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This is SIT

THE LEADER IN STUDY ABROAD

SIT’s deep roots in multicultural understanding and international education are part of what makes us the premiere provider of academically rigorous, field-based undergraduate study abroad programs. Our history dates back to 1932 with the founding of The Experiment in International Living, a program aimed at improving cross-cultural understanding by sending US students to live with families abroad. In early 1960, when former Experimenter Sargent Shriver became the first director of a new program called the Peace Corps, he called on The Experiment to conduct orientation and training for the earliest volunteers. This led to the establishment of SIT in 1964. Today, we offer globally focused graduate-level programs through SIT Graduate Institute and more than 80 undergraduate programs in more than 60 countries through SIT Study Abroad. And we continue to innovate. In 2019, we became the first study abroad provider to be on all seven continents.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Our undergraduate and graduate programs are developed within a framework of today’s most critical global issues—challenges that transcend borders to touch every human on the planet. (Read more on pages 6–7.) You will benefit from the expertise, mentorship, networks, and support of our faculty and staff who live and work around the world, including many who were born, raised, or educated in the country in which their program is based. A highlight of an SIT Study Abroad program is the Independent Study Project (ISP), a four- to six-week-long guided research project on a topic of your choice. Many SIT alumni with no previous research experience have won awards for their ISPs.

LEARNING BY DOING

SIT programs are grounded in the experiential learning model, which merges hands-on learning with reflection, developing thoughtful individuals who are ready to tackle important issues. You’ll learn the background of issues in the classroom, then travel to field sites to practice research techniques, see innovative solutions, and hear from people most affected by the issue you’re studying. By challenging old paradigms, assumptions, and beliefs, experiential learning often leads to significant transformation while developing students’ critical awareness and reflective skills.

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SIT students are discovering new species in Ecuadorian rainforests, meeting diplomats, trekking to remote Himalayan villages, going on expeditions to Antarctica, and interning at globally recognized organizations including UN agencies, the International Red Cross, and the Centers for Disease Control. On our immersive programs, you will learn from local experts, study alongside peers from your host country, live with and become a part of a local family, and interact daily with community members. You’ll learn to speak their language, discover their food, and understand their customs. This immersion means you’ll view the world and understand critical global issues from a range of perspectives. With classes in 27 languages—including Icelandic, Luganda, and Samoan—and extensive networks within each program country, our programs provide learning opportunities you won’t find anywhere else.

COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

SIT was founded on the idea that cultural exchange leads to positive social change. SIT prepares students to be interculturally effective leaders, professionals, and citizens. In so doing, SIT fosters a worldwide network of individuals and organizations committed to responsible global citizenship. Just as SIT students gain something from the expertise of individuals within their host country, they are also able, through their SIT program, to give something back to their host communities. Past students have written bilingual children’s books celebrating local cultures or conducted research that provided valuable information to local communities, such as helping a fishing community track fish stocks.

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SHAPING YOUR FUTURE

The SIT experience is life-changing. SIT has introduced alumni to a critical global issue or field of study around which they shaped their academic pursuits or careers. It has revealed new strengths or interests they hadn’t yet discovered in themselves and helped them build networks around the world. Many alumni have returned to the country of their SIT program to live and work, and countless others have brought what they learned with SIT to their own communities back home. Where will SIT take you?
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Explore CRITICAL GLOBAL ISSUES and make a difference through your study abroad experience

SIT develops our programs within a framework of the most critical global issues of the day so that the next generation of leaders has the expertise and intercultural understanding they need to engage all identities, perspectives, and cultures in respectful, enduring, and meaningful responses.

CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

Few contemporary challenges are as urgent or contested as climate change and its impact on our environment. The collective efforts of scientists, scholars, politicians, activists, indigenous communities, and concerned citizens are needed to gauge and mitigate environmental and social impacts. Our programs reflect this diversity of perspectives. Natural science-based programs explore global hotspots, with a focus on ecology, biodiversity, and conservation. Social science-based programs emphasize environmental justice. Students in all programs develop the knowledge and skills to become leaders in shaping environmental policies and balancing ecological outcomes for an uncertain future.

DEVELOPMENT & INEQUALITY

Pervasive inequality impacts individuals and communities worldwide. Where historic development practices have fallen short of lasting change, local responses offer innovative solutions to build more sustainable futures. Our programs explore these efforts to balance ecological sustainability, economic opportunity, and gender equity alongside the complexities of growth-centric development. Students become deeply aware of what it means to confront inequality as they witness firsthand the work of people engaged in creating more just and fair societies.

EDUCATION & SOCIAL CHANGE

Unequal access to quality education inhibits the potential of millions of girls and women, indigenous populations, people with disabilities, displaced persons and refugees, and communities living in conflict areas. Intercultural, international-based education connects and engages communities as it underscores differences, confronts inequality, and recognizes common struggles. Our programs develop reflective educational leaders who can open up the world to new generations, advocate for local agency and intercultural communication, and support transformative settings where self-empowerment and human potential can flourish.

GEOPOLITICS & POWER

Power shifts and power plays challenge outmoded geopolitical models that are failing to ensure global security and stability. Disruptions, though tumultuous, create spaces to interrogate the politics of the past and construct alternative systems of power. Our programs explore the many shocks to the system that give rise to regional independence movements, new forms of populism rife with old nationalisms, and illiberal democracies and ask “what’s next?” Students gain nuanced perspectives from leading political scientists, diplomats, policymakers, and civic activists who are engaged in reimagining our political future.

GLOBAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Healthcare science and health systems worldwide are adapting, expanding, or straining to address the complex and varying needs of vulnerable and underserved populations: children, women, gender minorities, refugees and displaced persons, the elderly, the mentally ill, and the economically disadvantaged. Our programs explore the potential of using both indigenous and new science and technology to support vulnerable populations as well as the limitations and possibilities of contrasting health policy initiatives at the intersections of regional and local governments, global and community organizations, and traditional and indigenous approaches. Students examine the medical and social determinants of health and well-being in urban and rural settings to understand how health-careers, policies, and programs can best support those in dire need.

IDENTITY & HUMAN RESILIENCE

The human condition is in change. Human rights and identity. War. Climate change. Economic disparities. Discrimination. Indigenous and marginalized individuals are exploring what it means to be different and equal in a complicated world, and those under pressure from their environment are on the move with mixed migration challenging national, communal, and personal identities. Our programs explore the human condition and the crisis of belonging in an increasingly complex and mobile world. Students gain critical insight on the phenomena of resilience and resistance through listening to the voices of indigenous people and marginalized groups.

PEACE & JUSTICE

Conflict—incited by structural inequality, migration, identity and exclusion, resource scarcity and historical trauma—manifests through war, revolution, and other forms of violent and coercive mobilization. In the face of this reality, the prospect of long-term peace often seems unattainable. Our programs explore how changemakers manage conflict constructively, balance reconciliation and justice, and support post-conflict remembrance and healing. Students evaluate the root causes of conflict to develop evidence-based strategies designed to transform our world into one that is more peaceful and just.
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FIND YOUR PLACE IN THE WORLD
SIT offers internships in more than 40 locations in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East.

CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF OPTIONS
SIT has broad networks in nonprofit, private, and government sectors. Whatever your interests and goals, we have the right internship for you.

BUILD YOUR RESUME
Get a head start on your career. Gain hands-on experience, develop new skills, and start building a global professional network.

REFLECT ON YOUR EXPERIENCE
Engage in discussion sessions throughout your internship, gaining a deeper understanding of local realities, diverse worldviews, and your own capabilities, values, and ethics.

PUT YOUR LEARNING INTO PRACTICE
SIT internships connect with a critical global issue. Examine an issue through coursework and excursions; then do real-world work in that area.

GIVE BACK
An internship lets you give back to your host community by doing work that benefits the people who have shared so much with you.

SAMPLE INTERNSHIPS
- Researching HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria at Kenya Medical Research Institute
- Supporting vulnerable child refugees with Save the Children in Amman, Jordan
- Protecting turtles with the Bali Turtle Conservation Project in Bali, Indonesia
- Helping organize one of Amsterdam’s feminist and queer festivals
- Providing arts-based education in rural communities in Mexico

“This internship was a turning point in my life. It gave me insights into how an international aid NGO operates and the complexities of the organization. I was able to find my niche in the international aid world and use my skills to assist in many diverse projects.”

Abigail Pelon, St. Michael’s College
UGANDA: Development Studies | Internship: World Vision Uganda
What can you do on an SIT excursion?

1. Trek to remote Nepalese villages to see the vast geological, cultural, and economic diversity of the Himalaya.

2. Go snorkeling in the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea off Panama’s coasts or among coral reefs near Australia or Tanzania.

3. Spend days camping in rainforest, savannah, or mountain while you learn—and practice—research techniques.

4. Spend one to three weeks in France, the Netherlands, or Italy as you explore the Cameroonian, Moroccan, or Tunisian immigrant experience.

5. Live with a nomadic family in the remote steppes of Mongolia and cross the border into Siberia to understand transnational issues.

6. Go on a ten-day expedition to the Antarctic Peninsula to observe different species of whales, seals, penguins, and seabirds.

7. Stay at world-renowned research stations, where you’ll help scientists with their work.

See more.
Do more.
Learn more.

- The most biodiverse freshwater lake in the world.
- The US-Mexico border wall.
- An LGBTQ+ safe space in the Netherlands.
- An amaXhosa community in South Africa.

What do these diverse places have in common? They are all SIT learning spaces—some of the hundreds of opportunities on our programs to step outside the classroom and put your learning into practice.

Thoughtfully planned by our academic directors and other in-country staff, SIT excursions offer you access to remote locations and busy local officials and deepen your immersive experience in your host country.

This field learning takes many forms. Visits within or near the program base give you a chance to meet with government officials, NGO workers, indigenous community leaders, and other experts who provide local context for what you’re learning in the classroom. Excursions further afield give you the chance to experience your program’s themes in a contrasting setting—such as a rural homestay on an urban program, a neighboring country with a different system of governance, or a diaspora community abroad.
These academically rigorous semester-long programs explore health, human rights, climate change, cities, or food systems across four continents. Students begin examining an issue in the United States and deepen their understanding as they travel to three additional countries. By analyzing issues and systems from a local to global scale, students begin to understand their complexity and the challenges of addressing them.

