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/
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BENEFITS OF AN INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE
For students in Politics, 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. Politics majors may apply up to six credits of transfer credit to the major. All students wishing to study abroad must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, depending on the program. Planning ahead is key to finding a program that meets your academic and personal goals. The Politics 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.
International Opportunities in Politics

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

Africa
- Ghana, CIEE: Ghana: Legon: Arts and Sciences
- South Africa, SIT: South Africa: Durban: Social and Political Transformation

Asia
- China, CET: China: Shanghai: Chinese Studies and Internship*
- Hong Kong, UVA Exchange: Hong Kong University of Science & Technology: School of Humanities and Social Science
- India, IFSA: India: Contemporary India*§
- Mongolia, SIT: Mongolia: Nomadism, Geopolitics and the Environment§
- Singapore, UVA Exchange: National University of Singapore

Europe
- Denmark, DIS: Denmark
- France, UVA Exchange: University of Lyon 2
- Germany, IES: Germany: Freiburg: European Union*
- Ireland and Jordan, FIE: Ireland and Jordan: Conflict and the Struggle for Peace
- Italy, UVA in Italy: Siena (in affiliation with CET)
- Spain, UVA in Valencia: Language and Culture
- United Kingdom, UVA in Oxford

Latin America
- Argentina, SIT: Argentina: Buenos Aires: Social Movements and Human Rights§
- Costa Rica, IFSA: Costa Rica: Heredia: Universidad Nacional
- Cuba, Arcadia: Cuba: University of Havana (summer)

Middle East
- Egypt, UVA Exchange: American University in Cairo
- Jordan, CIEE: Jordan: Amman: Middle East Studies*

Oceania
- Australia, UVA Exchange: University of Melbourne
- Australia, UVA Exchange: University of New South Wales
- New Zealand, UVA Exchange: University of Otago

* Internship available
§ Fieldwork/field study available

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

My choice to study abroad has been one of my best experiences since coming to the University of Virginia. While in Costa Rica, I was able to directly enroll in courses taught in Spanish about Costa Rican politics. I studied the government directly and interacted weekly with foreign officials. My program secured an internship for me in the Ministry of Foreign Commerce that granted me further insight into the politics of the country. My Semester at Sea experience afforded me the opportunity to interact with members of the US State Department at various ports of call as well as local government officials. This exposure allowed me to better understand the work of US diplomats abroad as well as to compare and contrast political institutions from around the world through direct observation.”

- Abe Wapner, Semester at Sea and IFSA-Butler in Costa Rica

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