**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.

**BENEFITS OF AN INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

For students in Japanese Language & Literature, 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.

**ACADEMIC & TIMING CONSIDERATIONS**

Depending on the program you enroll in, you may receive either direct or transfer credit for the courses you complete abroad. All students wishing to study abroad must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Planning ahead is key to finding a program that meets your academic and personal goals. The Japanese Language & Literature program 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.

For Japanese Language & Literature major or minor course approvals, contact the Japanese major advisor: http://eastasian.as.virginia.edu/advisors
What Programs Are Out There? Read On!

International Opportunities in Japanese Language & Literature

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

**Semester or Year**
- UVA Exchange: Hitotsubashi University
- UVA Exchange: Waseda University
- Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies (KCJS)
- J.F. Oberlin University: Japan: Reconnaissance Japan Program

**Summer**
- Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies (KCJS) (Summer)
- Nanzan University: Summer Japanese Program
- Waseda University: Summer Session
- Japan Center for Michigan Universities: Hikone: Summer Intensive Language & Culture

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**Student Testimonial**

Being in the heart of Tokyo is such a surreal sensation. I've been here for a month already, and it's still hard to acknowledge the reality of it all. Everyone knows Tokyo is a big city, but it's impossible to imagine what it's actually like to live here until you have firsthand experience. I'm living with a host family in Shibuya—home to the busiest pedestrian crosswalk in the world—so I have to take the subway to Waseda every morning along with the rest of the rush hour crowd. As scary as it was for me to plunge myself into such a crazy environment, the transition was surprisingly simple.

-Christopher Crowe, Waseda University