WHAT'S NEXT?

- Take the Education Abroad Workshop
- To discuss program options, make an appointment online with an education abroad advisor according to your country or region of interest.

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Interested in other disciplines?
Explore additional major advising sheets online at http://educationabroad.virginia.edu/your-major

BENEFITS OF AN INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

For students in American Studies, an international experience can be an integral component to the discipline. Upon return from studying abroad, many students report that they are equipped with greater language proficiency, deeper knowledge and understanding of various cultures, as well as a broader, more global perspective that is often valued by employers. There are a wide variety of opportunities abroad offered through U.Va. for the semester, year and summer, as well as internship and/or research opportunities.

ACADEMIC & TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Other than AMST 2001, AMST 3001, and AMST 4500 (4th year seminar), students may take classes abroad to fulfill 6 credits of Major electives within their chosen concentration. Courses students wish to count towards the American Studies Major must be pre-approved by the Director of Undergraduate Programs on a case-by-case basis. The American Studies Department and the International Studies Office recommend planning for your international experience as early as possible, and encourage you to meet with an education abroad advisor, as well as your academic advisor.

For American Studies major or minor course approvals, contact:
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### International Opportunities in American Studies

**WHAT PROGRAMS ARE OUT THERE? READ ON!**

This is just a starting point and students are not limited to these options.

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**STUDENT TESTIMONIAL**

I am loving my study abroad experience in Aix-en-Provence, France! Being an American Studies major, one of the best things about being abroad is witnessing American culture from the other side. I am able to see both the perception of Americans and our culture (loud and friendly, if a bit unobservant of cultural norms), and the outposts of American culture that have crossed into France (froyo is becoming quite popular here, as is the concept of coffee “to go”). Additionally, I am able to experience other cultures, which adds a particular outside perspective to the culture of the United States. For example, I am in particular enjoying the “cafe culture” of France, and wish I could spend all my days in the unhurried French manner of sipping rosé, enjoying a good book, and people-watching to my heart’s content.

—Emily Sakowitz, French and American Studies major: University of d’Aix–Marseille

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