Program themes and locations are developed simultaneously, with locations selected for their relevance to the subject and their contrasts with each other. Programs are expertly designed by the IHP and School for International Training (SIT) Program Development and Academic Affairs committees in conjunction with subject matter experts. The IHP curriculum is intensive and includes four courses taught by academics and field specialists, augmented by site visits and research. Program cohorts comprise 15 to 30 students, traveling and local faculty and staff, and a traveling Fellow to support student safety and well-being.

During the semester abroad, students also have a chance to explore their host countries and forge deep connections with local cultures through homestays, a cornerstone of IHP and SIT programs that allows students to experience authentic cultural immersion by living with local families.

Through this life-changing semester, students learn to question their own worldview and challenge their biases and assumptions while learning in community. They also learn to critically examine and interrogate systems of power, consider alternatives, and envision change.

IHP students join a worldwide alumni network of academics, leaders, activists, and changemakers, many of whom support current students and new alumni through résumé-building internships and other opportunities. SIT and IHP staff members are pleased to facilitate connections between alumni.

Students looking for academic programs with language learning, single-country, or other multi-country options should consider the entire SIT Study Abroad portfolio of more than 80 summer and semester programs.
An SIT education not only gives you the tools to be the best international practitioner you can be, but also to be the best version of yourself you can be ...”

— Meghan Audette
SIT alumna
Deputy director, UN Relief & Works Agency for Palestine Refugees

GLOBAL AND LOW-RESIDENCY MASTER’S DEGREES IN:

• Climate Change & Global Sustainability
• Development Practice
• Diplomacy & International Relations
• Global Health
• Humanitarian Assistance & Crisis Management
• Intercultural Service, Leadership & Management
• International Education
• Peace & Justice Leadership
• Sustainable Development
• TESOL

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CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION ACROSS CULTURES (CONTACT)

| SUMMER PEACEBUILDING WORKSHOP |

Learn the core ideas and practices of conflict transformation in a two-week training program led by a diverse group of internationally recognized faculty with years of experience building peace.

This program combines skills-based academic instruction with personal interaction between peacebuilders across ethnic, national, religious, and cultural divides. You and your fellow CONTACT participants will learn from one another and your instructors in an intensive format following an experiential learning model. Typically, peacebuilders from at least 12 countries participate in the program.

For more information or to apply, contact an admissions counselor at 800 336-1616 (toll-free within the US), 802 258-3510, or admissions@sit.edu.

TOPICS YOU’LL COVER

- Conflict analysis
- Social identity and conflict
- Peacebuilding interventions
- Post-conflict reconciliation
- Intercultural communications
- Gender and peacebuilding
- Mediation, negotiation, and dialogue
- Policy advocacy
- The arts and peacebuilding
- Nonviolent social action
- Monitoring and evaluation

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FIELD-BASED LEARNING AT ITS BEST

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JORDAN

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PERU

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See the world through

A Different Lens

See the world through the eyes of SIT students and alumni. The annual SIT Photo Contest is a chance for our students and alumni to share what they are doing and seeing around the world.

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Tara Boggaram
University of Texas at Austin

TANZANIA: Wildlife Conservation & Political Ecology

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CAMEROON

**DEVELOPMENT & SOCIAL CHANGE**

Cameroon, an ethnically diverse and rapidly changing country, is an ideal setting in which to study development. Alongside Cameroon college students, you’ll discuss project sustainability, funding sources, and beneficiary involvement in project design and implementation with development experts and high-profile political leaders. Focusing on three major socio-cultural groups—Bamileke, Bagyeli, and women—you’ll discover the complex relationships between development, modernization, and social change. You’ll also explore Cameroon migration to France during a week in Paris.

**COURSES**

- Modernization and Social Change in Cameroon • AFRS 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
- Development Studies • SBIS 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
- Research Methods and Ethics • AATH 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

- **Independent Study Project** • ISPR 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs
  - **Sample Topics**
    - Gender roles and standards of beauty in Cameroon
    - Impact of gendered microfinance on domestic violence
    - Influences of westernization on the Bikutsi style of music

- **Internship and Seminar** • ITRN 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs
  - **Sample Internships**
    - Providing financial support to women entrepreneurs at MUITA Cameroon
    - Assisting efforts to end hunger, poverty, and socioeconomic injustice at MUGFA
    - Advocating for farmers and other Cameroonians at Climax Association for the Defense of Collective Interests

GHANA

**AFRICA IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

Ghana was the first African country to achieve independence, and it plays a leading role in African popular culture and politics to this day. From here, you’ll get a new perspective on Africa, one that defies Eurocentric representations that downplay the continent’s diversity and prosperity and emphasize narratives of deprivation and backwardness. You’ll see how technological innovations are impacting social and political realities in Ghana, and you’ll visit government departments, start-ups, and multinational companies to get a feel for the changes taking place in Ghana today.

**COURSES**

- Africa in a Globalizing World: Technology and Social Realities in Ghana • AFRS 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
- Contemporary Africa Re-Represented: Perspectives from Ghana • AFRS 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
- Africa in a Globalizing World: Technology and Social Realities in Ghana • AFRS 3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

- **Independent Study Project** • ISPR 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs
  - **Sample Topics**
    - Ghana-China relations in the service industry
    - Evaluating the use of mobile phone apps to combat counterfeit drugs
    - Life histories of female entrepreneurs

- **Internship and Seminar** • ITRN 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs
  - **Sample Internships**
    - Assisting businesses with solar energy education, design, and installation
    - Supporting textile merchants with marketing and outreach
    - Helping farmers and farming cooperatives investigate production and distribution channels

**AT A GLANCE**

- **Program Countries**
  - Cameroon, France
  - Ghana

- **Duration (weeks)**
  - 15

- **Credits**
  - 16

- **Program Base**
  - Yaoundé
  - Accra

- **Courses Taught In**
  - English

- **Accommodations**
  - Homestay

- **Rural homestay**
  - Batoufam, 10 days
  - Yaoundé, 5 weeks

- **Hostels or small hotels**
  - Guest houses or small hotels

- **Prerequisites**
  - None

- **Semester**
  - Fall

- **Sample Internships**
  - Citizens Association for the Defense of Collective Interests (MUFFA)
  - MUFFA Cameroon

- **Sample Topics**
  - Ghana-China relations in the service industry
  - Evaluating the use of mobile phone apps to combat counterfeit drugs

- **Prerequisites**
  - None

- **Semester**
  - Fall

- **Sample Internships**
  - Citizens Association for the Defense of Collective Interests

- **Sample Topics**
  - Ghana-China relations in the service industry
  - Evaluating the use of mobile phone apps to combat counterfeit drugs
The Lake Victoria region is a site of infectious diseases such as malaria, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and neglected tropical diseases. Here, in Kisumu, home to a joint campus of the Kenya Medical Research Institute and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), you’ll complete a five-week internship focused on public health. During your time here, you’ll also enjoy two weekend excursions, first, to Maasai Mara National Reserve, home to lions, cheetahs, elephants, zebras, and hippos, and then to Jinja, Uganda, a quiet town on Lake Victoria known as the source of the Nile.
Traditional medicine is practiced throughout Madagascar as an available, accessible, affordable, and effective method of healthcare based on the use of biodiversity. The island is home to extraordinary flora and fauna—much of it unique to this country—which play a distinctive role in traditional healthcare practices. From Madagascar’s beautiful capital, a city built on hills, you’ll explore traditional and allopathic healthcare practices. Travel to rural areas to learn about ethnobotany, home and folk remedies, and healthcare access and education outside the cities.

**COURSES**

Social and Political Dimensions of Health • IPBH 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Healthcare Practice in Madagascar • IPBH 3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

- **Independent Study Project** • IPR 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

  **SAMPLE TOPICS**
  - Community-based resource management
  - Cash crop production and links to local livelihoods
  - Medicinal plants in the marketplace

- **Internship and Seminar** • ITRN 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

  **SAMPLE INTERNSHIPS**
  - Developing sustainability initiatives with Think Green Madagascar
  - Monitoring populations of critically endangered lemurs for the Lemur Conservation Foundation
  - Supporting agroforestry efforts in the Makororo-Tahirinao protected area
ASSessing the social empowerment of women in post-genocide Rwanda

TRANSnational conflicts and their impact on economic and social development

Supporting the Legal Aid Forum’s advocacy work for peace and security initiatives through international and local NGOs

Empowering young Rwandans to work toward sustainable development

Issues surrounding collective memory and memorials

Empowerment through women’s giving circles

Coexistence of Islam, Christianity, and local religions in Popenguine

Assisting International Bridges to Justice’s work to protect the basic legal rights of individuals

Volunteering in an orphanage with strong cultural roots

Developing strategies for food security in an eco-village network

Fluidity of ethnic identities among youth populations in Dakar

POST-GENOCIDE RESTORATION & PEACEBUILDING

| SEMESTER |

In 1994, Rwanda was the site of a devastating genocide in which nearly one million people were killed in one hundred days. Today, Rwanda provides an excellent case study on reconciliation and peacebuilding. In Kigali, the sprawling capital city, you’ll study the root causes and impacts of the genocide. Travel to Uganda to learn about the Lord’s Resistance Army conflict and Uganda’s own reconciliation process. You’ll visit genocide memorials, a refugee settlement, and healing centers for genocide survivors and victims of displacement. You’ll also see Murchison Falls’ National Park.

COURSES

Anatomy of Genocide and Intra-State Conflict • AFRS 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Peacebuilding • PEAC 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Kinyarwanda • KINY 1003–3503 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Research Methods and Ethics • ANTH 3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

Independent Study Project • IPR 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

Sample Topics
• Assessing the social empowerment of women in post-genocide Rwanda
• Transnational conflicts and their impact on economic and social development
• Issues surrounding collective memory and memorials

Internship and Seminar • ITRN 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

Sample Internships
• Empowering young Rwandans to work toward sustainable peace and development of Never Again Rwanda
• Supporting the Legal Aid Forum’s advocacy work for indigent and vulnerable groups
• Assisting international bridges to justice work to protect the basic legal rights of individuals

GLOBAL SECURITY & RELIGIOUS PLURALISM

| SEMESTER |

In a time when terrorism is often defined by religious extremism, Senegal provides a model of religious, ethnic, and social coexistence in which radicalization is rare and people of different traditions work in accord with one another. Exploring Senegal’s society has cultivated peaceful coexistence in religiously plural settings. Visit Zat-Faddoul, where animists, Catholics, and Muslims live in harmony; an eco-village; security institutions; and the Grand Mosque of Dakar. Travel to Morocco to see how its Sufi orders differ from Senegal’s and how they shape Moroccan society and politics.

