Studying abroad can be an excellent complement to Linguistics majors’ coursework at UVa. Any international experience can be valuable, contributing to the development of intercultural skills, linguistic competence, and empathy for our fellow human beings, personal qualities that contribute to our success and happiness in this multicultural and multilingual world. For UVa Linguistics students in particular, studying abroad can widen the range of course options that are available to count toward the major. Furthermore, immersion in a foreign language setting can contribute to Linguistics students’ proficiency in their language of specialization. There are numerous opportunities available for Linguistics majors to take coursework abroad. Students can integrate a semester, year, summer program into their academic plan, earning both major credit and general elective credit toward their degree.

Benefits of International Experience

The Belgium program was eye-opening for me in many ways. It not only provided a thorough introduction to the field of acoustic phonetics, but also exposed us to the differences and similarities between a classroom atmosphere in Europe and one in the U.S. We had a lot of fun learning and exploring the phonetic analysis program Praat, and gained practical experience applying the software to current research.

-Haoru Zhang

Student Testimonial

Academic and Timing Considerations

The Linguistics Program encourages students to take advantage of coursework offerings abroad. Depending on the program you enroll in, you may receive either direct or transfer credit for the courses you complete. Please note that some of the programs on this list have a language requirement. All students wishing to study abroad must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Advanced planning is the key to finding a program that meets your academic and personal goals. The Linguistics program and the International Studies Office recommend planning for your international experience as early as first year. You are encouraged to meet with an education abroad advisor, as well as your academic advisor, as you are embarking on your research into study abroad programs.
International Opportunities in Linguistics

Africa
- Ghana: CIEE Legon Arts & Sciences
- South Africa: CIEE Cape Town Arts & Sciences

Asia
- China: UVA in Shanghai: Fudan University
- Japan: UVA Exchange: Waseda University
- South Korea: UVA Exchange: Korea University

Europe
- Belgium: UVA in Belgium: Acoustic Phonetics
- France: UVA Exchange: University of Lyon 2
- France: UVA in Lyon
- Germany: Wayne State University Junior Year in Munich
- Netherlands: UVA Exchange: University of Amsterdam
- Spain: UVA in Valencia
- Sweden: UVA Exchange: Lund University
- United Kingdom: University College London
- United Kingdom: UVA Exchange: University College Dublin
- United Kingdom: School of Oriental and African Studies

Latin America
- Chile: Washington University in St. Louis: Santiago
- Cuba: Spanish Studies Abroad

North America
- Canada: UVA Exchange: McGill University
- Canada: UVA Exchange: University of British Columbia
- Canada: UVA Exchange: University of Montreal

Oceania
- Australia: UVA Exchange: University of Queensland
- Australia: UVA Exchange: University of Melbourne
- New Zealand: UVA Exchange: University of Auckland
- New Zealand: UVA Exchange: University of Otago