

## PLANNING YOUR INTERNATIONAL PLAN OVERSEAS EXPERIENCES

A central component of the International Plan (IP) is the overseas experience. IP students will spend a minimum of 26 weeks abroad over two terms. Students may participate in any approved study abroad, global internship, and/or research abroad program to meet the requirement.

The IP international experience differs from the typical study abroad experience in a couple of ways:

- With the IP's focus on developing global competence, participants are encouraged to step outside of their comfort zones by participating in in-depth cultural experiences such as exchange programs, overseas internships, and/or independent studies or research abroad for at least one of their terms abroad.
- The IP is designed to give students an immersive international experience that connects the student's time abroad with their major and IP language. To that end, we have developed **major-specific recommended pathways** to help guide your program choices for the International Plan. Your major's flyer is attached, and the lists for all majors can be found on our website under the "students" tab: [oie.gatech.edu/ip](http://oie.gatech.edu/ip)



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### IMPORTANT DETAILS TO KEEP IN MIND

- Programs must be coherent—[oie.gatech.edu/content/what-coherence](http://oie.gatech.edu/content/what-coherence)
- The two programs you choose must add up to 26 weeks—you can do more than two programs, but only two will count for the IP and must meet the 26 week requirement
- Start planning out your programs early and be aware of program deadlines
- Meet with OIE advisors, your academic advisor, and your IP faculty representative throughout the process to make sure you're staying on track
- Keep in mind that some programs may only be offered in a particular term (i.e. only in the spring)
- You cannot use two summer programs to complete the overseas requirement—you must do at least one full semester abroad!
- International Experiences should be approved for the IP before you depart for your first program