COURSES

Senegal: Colonialism, the State, and Society • AFRS 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Reshaping Global Security: Politics and Religious Pluralism in Senegal • INTS 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Research Methods and Ethics • ANTH 3500 • 2 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

French • FREN 1003–3503 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Wolof • WOLO 1003–3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

Independent Study Project • IPR 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

Sample Topics
• Coexistence of Islam, Christianity, and local religions in Popenguine
• Fluidity of ethnic identities among youth populations in Dakar
• Engagement through women’s giving circles

Internship and Seminar • ITRN 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

Sample Internships
• Supporting peace and security initiatives through international and local NGOs
• Developing strategies for food security in an eco-village network
• Volunteering in an orphanage with strong cultural roots

SIT.EDU/RWR

SIT.EDU/SGR
The discourse of public health education campaigns
Helping out at a rural or urban hospital or a community health center or clinic
Supporting children and families at Blue Roof Wellness Centre
Supporting the work of a hip-hop collective in Dakar
Reclaiming Senegalese education, identity, and citizenship
Assisting the efforts of an organization working with patients with cancer and hospice care
Providing health services and hospice care to patients with cancer and (in)equality during health outcomes.
You’ll examine Durban’s wide range of health services, from traditional healers to state-of-the-art hospitals, and see how the state, the media, and NGOs address and help shape health outcomes. You’ll also visit Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Pretoria; see wildlife in Kruger National Park; and stand on Cape Point, Africa’s most southerly tip.

COURSES
Approaches to Community Health in South Africa: IPRH 3000: 3 crd, 45 hrs

Social Determinants of Health in South Africa: IPRH 3000: 3 crd, 45 hrs

Samples of the following two options:

Independent Study Project: IPRH 3000: 4 crd, 120 hrs

Sample topics:
- The discovery of public health education campaigns
- Role of Indigenous healing practices in contemporary South Africa
- Analysis of the proposed National Health Insurance scheme

Internship and Seminar: ITRN 3000: 4 crd, 120 hrs

Sample internships:
- Helping out at a rural or urban hospital or a community health center or clinic
- Supporting children and families at Blue Roof Wellness Centre
- Providing health services and hospice care to patients with cancer and (in)equality during health outcomes.

Communities of practice

- AFRS 3000
- AFRS 3500
- FREN 1003–3500
- isiZulu
- ZULU 1003–3500

Programs

- SIT.EDU/SFH
- SIT.EDU/SGD

SENEGAL

- Dakar
- Gorée Island
- Mat

Côte d'Ivoire

- Guiana
- Guinea
- Saint-Louis

Accra

- Côte d'Ivoire
- Guinea
- The Gambia

Dakar

- Guinea
- The Gambia

Saint-Louis

- Ghana
- Ghana
- Ghana

At a glance

Program Countries

Senegal, Ghana

Duration (weeks)

15

Credits

16

Program Base

Dakar

Courses Taught In

English

Accommodations

Homestays

Dakar, 3 weeks

Accra, 3 weeks

Hostels, guest houses, or small hotels

Prerequisites

None

COURSES

African Urban Hip-Hop and Decolonial Futures: AFRS 3500: 3 crd, 45 hrs

Rethinking Africa and the African Diaspora: AFRS 3500: 3 crd, 45 hrs

Research Methods and Ethics: ANTH 3500: 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

French: FREN 3000–3500: 3 crd, 45 hrs

Welsh: WULO 3000–3500: 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

Independent Study Project: IPRH 3000: 4 crd, 120 hrs

Sample topics:
- Social justice and the arts in Senegal
- Reclaiming Senegalese education, identity, and citizenship through hip-hop
- Effects of urbanization on Senegalese ethnic identity

Internship and Seminar: ITRN 3000: 4 crd, 120 hrs

Sample internships:
- Helping out at a cultural center in Dakar
- Assisting the efforts of an organization working with urban youth in Senegal
- Supporting the work of a hip-hop collective in Dakar

COMMUNITY HEALTH & SOCIAL POLICY

| SEMESTER |

The legacy of apartheid has left a large section of South Africa poorly educated and struggling with systemic poverty, and despite the country’s progressive policies, racial and gender inequalities still have adverse effects on health outcomes. You’ll examine Durban’s wide range of health services, from traditional healers to state-of-the-art hospitals, and see how the state, the media, and NGOs address and help shape health outcomes. You’ll also visit Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Pretoria; see wildlife in Kruger National Park; and stand on Cape Point, Africa’s most southerly tip.

COURSES

Approaches to Community Health in South Africa: IPRH 3000: 3 crd, 45 hrs

Social Determinants of Health in South Africa: IPRH 3000: 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

Independent Study Project: IPRH 3000: 4 crd, 120 hrs

Sample topics:
- The discovery of public health education campaigns
- Role of Indigenous healing practices in contemporary South Africa
- Analysis of the proposed National Health Insurance scheme

Internship and Seminar: ITRN 3000: 4 crd, 120 hrs

Sample internships:
- Helping out at a rural or urban hospital or a community health center or clinic
- Supporting children and families at Blue Roof Wellness Centre
- Providing health services and hospice care to patients with cancer and (in)equality during health outcomes.

Communities of practice

- AFRS 3000
- AFRS 3500
- FREN 1003–3500
- isiZulu
- ZULU 1003–3500

Programs

- SIT.EDU/SFH
- SIT.EDU/SGD

SENEGAL

- Dakar
- Gorée Island
- Mat

Côte d'Ivoire

- Guiana
- Guinea
- Saint-Louis

Accra

- Côte d'Ivoire
- Guinea
- The Gambia

Dakar

- Guinea
- The Gambia

Saint-Louis

- Ghana
- Ghana
- Ghana

At a glance

Program Countries

Senegal, Ghana

Duration (weeks)

15

Credits

16

Program Base

Dakar

Courses Taught In

English

Accommodations

Homestays

Dakar, 3 weeks

Accra, 3 weeks

Hostels, guest houses, or small hotels

Prerequisites

None
South Africa has made great strides in righting the wrongs of apartheid, but significant challenges remain. From Cape Town, you’ll learn how race relations shape and are shaped by contested histories, politics, and social welfare programs. The program’s four homestays will help you understand the country’s varied cultures and how apartheid’s legacy continues to impact society. Learn about the Black Consciousness Movement at the Steve Biko Centre and visit Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned. Then see some of South Africa’s beautiful wildlife at a game reserve.

**Courses**

**Multiculturalism and Human Rights in South Africa**
- **AFRS 3000**
  - 3 crd, 45 hrs
**Narratives of Identity and Social Change**
- **SOCI 3000**
  - 3 crd, 45 hrs
**isiXhosa**
- **XHOS 1003**
  - 3 crd, 45 hrs
**Research Methods and Ethics**
- **ANTH 3500**
  - 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

**Independent Study Project**
- **ISPR 3000**
  - 4 crd, 120 hrs
  - Sample Topics
    - Hate speech, racism, and freedom of expression
    - The role of religion in social change
    - The police, law, and social justice

**Internship and Seminar**
- **ITRN 3000**
  - 4 crd, 90 hrs
  - Sample Internships
    - Supporting youth development through social behavioural change, education, and job creation at Gold Youth Development Agency
    - Assisting job creation, media creation, or narrative security related to human rights issues at the Human Rights Media Centre
    - Supporting the social cohesion, women’s rights, and refugee services offered by the Whole World Women Association

**Education and Social Change Seminar**
- **IEDP 3000**
  - 4 crd, 60 hrs
**Education Practicum**
- **PRAC 3000**
  - 4 crd, 60 hrs

**Prerequisites**
None

**Accommodations**
- Homestay: Cato Manor &/or Morningside, Durban, 2–3 weeks
- Rural homestay Amacambini, 1 week
- Hostels or small hotels

**AT A GLANCE**
- **Program Country**: South Africa
- **Duration (weeks)**: 6
- **Credits**: 8
- **Program Base**: Durban
- **Courses Taught In**: English
**Social Justice & Activism Internship**

**Summer**

Cape Town, a hub of human rights organizations, is where you'll see how human rights advocacy plays out in a country emerging from legally enforced racial discrimination and economic and political exclusion. Learn about South Africa's history of apartheid as well as the broader social, cultural, and political context and key social justice issues in the country today. Then get experience in human rights advocacy or law, gender-based rights work, or social and community mobilization during a five-week internship. You'll also learn how to use your internship for future professional growth.

**Courses**

- Social Justice and Social Change Seminar • APRS 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
- Internship and Seminar • ITSM 3500 • 4 crd, 150 hrs

**Sample Internships**

- Supporting research, training, and other projects to drive awareness and engagement around human rights as they relate to HIV/AIDS at the AGS Legal Network
- Assisting faculty and staff at Constantiaville Institute, an independent, nonprofit higher education institution engaged in teaching and learning to advance human dignity and social justice
- Supporting the social cohesion, women's rights, and refugee services offered by the Whole World Women Association

**Prerequisites**

- None

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**Social & Political Transformation**

**Semester**

More than two decades into democracy, South Africa continues to struggle with the legacy of apartheid. With the highest income inequality in the world, South Africa still has a way to go as it transforms its political, educational, economic, and health sectors. In the historic city of Durban, you'll examine the history and dismantling of apartheid and see visions for the country's future. You'll also visit neighboring Mozambique; see the Apartheid Museum, Constitutional Court, and Mandela House in Johannesburg; and go on a safari in Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Reserve.

