroad, talk to your academic advisor and fill out the [Authorization to take Courses Abroad](#) form.
- Of the last 45 hours before graduation, 18 can transfer from another institution.
- You must earn a C or better to receive transfer credit. Only credit transfers, not grades. The grades you receive while abroad will not affect your GPA.
- **Transcripts:**
 - Request an official transcript prior to returning to VT.
 - Must come from an accredited university (not a 3rd party) and be in English.
 - Send transcript to the Global Education Office.

University Requirements:

Register with the Global Education Office prior to departure and complete [this](#) checklist found on the Global Education Office website.

Financial Aid and Scholarship Information:

- In most cases you can apply your federal aid (grants and loans) towards study abroad.
- There are also VT and non-VT scholarships you can apply for. Detailed information and eligibility can be found on the [Global Education Office website](#).

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Featured Programs for Mathematics

Where to Start Looking: Search for VT programs based on a variety of criteria – location, program type, area of study, term, etc. Find out more about [VT and ISEP Exchanges](#).

Featured Virginia Tech Faculty Recommended

Math in Moscow (Third Party)

Term: Spring or Fall Session

Experience the Russian tradition of teaching mathematics, which has always been the development of a creative approach from the very outset. Not memorizing theorems and proofs, but discovering mathematics yourself under the guidance of an experienced teacher. This program emphasizes the in-depth understanding of the material rather than its quantity. You will find significant connections with contemporary research topics, even in traditional subjects. Gain from the expertise of Moscow mathematicians without learning Russian (all courses in the “Math in Moscow” program are in English).

For more options, check out our [website](#)!

Other Third Party Options

The American University of Paris (SAI Program)

Location: Paris, France

Language of Instruction: English, French

Program Terms: Fall, Spring, Summer

Full Curriculum at Griffith University in Brisbane (API Program)

Location: Brisbane, Australia

Language of Instruction: English

Program Terms: Academic Year, Fall

Budapest Semesters in Mathematics (Third Party)

Location: Budapest, Hungary

Language of Instruction: English

Program Terms: Academic Year, Fall, Spring, Summer

To learn more about third party providers, visit the [Global Education Office](#) website.

*Featured Virginia Tech and ISEP Exchanges

**Availability for placement in specific exchange programs vary each application cycle. Check with the Global Education Office for the most up-to-date information on exchanges.*

Loughborough University

Location: Loughborough, England

Language of Instruction: English

Program Terms: Academic Year, Spring

The American University in Cairo

Location: Cairo, Egypt

Language of Instruction: English

Program Terms: Academic Year, Fall, Spring

Università Degli Studi di Trento

Location: Trento, Italy

Language of Instruction: English, Italian

Program Terms: Academic Year, Fall, Spring, Summer

University of Iceland

Location: Reykjavík, Iceland

Language of Instruction: English, Icelandic

Program Terms: Academic Year, Fall, Spring

Hanyang University (VT Exchange or Direct)

Location: Seoul, South Korea

Language of Instruction: English, Korean

Program Terms: Academic Year, Fall, Spring, Summer

University of Auckland (ISEP Direct or ISEP Exchange)

Location: Auckland, New Zealand

Language of Instruction: English

Program Terms: Academic Year, Fall, Spring, Summer

University of Johannesburg (ISEP Direct or ISEP Exchange)

Location: Johannesburg, South Africa

Language of Instruction: English

Program Terms: Academic Year, Fall, Spring, Summer

Check out the [list](#) of other Virginia Tech Exchange options!
For other ISEP options, check out the [ISEP website](#)!

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