For students of a major as widely applicable as statistics, the world is their stage. Education abroad prepares students to embrace the opportunities and challenges of the global community. A discipline in statistics teaches you that much of life is about exploring unknowns through constants and variables, and an experience in study abroad contextualizes that. Students return from their programs abroad with a deeper knowledge and understanding of various cultures, greater language proficiency, and a broader, more global perspective that is often valued by employers.

There are a wide range of opportunities available for coursework abroad in statistics. Students can integrate a semester, year, or summer program into their academic plan, earning both major credit and general elective credit toward their UVA degree. The courses you will take abroad may be similar to what is offered at UVA, but will provide a different cultural perspective. It is also common to find courses abroad that are unavailable at UVA.

**Benefits of International Experience**

**Student Testimonial**

“My time in Korea was an amazing experience that could not be traded for the world. Seoul is an incredible city—what really should be considered multiple cities where different experiences are bound with fantastic public transportation that can take you anywhere. It is a place that is constantly buzzing with life, but also easy to find a peaceful escape; a place with jaw dropping mountains and oceans, but also with unbelievable nightlife. The locals were kind and always ready to help out, and there were dedicated students already at the university eager to show the best parts of the city and its lifestyle. I have gained a sense of the broader world and learned to step outside of my comfort zone, a critical skill, I believe, for a discipline as widely appreciated and easily applicable as statistics.”

- Youbeen Shim, Statistics and Computer Science major: Korea University

**Academic and Timing Considerations**

The Department of Statistics encourages students to take advantage of coursework offered abroad. Depending on the program you enroll in, you may receive either direct or transfer credit for the courses you complete abroad. 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, depending on the program you choose.

Typically up to six credits from abroad may be counted toward the Statistics major, although it is possible to petition for a third course on a case-by-case basis. The department will allow one course (three credits) to be counted toward the minor. To obtain course approvals for major or minor credit, you need to meet with the director of undergraduate studies in Statistics prior to committing to a program.

Planning ahead is key to finding a program that meets your academic and personal goals. The Department of Statistics and the International Studies Office recommend planning for your international experience as early as first year, and encourage you to meet with an education abroad advisor, as well as your academic advisor.
International Opportunities in Statistics

This list is a starting point; you are not limited to these options.

Asia

- **Hong Kong**, UVA Exchange Hong Kong University of Science & Technology: School of Science
- **Singapore**, UVA Exchange: National University of Singapore

Europe

- **Germany**, UVA Exchange: Humboldt University
- **Ireland**, IFSA-Butler: Cork: University College Cork
- **Ireland**, UVA Exchange: University College Dublin
- **Netherlands**, UVA Exchange: University of Amsterdam
- **Sweden**, UVA Exchange: Lund University
- **United Kingdom, UVA Exchange: University of Glasgow**
- **United Kingdom**, UVA Exchange: University of Kent
- **United Kingdom**, University College London
- **United Kingdom**, London School of Economics

*Internship available
§Fieldwork/field study available

Latin America

- **Peru**, IFSA-Butler: Pontifica Universidad Católica del Perú in Lima

Oceania

- **Australia**, UVA Exchange: University of Queensland
- **Australia**, TEAN: Perth: University of Western Australia
- **New Zealand**, UVA Exchange: University of Auckland
- **New Zealand**, UVA Exchange: University of Otago
- **New Zealand**, IFSA-Butler: New Zealand: Wellington: Massey University

Multiple Locations

- **Semester at Sea**

Megan Brosnan, UVA Exchange: University College of Dublin

Dorothy Wang, National University of Singapore

Alyanah Calata, University of Auckland

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