**Courses**

- Memory and Reconciliation in South Africa • POLI 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
- Development, Transformation, and Nation Building • ISPR 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
- Independent Study Project in Journalism • ISPJ 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

**Sample Internships**

- Field Ethics of Journalism in South Africa • JOUR 3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
- Independent Study Project in Journalism • ISPR 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

**Sample Topics**

- Young women's opinions on the custom of bride price
- Inappropriate use of antibiotics in Cape Town clinics
- Protects over land development deals

**Research Methods and Ethics**

- Memory and Reconciliation in South Africa • APRS 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
- Internship and Seminar • ITSM 3500 • 4 crd, 150 hrs

**Sample Internships**

- Assisting creative solutions to challenges posed by conflict at ACCORD
  - (African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes)
- Promoting and developing inclusive urban planning and design at Anjo eSalfine
- Supporting research, public education, and legislative initiatives at the South African Commission on Gender Equality

**Research Methods and Ethics**

- Memory and Reconciliation in South Africa • APRS 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
- Independent Study Project • ISPJ 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

**Sample Topics**

- The prison system in South Africa
- African refugee communities in Durban
- Afrikaner identity

**Prerequisites**

- None* *For the journalism track, strong writing skills and an interest in journalism are essential. A writing sample may be required as part of the admissions process.
TANZANIA

CLIMATE CHANGE & SUSTAINABILITY, MOUNT KILIMANJARO TO ZANZIBAR
| SUMMER |
Tanzania’s diverse ecology provides an extraordinary backdrop in which to explore climate change. You’ll traverse the country, starting in Zanzibar, where you’ll learn about coral reef conservation. In the interior mountains, study tropical forest management and learn about the climatology, ecology, and hydrology of the extinct volcano in Kilimanjaro National Park. In Ngorongoro Conservation Area, investigate how climate change affects migrating wildlife and the livelihoods of pastoral Maasai. Throughout your journey, you’ll also consider solutions to issues posed by climate change.

COURSES
Climate Change and Its Impacts in the Tropics • ENVI 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Environmental Research Methods and Ethics • ENVI 3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION & POLITICAL ECOLOGY
| SEMESTER |
Tanzania is a beautiful and diverse country, home to the Serengeti Plains, Mount Kilimanjaro, and the Zanzibar archipelago. You’ll spend 30 nights camping in these wilderness areas to see the variety of Tanzania’s landscapes and wildlife, including lions, zebras, elephants, and ostriches. As you learn ecological field techniques and national park management, you’ll see how human development and population growth affect natural habitats and vice versa, and you’ll learn to reframe notions of sustainability in relation to local population needs, perspectives, and values.

COURSES
Wildlife Conservation and Political Ecology Seminar • ENVI 3000 • 4 crd, 60 hrs
Research Methods and Ethics • ENVI 3500 • 4 crd, 60 hrs
Independent Study Project • ISPR 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

SAMPLE TOPICS
• Impact of tourism on the natural environment or cultures
• GIS mapping of elephant corridors in the Tarangire-Manyara landscape
• An analysis of social expressions in olive baboons by habitat and group behavior

AT A GLANCE
Program Country Tanzania
Duration (weeks) 6
Credits 6
Program Base Zanzibar
Courses Taught in English
Accommodations Homestay
Stone Town, 2 weeks
Hostels and small hotels
Prerequisites None

AT A GLANCE
Program Country Tanzania
Duration (weeks) 15
Credits 16
Program Base Arusha
Courses Taught in English
Accommodations Homestay
Ngaramtoni, Greater Arusha, 3 weeks
Hostels, small hotels, and 30 nights of camping
Prerequisites Yes
Previous college-level coursework and/or other significant preparation in environmental studies, ecology, biology, sociology, anthropology, international relations, or related fields, as assessed by SIT
AT A GLANCE

Program Countries
Tanzania, Seychelles

Duration (weeks)
15

Credits
16

Program Base
Stone Town

Courses Taught in
English

Accommodations
Homestays
Stone Town, 4 weeks

Rural homestay
Pemba Island, 1 week

Guest houses and small hotels

Prerequisites
Yes

Previous college-level coursework and/or other significant preparation in environmental studies, ecology, biology, or related fields, as assessed by SIT. Swimming and snorkeling proficiency is strongly recommended.

Zanzibar—Coastal Ecology & Natural Resource Management

| SEMESTER |

Zanzibar’s extensive coastline, unique flora and fauna, and tropical climate are ideal for exploring conservation and management of coral reefs and tropical forests. From your base in Stone Town, explore conservation areas and ecotourism projects. Learn methods and ethics of field research and study rare endemic species such as the whale shark, Pemba flying fox, and coconut crab. Meet with communities and experts at Zanzibar’s Department of Forestry and the Institute of Marine Sciences to hear different perspectives on natural resource management. You’ll also spend one week in Seychelles.

Courses
Coastal Ecology and Natural Resource Management Seminar • ENVI 3000 • 4 crd, 60 hrs

Research Methods and Ethics • ISPR 3000 • 4 crd, 60 hrs

Independent Study Project • ISPR 3000 • 4 crd, 60 hrs

Sample Topics
- Turtle conservation on Mfangano Island
- Orca histories of a Zanzibarian fishing village
- Environmental impact of hotels on Unguja

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

| SEMESTER |

After a difficult past, Uganda has implemented numerous fascinating economic development programs. From vibrant Kampala, visit small-scale farming communities, reforestation projects, Nakivale refugee settlement, and Murchison Falls National Park as you examine political, economic, and environmental issues related to development. Working with Ugandan university students, study environmental, health, and human rights projects and develop practical skills like community mobilization, project monitoring, and policy analysis. Visit Rwanda to see its unique development model leading to strong infrastructure and universal healthcare.

Courses
Contemporary Global Development • AFRS 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Uganda • UGA 1002 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Research Methods and Ethics • AFRS 3000 • 4 crd, 60 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

Human and Community Development • AFRS 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

International Business in the Developing World • AFRS 3140 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

Independent Study Project • ISPR 3000 • 4 crd, 60 hrs

Sample Topics
- Environmental conservation and development
- Rural finance self-help groups and poverty alleviation
- Healthcare systems and management of epidemics

Internship and Seminar • ITRN 3000 • 4 crd, 60 hrs

Sample Internships
- Promoting social accountability, equality, and democratic governance at Foundation of Human Rights Initiative
- Supporting efforts to provide humanitarian and developmental assistance to children and mothers at UNICEF
- Assisting on immigration and anti-human-trafficking task force at the Ministry of Internal Affairs

AT A GLANCE

Program Countries
Uganda, Rwanda

Duration (weeks)
15

Credits
16

Program Base
Kampala

Courses Taught in
English

Accommodations
Homestay
Kampala, 6 weeks

Rural homestay
Kasese district, 1 week

Hostels and small hotels

Prerequisites
None

Although there are no prerequisites, a background in development studies or a related field is strongly recommended.
Uganda and Rwanda offer important case studies on conflict causation, mitigation, and prevention. The war in Uganda ended in 2007, but its political, economic, and social effects are still felt. Survivors and perpetrators of the 1994 Rwandan genocide, which resulted in the deaths of nearly one million people, today live side by side. You'll visit refugee settlements and genocide memorials and examine reconciliation efforts in each country. Discover what facilitates and hinders the success of these efforts and consider how these cases can inform an understanding of conflict elsewhere.

PEACE & CONFLICT STUDIES IN THE LAKE VICTORIA BASIN

Uganda and Rwanda

COURSES
Peace and Conflict Seminar • PEAC 3000 • 6 crd, 90 hrs

AT A GLANCE
Program Countries
Uganda, Rwanda

Duration (weeks): 6

Credits: 6

Program Base
Kigali, Rwanda, and Gulu, Uganda

Courses Taught in
English

Accommodations
Homestay
Kigali, Rwanda, 2 weeks
Gulu, Uganda, 2 weeks

Hostels and small hotels

Prerequisites
None*

*While there are no course prerequisites for the program, psychological stability and emotional maturity are required to enable students to engage effectively with these difficult subjects.
"Every day ... was filled with new friends, traditions, experiences, and skills. Every day, I improved my Arabic and felt more connected to the people and culture. I hope everyone gets the opportunity to have a summer like the one I had in Jordan because it wasn’t just a great experience, it has made my life more meaningful."

— Shane Evans
Colorado State University
JORDAN: Intensive Arabic Language Studies
Jordan is one of the driest countries on the planet, and declining rainfall is negatively affecting its economic development. In the capital, Amman, learn about technologies for sustainable water use and treated waste water reuse, renewable energy, and organic farming and explore human-centered design by developing a project that addresses the needs of a Jordanian community. You'll visit the Jordan Valley, Dead Sea, and water treatment plants while learning about the local and regional issues of arid countries and how scarcity plays a role in the greater dynamics of the Middle East.
JORDAN

AT A GLANCE
Program Countries
Jordan, United Arab Emirates
Duration (weeks)
15
Credits
16
Program Base
Amman
Courses Taught In
English
Accommodations
Homestay
Amman, 12 weeks
Hostels and small hotels
Prerequisites
None

GEOPOLITICS, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS &
THE FUTURE OF THE MIDDLE EAST
| SEMESTER |
The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has long played a pivotal role in the geopolitics and international relations of the Middle East. Today, it is a moderate Arab state confronting modernization and the effects of regional conflicts such as the latest refugee crisis. From the modern capital, Amman, become acquainted with the traditional values of a country with history dating back to ancient times as you delve into regional politics and social change. In addition to Petra, Wadi Rum, and Mount Nebo, you’ll visit the United Arab Emirates and learn about geo-economics in the Gulf.

