SIT Study Abroad
Update

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SIT Study Abroad Priorities

Academic Quality
Safety and Security
Diversity
Reciprocity
Global Citizenship
Critical Global Issues

- Arts, Media, and Social Change
- Development, Urban Studies, and Entrepreneurship
- Global Health
- Identity and Globalization
- Natural Resource Management, Biodiversity, and Environmental Policy
- Post-Conflict Transformation
- Social Movements, Education, and Human Rights
Components

Independent Study Project

Advanced Language Instruction
Rural Visits

Practicum

Educational Excursions

Case Studies
Site Visits

Beginning Language Instruction

Seminars

Urban / Rural Homestays

Community Service Project

Language in Context

Studio Arts Project

Undergraduate Research
Curriculum Revisions

- Credit Distribution—smaller blocks of credit
- Field Study Seminar 3 credits
- More choices
- Possible cross-listing of courses
Rethinking Approach to Language Study

- Focus on oral proficiency and local context
- Relationship to academic content of program
- Preparation for undergraduate research/independent study projects
- Encourage home institutions to transfer as electives
- Frustration of fitting into home school language sequences
- Complementary to home school courses, not replacements

SIT Study Abroad
a program of World Learning
Scholarship Programs include:

- **Pell Grant Match:** Available for more than 30 semester programs
- **New Scholarship:** Six $10,000 scholarships for students from public institutions for spring 2012 programs in China, Mongolia, and Vietnam
Partnering with Universities and Colleges

- SIT faculty visits to campuses
- Working with program approval committees
- Partnership Council
- External reviews
- Individual and Group Site visits
- Customized programs
Customized Programs

- Faculty Development Program
- Short-Term Intensive Language
- Program for Freshman / Gap Year / Midyear
- Faculty Led Short-Term Program
- Partnership Program with Consortium
New Programs

New for Spring 2012...
- Egypt: Modern Cairo, Urban Development, and Social Change
- Morocco: Field Studies in Journalism and New Media

In Development...
- Cuba
- South Africa: Education and Social Change
- India: Traditional Medicine and Healthcare Practices (summer)
Program Updates

Tunisia: Emerging Identities in North Africa
• FALL 2012: Will offer French language study in addition to Arabic

Panama: Tropical Ecology, Marine Ecosystems, and Biodiversity Conservation
• FALL 2012: No Spanish Prerequisite. Spanish language will still be taught.

India: National Identity and the Arts
• SPRING 2012: Base will be Pondicherry, a Union Territory in South India. Pondicherry is a small city surrounded by the state of Tamil Nadu

Coursework for the following programs has changed for Spring 2012
• Ghana: Origins of Identity
• Mali: Health, Gender, and Community Empowerment
• South Africa: Community Health and Social Policy
• Uganda: Microfinance and Entrepreneurship
Constituent Relationship Management (CRM)

- Move away from paper records
- Better access to data
- Manage daily activities

Throughout the student inquiry and application process to improve communication and service.
New Technology

- Electronic transcripts
- Virtual Library
Program Evaluation / Review

- External review
- Student evaluations online

![Overall Academic Quality Graph]

- Academic assignments enhanced my knowledge and understanding of the host culture.
- The assignments during the term effectively advanced my knowledge of the theme of the program.
Printed Materials for 2012

- Overview Brochure
- Semester Course Catalog
- Summer Course Catalog
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