COURSES
Geopolitics, International Relations, and the Future of the Middle East • MDES 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Research Methods and Ethics • ANTH 3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Choose one of the following two options:
The Psychology of Peace • MDES/PSYC 3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Modern Standard Arabic • ARAB 1003–3503 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Modern Standard Arabic • ARAB 1009–3009 • 9 crd, 135 hrs
Choose one of the following two options:
Independent Study Project • ISPR 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs
SAMPLE TOPICS
• Jordan and foreign policy
• Women’s participation in Jordanian politics and civil society
• Refugees and political change in the region
Internship and Seminar • ITRN 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs
SAMPLE INTERNSHIPS
• Supporting efforts toward mutual understanding at Global Nomads Group
• Conducting political and international research at the University of Jordan’s Center for Strategic Studies
• Assisting humanitarian projects at Jordan’s National Center for Human Rights

INTENSIVE ARABIC
LANGUAGE STUDIES
| SUMMER |
Arabic is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world, with more than 400 million native speakers and dozens of dialects. Learn Modern Standard Arabic and Jordanian colloquial Arabic during this intensive language immersion program. By living and learning in an Arabic-only environment with classroom instruction, field exercises, and homestays, you’ll rapidly learn to speak and understand Arabic and experience Arab and Jordanian culture. Enjoy a five-day excursion to see the diverse communities and historic areas of Wadi Rum, Ajloun, Jerash, and Petra.

COURSES
Arabic • ARAB 1009–3009 • 9 crd, 135 hrs

AT A GLANCE
Program Country
Jordan
Duration (weeks)
7
Credits
9
Program Base
Amman
Courses Taught In
English
Accommodations
Homestay
Amman, 5 weeks
Prerequisites
None

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FIELD STUDIES IN JOURNALISM & NEW MEDIA | SEMESTER |

Explore the rich culture, history, and contemporary life of Morocco through a reporter's lens. In the modern capital, Rabat, and other locations across the country, collaborate on stories with Moroccan students and learn from professionals reporting for top-tier media outlets such as The Associated Press and The New York Times. During a rural homestay in the north, you’ll visit the ancient city of Chefchaouen, known for its blue-washed buildings, and the Spanish enclave Ceuta. An excursion in the south includes Marrakesh, Agadir, and Essaouira on the Atlantic coast.

COURSES

Contextual Studies in Journalism: Morocco and North Africa • JOUR 3500 • 4 crd, 60 hrs Field Ethics of Journalism in Morocco • JOUR 3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

**Arabic** • ARAB 1003-3503 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

**French for Media and Communications** • FREN 2503-3503 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

**Independent Study Project in Journalism** • JOUR 3000 • 6 crd, 90 hrs

**Internship and Seminar** • ISPJ 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

AT A GLANCE

Program Country
Morocco

Duration (weeks)
15

Credits
16

Program Base
Rabat

Courses Taught In
English

Accommodations
Homestay
Rabat: 8–12 weeks

Rural Homestay
Ouazzane: 4 days

Hostels or small hotels

Prerequisites
Yes

Previous college-level coursework in writing, journalism, communications, and/or media studies, or other related fields. Strong writing skills and an interest in journalism are essential. A writing sample may be required as part of the admission process.

MIGRATION & TRANSNATIONAL IDENTITY | SEMESTER |

Get an introduction to the history of migration in Morocco at the ancient Roman site Volubilis and the medieval cities Fès and Meknès. From your base within Rabat’s 8th-century medina, discuss migration issues with prominent university professors and visit Moroccan and United Nations agencies dealing with migration. In the northern cities of Tangier and Tetouan, you’ll visit African NGOs working with migrants at the border with the Spanish enclave Ceuta. On a seven-day stay in the Netherlands, you’ll discuss transnationalism, identity, and integration with Moroccan migrants and Dutch professors and NGO workers.

COURSES

Migration and Transnational Identity • AFRS 3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Modern Standard Arabic • ARAB 1004–3506 • 6 crd, 90 hrs

Research Methods and Ethics • ANTH 3500 • 2 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

**Independent Study Project** • ISPJ 3000 • 6 crd, 90 hrs

**Internship and Seminar** • ISPJ 3000 • 6 crd, 90 hrs

**Independent Study Project**

- Sub-Saharan immigrants and their integration in Moroccan society
- European integration laws and their impact on migration trends in Morocco
- Migrant remittances and local development

**Internship and Seminar**

- Providing legal assistance to undocumented migrants in Morocco
- Providing language courses to migrants
- Advocacy, fund-raising, and sustainability for migration NGOs

AT A GLANCE

Program Countries
Morocco, the Netherlands

Duration (weeks)
15

Credits
16

Program Base
Rabat

Courses Taught In
English

Accommodations
Homestay
Rabat: 8–12 weeks

Hostels, guest houses, or small hotels

Prerequisites
None

There are no prerequisites, however, students with a background in French will find ample opportunity for French language practice while also learning Arabic. Students with a background in Spanish will also have the opportunity to practice their Spanish language skills in northern Morocco.
Morocco is a mix of geographic and human landscapes including the Atlas Mountains, the vast Sahara desert, traditional Berber villages, and the modern cities of Rabat and Casablanca. Amid modernization and democratization, diverse Arab, Berber, and sub-Saharan African cultures are deeply rooted in age-old traditions emphasizing community and family. Explore the present-day characteristics, challenges, and complexities of multiculturalism and human rights in Morocco. Excursions north and south will examine economic development, gender issues, environmental problems, and the role of civil society.

### Courses Taught in

- Human Rights and Social Movements in a Multicultural Context
- Research Methods and Ethics
- Modern Standard Arabic
- Modern Standard Arabic

Choose one of the following two options:

#### Independent Study Project

- ISPR 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

**Sample Topics**

- Postcolonial restructuring of human rights systems in Morocco
- Amazigh culture in Morocco
- Reforms for the feminization of Moroccan politics

#### Internship and Seminar

- ITRN 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

**Sample Internships**

- Promoting women’s rights with a local or international organization
- Organizing human rights workshops with a Moroccan NGO
- Promoting youth activism with a local NGO

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Tunisia and Italy sit at the crossroads of the Mediterranean. Here, you will study the interplay between migration, regional politics, and religion. In Tunisia, the country’s capital, less than 100 miles south of Europe and the birthplace of the Arab Spring, you will examine Tunisia’s peaceful transition to democracy. During a three-week excursion to Sicily, a port of call for immigrants, explore migration to Europe and meet with members of the North African immigrant community to discuss the impact of religious practice and formation of social identity.

### Courses

- Politics, Civil Society, and Migration in Tunisia
- Politics, Civil Society, and Migration in Tunisia
- Immigration, Politics, and Religion in the Euro-Mediterranean Space
- Politics, Civil Society, and Migration in Tunisia

Choose one of the following two options:

#### Independent Study Project

- ISPR 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

**Sample Topics**

- Strategies for the prevention of youth radicalization in Tunisia and Italy
- Immigrant integration
- Tunisian youth’ perceptions of immigration to Europe

#### Internship and Seminar

- ITRN 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

**Sample Internships**

- Promoting women’s involvement in government with the League of Tunisian Women Voters
- Supporting LGBT rights campaigns at Shams
- Fighting sexism and promoting black consciousness at M’naft

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The program is of interest to students studying political science, international relations, international studies, migration and refugee studies, European studies, Middle Eastern Studies, religious studies, global studies, sociology, and anthropology. Students with some background in French will be able to practice their homestay in Tunis.
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Francis Commercon
Colorado State University
CHINA: Health, Environment & Traditional Chinese Medicine
With poor soils, unique organisms, and a climate governed largely by El Niño, Australia has keenly felt the effects of climate change. From your base two blocks from the beach in the small coastal town of Byron Bay, you’ll explore Australia’s burgeoning permaculture and sustainable farming initiatives. During excursions and workshops, including ten days in Tasmania, a sustainable urban design workshop in Melbourne, and a five-day camping trip with Aboriginal elders, you’ll meet environmental activists, see examples of successful campaigns, and get tools to apply sustainability efforts at home.

COURSES

Rainforest, Reef, and Cultural Ecology Seminar • ENVI 3000 • 4 crd, 60 hrs
Environmental Field Study Seminar • ENVI 3000 • 4 crd, 60 hrs
Independent Study Project • ISPR 3000 • 6 crd, 90 hrs

Sample Topics
• Reforestation corridors as habitat for native wildlife
• Changes to fish behavior under elevated carbon dioxide levels
• Conservation issues affecting koalas, Tasmanian devils, and tree kangaroos

SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

At a Glance

Program Country: Australia
Duration (weeks): 15
Credits: 16
Program Base: Byron Bay
Courses Taught in: English
Accommodations: Homestay
Hosts, small hotels, and campsites

COURSES

Sustainability and Environmental Action Seminar • ENVI 3000 • 6 crd, 90 hrs
Research Methods and Ethics • ANTH 3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

Independent Study Project • ISPR 3000 • 6 crd, 90 hrs

Sample Topics
• Effect of dolphin feeding on environmental perceptions of tourists
• Feasibility study for the introduction of solar energy at Macquarie University
• Developing a map and track guide for the Royal National Park in Sydney

Internship and Seminar • ITRN 3000 • 6 crd, 90 hrs

Sample Internships
• Campaigning with The Wilderness Society for a new national park in Victoria
• Developing promotional materials for the Melbourne Farmers’ Market
• Helping Ocean Planet’s marine conservation campaigns in Tasmania

Rainforest, Reef, and Cultural Ecology Seminar • ENVI 3000 • 4 crd, 60 hrs
Environmental Field Study Seminar • ENVI 3000 • 4 crd, 60 hrs
Independent Study Project • ISPR 3000 • 6 crd, 90 hrs

Sample Topics
• Reforestation corridors as habitat for native wildlife
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Prerequisites

Previous college-level coursework in environmental studies, ecology, biology, or related fields

Crawford, 2 weeks

Hostels, small hotels, and campsites

Homestay

Programs Taught in: English

Accommodations: Homestay

Prerequisites

Yes

Previous college-level coursework in environmental studies, ecology, biology, or related fields

Crawford, 2 weeks

Apartments, hostels, lodges, and campsites

Programs Taught in: English

Accommodations: Homestay

Prerequisites

None

AT A GLANCE

Program Country: Australia
Duration (weeks): 15
Credits: 16
Program Base: Cairns
Courses Taught in: English

Accommodations: Homestay

Hosts, small hotels, and campsites

Prerequisites

Yes

Previous college-level coursework in environmental studies, ecology, biology, or related fields

Crawford, 2 weeks

AT A GLANCE
Live in beautiful Kunming, the “City of Eternal Spring.” In this green hub of sustainability, home to 25 ethnic minority groups, you’ll be immersed in Chinese culture and get to know Chinese people from different walks of life throughout Yunnan Province. Learn about indigenous health knowledge and Traditional Chinese Medicine. Then practice skills such as Chinese massage, acupuncture, moxibustion, cupping, and herbal medicine under the guidance of medical professionals. You’ll also see the Great Wall and Forbidden City of China’s ancient capital, Beijing, and earn up to ten credits of Chinese.

COURSES
Health, Environment, and Indigenous Knowledge Seminar • ASIA 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Field Methods and Ethics • ANTH 3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Choose one of the following two options:

Independent Study Project • ISPR 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs
SAMPLE TOPICS
- Adapting ethnobotanical traditions of ethnic minorities in Northwest Yunnan
- Perceived mental health effects of China’s one-child policy
- Development of Tibetan medicine in Sichuan

Internship and Seminar • ITRN 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs
SAMPLE INTERNSHIPS
- Working with experienced doctors in Traditional Chinese Medicine hospitales or clinics
- Helping out in Traditional Chinese Medicine herb farms
- Supporting services for senior citizens at Yunnan Health and Development Research Association

Prerequisites None
From your base in New Delhi, India’s hub for policymakers and organizations active in public health, explore local and international public health efforts. Conduct fieldwork in under-resourced communities to understand inclusion and access to healthcare, focusing on reproductive and children’s health. Learn about India’s 5,000-year-old indigenous medicine system and participate in a weeklong workshop with a community health organization. Visit Thailand to observe its Universal Health Coverage scheme, which has become a model for universal healthcare coverage in many countries.

Public Health: Key Determinants, Gender, and Equity
- IPBH 3010 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
- IPBH 3020 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
- FSPR 3080 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Health Rights Advocacy in South Asia
- ASIA 3010 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Field Methods and Ethics in Social Science and Health
- ANTH 3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Independent Study Project
- ISPR 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

Sample Topics
- Maternal health in villages of northern Uttar Pradesh
- Pediatric tuberculosis in districts of Madhya Pradesh
- Barriers to prevention and treatment of Type two diabetes

AGROECOLOGY & FOOD SECURITY IN THE HIMALAYA
| SUMMER |

Sikkim, the first state in India to adopt total organic food production, stands at the forefront of food politics. In this stunning mountainous setting, you’ll explore sustainable agriculture as it contrasts with globalized industrial agriculture. Learn how Himalayan communities are promoting biodiversity conservation, organic farming, and farmers’ rights in a system that could hold a solution to future food, nutritional, and ecological issues. You’ll also gain hands-on agricultural experience doing farm work during an 18-day village homestay and designing and participating in a collaborative group project.

COURSES
- Agroecology and Food Security in the Himalaya • ASIA 3010 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
- Food Security Field Study Project • FSPR 3080 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

AT A GLANCE
- Program Country: India
- Duration (weeks): 15
- Credits: 16
- Program Base: New Delhi
- Courses Taught in English
- Accommodations: Homestay
- Prerequisites: None

AT A GLANCE
- Program Country: India, Thailand
- Duration (weeks): 6
- Credits: 6
- Program Base: Sikkim
- Courses Taught in English
- Accommodations: Rural homestays, 18 days; Pelling, 2 days
- Prerequisites: None
From bustling New Delhi to the quiet grandeur of the Himalaya, you’ll explore India’s ancient and vibrant traditional health systems. Observe practices including Ayurveda, yoga, traditional Tibetan medicine, and naturopathy. During a 10-day stay in the Himalaya—home to many of India’s rich botanical resources—you’ll see how mountain communities’ healthcare access is affected by environmental change. You’ll also compare traditional systems with allopathic ones, gaining a multidimensional perspective about healthcare and health delivery among diverse groups in India.

**COURSES**

**Development Approaches and Distributive Justice** • ASIA 3010 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

**Sustainable Futures: India and Beyond** • ASIA 3020 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

**Hindi** • HIND 1003–3503 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

**Field Methods and Ethics** • ANTH 3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

**Independent Study Project** • ISPR 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

*Sample Topics*
- Documentary film on the impact of hydroelectric dams on Himalayan rivers
- Urban farming in Indian cities
- Microfinance, fair trade, and women’s empowerment

**Internship and Seminar** • ITRN 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

*Sample Internships*
- Supporting social communication on climate adaptation at Damage Control
- Aiding efforts related to legal rights, reproductive health, and capacity building for women at Jagni Grameen
- Performing documentation and research on the Eastern Himalaya with The Mountain Institute

**Courses Taught in English**

**Accommodations**

- Homestay in Jaipur, 6 weeks
- Hostels, small hotels, NGO facilities, and educational institutions in Jaipur
- Rural homestay in Nainital, 10 days
- Guest houses and hotels in New Delhi

**Prerequisites**

- None

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**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & SOCIAL CHANGE**

**TRADITIONAL MEDICINE & HEALTHCARE PRACTICES**

**AT A GLANCE**

**Program Country**

- India

**Duration (weeks)**

- 15
- 6

**Credits**

- 16
- 8

**Program Base**

- Jaipur
- New Delhi

**Courses Taught In**

- English
- English

**Accommodations**

- Homestay
- Rural homestay
- Homestay

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**SAMPLE TOPICS**

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Biodiversity & Conservation in Bali & Borneo

One of 20 "megadiverse" countries and ranked third in numbers of endemic species, Indonesia is experiencing extreme threats to its biota posed by rapid growth in tourism and the palm oil industry. Starting in Bali, on the grounds of an ancient palace complex, explore grassroots conservation focused on habitat restoration, community sustainability, and endangered species management.

Choose one of the following two options:

Independent Study Project • ISPR 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

**Sample topics:**
- Street art and youth culture
- Role of women in contemporary Islamic communities of Java
- Ritual significance of gamelan music and Balinese dance

Internship and Seminar • TRIM 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

**Sample Internships:**
- Practicing the art of batik at Museum Batik in Java
- Protecting butterflies with the Bali Turtle Conservation Project
- Helping in an Islamic boarding school

COURSES
Biodiversity and Natural Resource Conservation • ENVI 3010 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Biodiversity and Conservation Field Study Project • ENVI 3060 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Arts, Religion, and Social Change Seminar • ASIA 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Bahasa Indonesia • INDO 3006-3506 • 4 crd, 90 hrs
Field Methods and Ethics • ANTH 3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

COURSES
Arts, Religion, and Social Change Seminar • ASIA 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Bahasa Indonesia • INDO 3006-3506 • 4 crd, 90 hrs
Field Methods and Ethics • ANTH 3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

AT A GLANCE
Program Country
Indonesia
Duration (weeks)
15
Credits
16
Program Base
Kerambitan, Bali
Courses Taught in
English
Accommodations
Homestays
Kerambitan, Bali, 5–6 days
Rural homestay
Tabanan, Bali, 3–4 days
Hostels and small hotels
Prerequisites
None

AT A GLANCE
Program Country
Indonesia
Duration (weeks)
6
Credits
8
Program Base
Kerambitan, Bali
Courses Taught in
English
Accommodations
Rural homestay
Tabanan, Bali, 3–4 days
Hostels and small hotels
Prerequisites
None
International Relations & New Economies

With its Islamic banking model, based on specific ethical standards and regulations, Malaysia plays a unique role in the global financial sector. In this country of harmonious ethnic and religious diversity, you'll meet with policy-makers, small-scale entrepreneurs, and global industry leaders to learn about the policies and practices related to national, regional, and global economic integration. You'll also travel to China and then Singapore or Indonesia as you consider the future of international relations and global banking in the growing financial centers of Southeast Asia.

Courses

Economic Integration and the New Silk Road: ASIA 3500 + 3 crd, 45 hrs
Islamic Banking and the Future of Global Finance and Trade: ECON 3500 + 3 crd, 45 hrs
Field Methods and Ethics: ANTH 3500 + 2 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

Bahasa Malaysia: MALY 3010-3501 + 2 crd, 45 hrs
Chinese: CHIN 3003-3503 + 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

Independent Study Project: ISPR 3000 + 4 crd, 120 hrs

- Implications of economic integration on small-scale enterprises
- Geopolitical challenges of investment and trade in Southeast Asia
- The role of gender in trajectories of economic change

Internship and Seminar: ITRN 3000 + 4 crd, 120 hrs

- Interning at a training center developing field management skills for global clients
- Promoting investment and economic relations with China at a financial organization
- Assisting a community economic development office in rural Malaysia

Nomadism, Geopolitics & the Environment

A young democracy sandwiched between authoritarian Russia and China, Mongolia is undergoing rapid socio-economic and cultural change. In the capital, Ulaanbaatar, meet with key experts to discuss the impact of extractive mining on Mongolia's social, economic, and environmental future. On remote steppes, learn about the traditions and livelihoods of Mongolia's nomadic communities as you live in a ger and ride horses with a herding family. See the East Gobi Desert, vast mountain ranges, ancient temples, and pristine lakes. Then cross into Russia's East Siberia to explore transborder and environmental issues.

Courses

Geopolitics and Development Trends: ASIA 3500 + 3 crd, 45 hrs
Pastoralism and Natural Resource Management: ASIA 3520 + 3 crd, 45 hrs
Mongolian: MONG 3010-3501 + 3 crd, 45 hrs
Research Methods and Ethics: ANTH 3500 + 2 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

Independent Study Project: ISPR 3000 + 4 crd, 120 hrs

- Cobusiness trade and cultural interaction with China and Siberia
- Environmental impacts of mining
- Urbanization of the nomadic nation

Internship and Seminar: ITRN 3000 + 4 crd, 120 hrs

- Engaging in rural development and land and livestock use at Nulusk Partners
- Promoting socially inclusive, environmentally sustainable economic growth at Global Green Growth Institute
- Promoting participatory, eco-friendly, and sustainable urban communities at Ger Community Mapping Center

At a Glance

Program Countries
Malaysia, China, Singapore, Indonesia

Duration (weeks) 15
Credits 16

Program Base
Bangi, Kuala Lumpur region

Courses Taught In
English

Accommodations
Homestay
Bangi, Hulu Langat, and nearby areas, 6 weeks

Hostels and small hotels

Prerequisites
Yes
Introduction to micro- and macroeconomics

At a Glance

Program Countries
Mongolia, Russia

Duration (weeks) 15
Credits 16

Program Base
Ulaanbaatar

Courses Taught In
English

Accommodations
Homestay
Ulaanbaatar 1–2 weeks

Rural nomadic homestay
Central or Northern Steppes, 1–2 weeks

Apartments, guest houses, educational institutions, or small hotels

Prerequisites
None
DEVELOPMENT, GENDER & SOCIAL CHANGE IN THE HIMALAYA | SEMESTER | 

In the last few decades, Nepal has seen tremendous political changes that profoundly influence other aspects like gender, inclusivity, development, and equality. Live in the Kathmandu Valley, home to seven UNESCO World Heritage sites, and learn how experts, activists, and academics work with government and nongovernmental agencies to make meaningful changes in society. Visit India to conduct a comparative study. Then trek from village to village along ancient Himalayan trade routes, going as high as 13,000 feet, to see community development efforts as well as Nepal’s remarkable biological, geological, and cultural diversity.

COURSES
Development, Gender, and Social Change in the Himalaya  ✔️ DVST 3000  ✔️ 3 crd, 45 hrs
Nepali  ✔️ NEPA 1506–3506  ✔️ 6 crd, 90 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

- Independent Study Project  ✔️ ISPR 3000  ✔️ 4 crd, 120 hrs
  - Sample Topics
    - Emergence of a middle-class society
    - Women’s health challenges and roles in development
    - Squatter communities and land access in Kathmandu

- Internship and Seminar  ✔️ ITRN 3000  ✔️ 4 crd, 120 hrs
  - Sample Internships
    - Engaging in agronomy/activities and supporting local communities in the Kathmandu region with local organization Hands-On Institute
    - Documenting traditional trade patterns, local foods, agricultural systems, cultures, and traditions in remote parts of Nepal
    - Supporting research and development at a local organization involved in gender issues, rights, and advocacy

AT A GLANCE
Program Countries Nepal, India
Duration (weeks) 15
Credits 16
Program Base Kathmandu
Courses Taught In English
Accommodations Homestay Kathmandu, 6 weeks
Rural homestay Himalayan villages, 5–6 days
Guest houses, hostels, or small hotels
Prerequisites None

GEOSCIENCE IN THE HIMALAYA | SUMMER |

The same processes that shaped the magnificent Himalaya continue today. Trek through the core of the Himalaya between 26,000-feet-high peaks alongside geology students from Nepal. Surrounded by some of the world’s tallest mountains, you’ll learn a variety of Earth science field skills and conduct your own research. Because Nepal’s active tectonics, steep mountain slopes, and intense rainfall pose hazards to people and infrastructure, you’ll also examine geohazards and analyze steps for risk reduction that align with sustainable practices.

COURSES
Geohazards in the Himalaya  ✔️ GEOL 3000  ✔️ 3 crd, 45 hrs
Earth Science Field Methods  ✔️ GEOL 3500  ✔️ 3 crd, 45 hrs
Geology Field Study Project  ✔️ GEOL 3060  ✔️ 3 crd, 45 hrs

AT A GLANCE
Program Country Nepal
Duration (weeks) 7
Credits 9
Program Base Kathmandu
Courses Taught In English
Accommodations Tea houses, hostels, and small hotels
Prerequisites Yes
  - At least two upper-division geoscience, earth science-oriented environmental science, or physical geography courses

AT A GLANCE
Program Country Nepal
Duration (weeks) 7
Credits 9
Program Base Kathmandu
Courses Taught In English
Accommodations Tea houses, hostels, and small hotels
Prerequisites Yes
  - At least two upper-division geoscience, earth science-oriented environmental science, or physical geography courses

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Changing status of women in Buddhist monastic life

Attitudes of youth to tradition and change

Economy of Sherpas and mountaineering tourism

Helping at

Sustainable agricultural practices and their impact on local villages

Providing Tibetan and Himalayan youth with vocational training

Assisting Great Himalaya Trail’s alternative approach to trekking

Public health of nomadic communities in Ladakh, India
CULTURE, SOCIAL CHANGE & DEVELOPMENT

SEMESTER

After decades of war and isolation, Vietnam now boasts one of the strongest economies in Asia. Examine the interplay of traditional culture and values with recent economic, social, and environmental changes and consider emerging issues like resource management and community development. You’ll be paired with a Vietnamese university student who will help you adjust to living in a new culture. You’ll also travel the length of Vietnam, from the 1,000-year-old capital, Hanoi, to the Mekong Delta as you visit indigenous communities, trek the lush central highlands, and participate in a service project.

COURSES

Ethnicity, Gender, and Social Change  
• ASIA 3020  
  • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Economic Reform and Development  
• ASIA 3020  
  • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Vietnamese  
• VIET 3000-3500  
  • 2 crd, 45 hrs

Field Methods and Ethics  
• ANTH 3500  
  • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

Independent Study Project  
• ISPR 3000  
  • 4 crd, 120 hrs

SAMPLE TOPICS
  • Heritage site management and conservation
  • Food culture and organic farming
  • Fortune telling, magic, and mysticism in a modern socialist society

Internship and Seminar  
• ITRN 3000  
  • 4 crd, 120 hrs

SAMPLE INTERNSHIPS
  • Participating in projects to improve local livelihoods at the East Meets West Center
  • Leading workshops on micro-credit programs and women’s empowerment at the Center for Community Health and Development
  • Supporting the Research and Training Center for Community Development’s efforts to reduce poverty

NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION INTERNSHIP

SUMMER

Vietnam’s 1,000-year-old capital, Hanoi, is home to a variety of community and research organizations, sustainable social enterprises, and local and international NGOs. Here, in one of Asia’s most dynamic and rapidly changing countries, get a grounding in the policy and practice of social and economic reform and the roles of government, private enterprise, and NGOs in Vietnam’s rapid change. Then build your résumé through a five-week internship in community development, ethnic minority rights, environmental conservation, cultural preservation, sustainable business, public health, education, or another field.

COURSES

Vietnam: Civil Society and Social Change  
• ASIA 3000  
  • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Internship and Seminar  
• ITRN 3000  
  • 4 crd, 120 hrs

SAMPLE TOPICS
  • Innovating green living, public space improvement, and organic agriculture with the Action Center for City Development
  • Conducting market research for the Development and Policies Research Center
  • Supporting rural communities’ adaptation to a changing environment at the Center for Sustainable Rural Development

AT A GLANCE

Program Country  
Vietnam

Duration (weeks)  
15

Credits  
16

Program Base  
Ho Chi Minh City

Accommodations  
Homestay

Guest houses, hostels, or small hotels

Prerequisites  
None

AT A GLANCE

Program Country  
Vietnam

Duration (weeks)  
7

Credits  
7

Program Base  
Hanoi

Courses Taught in  
English

Accommodations  
Homestay

Guest houses, hostels, or small hotels

Prerequisites  
None
“The capacity to network in Geneva was outstanding. There is a very large opportunity to learn both inside and outside the classroom... I began to understand the interworking of international organizations, the role of individuals, and the way in which an organization’s mission is achieved.”

Neti Gupta
Ohio University
SWITZERLAND: International Relations & Multilateral Diplomacy (Summer)
The power of nature is evident in Iceland. Here you’ll study the causes of climate change and its impacts on the critical environment of the Arctic and the entire planet. Witness the astonishing beauty of glaciers, volcanoes, fjords, geothermal fields, highlands, lava flows, rugged coastline, and waterfalls. On excursions to Iceland’s remote Westfjords region and Finland, you’ll see the impact of global warming on glaciers and ice sheets. Observe ground zero of climate change amidst stunning landscapes while learning about renewable technologies that can help slow the damage.

COURSES
- Climate Modeling and Carbon Management • ENGR 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
- The Arctic: Changing Ecosystems and Resilience • ENVI 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
- Research Methods and Ethics in the Arctic • ENVI 3500 • 4 crd, 60 hrs
- Research Project in Arctic Climate Protection • ISPR 3000 • 6 crd, 180 hrs

SAMPLE TOPICS
- Thinning of ice sheets and glacier retreat
- Melting permafrost
- Ecosystem carbon sequestration
- Melting permafrost
- Ecosystem carbon sequestration

Choose one of the following two options:

Arts Studio • ARTS 2000–3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
COURSES
- Czech History, Arts, and Civil Society I • EURO 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
- Czech History, Arts, and Civil Society II: Creativity in Context • EURO/ARTS 3005 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
- Research Methods and Ethics in the Arts • ANTH 3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
- Independent Study Project • ISPR 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

SAMPLE TOPICS
- Creative alternatives to institutionalized care for citizens with mental disabilities
- Czech feminist publications in the post-communist era
- Contemporary dance performance inspired by Czech underground music

For visual arts, physical theater, and creative writing, a background in the area of study is highly recommended. For all students, previous survey courses in European history or arts history are recommended but not required.
Famous for its Red Light District, water canals, and bicycle culture, Amsterdam is also an ideal city in which to explore the intersection of gender and sexuality with race, class, and religion. Meet with activists, academics, and professional sex workers and visit key places like the International Gay and Lesbian Archives and Information Center. In Utrecht and Rotterdam, talk with sex educators, a BDSM advocacy group, and Hang-Out 010, a safe space for youth. Get a Muslim perspective on gender and sexuality during a two-week excursion to Morocco.

**COURSES**

**Theory and Application of Feminist, Lesbian, and Queer Studies**
- GEND 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

**Dutch**
- DUTC 1003 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

**Research Methods and Ethics**
- ANTH 3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

**Independent Study Project**
- ISPR 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

**Sample Topics**
- Negotiating religion and homosexuality
- Interpersonal relationships in the Dutch postcolonial context
- Intergenerational dating strategies
- Black feminist activism in the Netherlands

**Internship and Seminar**
- ITRN 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

**Sample Internships**
- Promoting sexual education for all at Love Matters
- Researching and writing Wikipedia entries about women role models, artists, and scientists
- Helping out at one of Amsterdam’s feminist and queer festivals

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**RENEWABLE ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY & RESOURCE ECONOMICS**

With nearly all its homes and businesses powered by renewable geothermal and hydroelectric energy, Iceland is the perfect place to learn about renewable energy sources and sustainability. You’ll meet with multiple stakeholders connected with the renewable energy sector for a multifaceted view of the country’s energy policy and to learn about the latest renewable energy technologies. You’ll also be immersed in Icelandic culture and language and discover Iceland’s untamed landscape from either Ísafjörður, one of the most remote towns in Iceland, or Akureyri, a city located at the base of a fjord.

**COURSES**

- ENGR 3000 • 4 crd, 40 hrs

**Renewable Energy, Technology, and Resource Economics Project**
- ENGR 3060 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

**Sample Topics**
- Hydroelectric and geothermal power; wind, solar, tidal, and biomass energy; renewable fuels
- Sustainable energy design and implementation within sociocultural, economic, and environmental contexts
- Resource economics and policies
Human rights and LGBTQI activism in Serbia and/or Bosnia-Herzegovina

Preparing refugees on the Balkans route at Asylum Protection Center

Digitizing historical archives at the Museum of Yugoslav History

Integration of renewable energy technology into existing infrastructure

Building connections between young people across the Balkans at Youth Initiative for Human Rights

Hydropower and wind energy

Extremadura

National energy policy and EU energy framework

Integration of Serbia and Kosovo into the European Union

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Portugal, Spain

AT A GLANCE

Program Countries
Portugal, Spain

Duration (weeks)
15

Credits
16

Program Base
Lisbon

Courses Taught In
Portuguese

Accommodations
Homestay

Prerequisites
Yes

Previous college-level coursework or background in sustainability, environmental studies, economics, natural resources, health, environmental policy, sociology, or other related fields.

SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

| SEMESTER |

Live in the European Green Capital for 2020: Lisbon, a city addressing carbon emissions and the impact of mass tourism through renewable energy technologies and social projects. Here, you'll discover how Portugal's approach to sustainability and social equity challenges the core principles of economic orthodoxy. On excursions to the ancient university town Coimbra, the Azores Islands, the coastal city Porto, and Spain's stunning Extremadura region, you'll compare conservation projects, sustainable agriculture production, resource management, and environmental good practice.

COURSES

Comparative Sustainable Bioeconomy and Energy Resources + ENV/SURG 3000 + 3 crd, 45 hrs
Environmental Justice, Advocacy, and Urban Regeneration + ENV/SURG 3000 + 3 crd, 45 hrs
Portuguese + PORT 1003-2003 + 3 crd, 45 hrs
Environmental Research Methods and Ethics + ENVI 3000 + 3 crd, 45 hrs
Independent Study Project + IPRI 3000 + 4 crd, 60 hrs

SAMPLE TOPICS

- National energy policy and EU energy framework
- Hydroelectric and wind energy
- Integration of renewable energy technology into existing infrastructure

PEACE & CONFLICT STUDIES

IN THE BALKANS

| SEMESTER |

The Balkans experienced a series of separate but related conflicts throughout the 1990s. Belgrade, the capital of Yugoslavia until its breakup in 1992, is your base as you study post-conflict transformation in three Balkan countries. You'll spend extensive time in Bosnia-Herzegovina's capital, Sarajevo, known for its striking architecture and religious and cultural diversity; and Kosovo's capital, Pristina, a unique city with Ottoman influences. Here, you'll meet with representatives from organizations such as the Youth Initiative for Human Rights, the Humanitarian Law Center, and the International Commission on Missing Persons.

COURSES

The Breakup of Yugoslavia and the Wars of the 1990s + PEAC 3000 + 3 crd, 45 hrs
Peace and Conflict Studies in Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo + PEAC 3005 + 3 crd, 45 hrs
Serbian + SRBI 1003-2003 + 3 crd, 45 hrs
Research Methods and Ethics + Anth 3000 + 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

Independent Study Project + IPRI 3000 + 4 crd, 60 hrs

SAMPLE TOPICS

- Human rights and LGBTI activism in Serbia and/or Bosnia-Herzegovina and/or Kosovo
- Local youth perceptions of the Russian soft power in Republika Srpska, Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Integration of Serbia and Kosovo into the European Union

Internship and Seminar + ITRN 3000 + 4 crd, 60 hrs

SAMPLE INTERNSHIPS

- Helping refugees on the Balkans route at Asylum Protection Center
- Building connections between young people across the Balkans at Youth Initiative for Human Rights
- Digitizing historical archives at the Museum of Yugoslav History

AT A GLANCE

Program Countries
Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo

Duration (weeks)
15

Credits
16

Program Base
Belgrade

Courses Taught In
English

Accommodations
Homestay

Bed and breakfasts or small hotels

Prerequisites
None

SERBIA, BOSNIA & KOSOVO
Steeped in culture, Bilbao, the de facto capital of Basque country, is a dynamic place from which to explore independence politics in Spain and beyond. Site visits and roundtable discussions here and further afield in the Catalonian city of Girona, hub of another secession movement, will give you firsthand experience interacting with both pro- and anti-independence political leaders, policymakers, and student activists. On excursions to Barcelona, French Basque Region, and Scotland, you’ll get an insider’s perspective on one of the hottest issues in Europe and watch history in the making.

AT A GLANCE
Program Countries
Spain, France, United Kingdom

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<td>Previous college-level coursework in economics, finance, or business administration, or alternatively in public policy, international relations, government, sociology, ethics or social responsibility as assessed by SIT</td>
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COURSES
Comparative Regional Autonomy and Independence Movements in Europe + EUR/POLI 3000 + 3 crd, 46 hrs

Policy, Law, and the Future of the Nation State in Europe + EUR/POLI 3100 + 3 crd, 46 hrs

Spanish + SPAN 1003–3003 + 3 crd, 45 hrs

Research Methods and Ethics + ANTH 3000 + 3 crd, 45 hrs

Independent Study Project + GPR 3000 + 4 crd, 50 hrs

SAMPLE TOPICS
- Perceptions of Catalonia’s independence movement in Basque country
- Self-determination and constitutional crises in Spain
- Comparative approach to the independence referendum in Catalonia and Scotland

GALENA
SOFTI
SPAIN

BILBAO

GIRONA

BARCELONA

WILLEMSTAD

PORTOBELLO

CENTRAL
AMERICA

AT A GLANCE
Program Countries
Switzerland, Greece

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COURSES
Alternative Financial Systems and Intermediation + MBUS 3000 + 6 crd, 180 hrs

French + FBN (300–3003) + 3 crd, 46 hrs

Research Methods and Ethics of Banking and Finance + ETHC 3500 + 3 crd, 46 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

Independent Study Project in Finance + ISPR 3000 + 4 crd, 140 hrs

SAMPLE TOPICS
- Profiting from innovation potential of ethical bank products versus classical bank products
- Gaps in the existing sustainable finance regulatory system
- Alternative ways of financing new initiatives (e.g., crowdfunding) and their roles in the financial centers, is the ideal place to study international banking and sustainable finance. While learning about macroeconomics and global finance from a socially responsible and sustainable business perspective, you’ll build networks with experts at leading financial institutions, international nongovernmental organizations, and government agencies. During a two-week excursion in Greece, examine the impact of the financial crisis on Greek economy and society and get a firsthand view of the country’s recovery.

BILBAO

GIRONA

BARCELONA

Nyon

Geneva

Greece

FRANCE

WALES

ITALY

SWITZERLAND

BRUSSELS

AUSTRIA

Greece

Northern Ireland

Scotland

England

Wales

Vitoria-Gastaeiz

Edinburgh

UNITED KINGDOM

SWITZERLAND

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Program Countries
Switzerland, Greece

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SAMPLE INTERNSHIPS
- Promoting responsible investment at Sofies
- Assisting Money Leman with its community financing schemes
- Supporting the social innovation efforts at Impact Hub Geneva

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FOOD SECURITY & NUTRITION | SUMMER |

Alleviating hunger and ensuring access to balanced nutrition are among the top priorities of the UN Millennium Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. From Geneva, you’ll learn how the UN World Food Program and World Health Organization are addressing health and nutritional needs. Explore a range of issues, such as food sovereignty, global health, climate change, and forced migration, in the context of sustainable development and global food security. You’ll also visit Istria, Croatia, to savor the peninsula’s rich culinary tradition and experience the slow food movement.

COURSES

Food Security, Nutrition, and Sustainable Development  
- IFHM 3000  
- 3 crd, 45 hrs
French  
- IFHM 3003-3003  
- 3 crd, 45 hrs
Project on Food Security, Nutrition, and Sustainable Development  
- IFHM 3040  
- 3 crd, 45 hrs

SAMPLE TOPICS
- Food security and socio-political stability
- The interplay between malnutrition and infectious disease
- Infant feeding in the context of natural disaster and humanitarian relief

GLOBAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT POLICY | SEMESTER |

Geneva is the world capital of public health and sustainable development organizations, making it the ideal place to study global health and development policy. Meet with experts for briefings and lectures at the World Health Organization, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, and the state-of-the-art University Hospital of Geneva, among others. An eight-day excursion to Morocco, including the modern capital, Rabat, and a rural area, allows you to compare and contrast public health systems in two countries and contextualize the impact of development on health.

COURSES

Perspectives on Global Health  
- IFHM 3000  
- 3 crd, 45 hrs
Development Policy and Health  
- IFHM 3005  
- 3 crd, 45 hrs
French  
- IFHM 3003-3003  
- 3 crd, 45 hrs
Research Methods and Ethics  
- ANTH/FH 3510  
- 3 crd, 45 hrs
Independent Study Project  
- ISPR 3000  
- 4 crd, 120 hrs

SAMPLE TOPICS
- The healthcare sector in humanitarian relief
- International human rights to health
- International, national, and regional response to epidemics and pandemics
Build the skills and knowledge required for multilateral diplomacy at the center of the action in Geneva, where you’ll learn from top academics and experts at research institutes, UN agencies, and nongovernmental organizations. While immersed in the city of international diplomacy and finance, you’ll enjoy Francophone culture and the summer splendors of Lake Geneva, such as swimming, boating, and picnicking. Build your international network and make contacts with top experts in conflict resolution and prevention, international humanitarian law, and management of complex emergencies and migration.

**Courses**

**French**

- FREN 1003–3003  •  3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

1. **International Studies and Multilateral Diplomacy Seminar**  •  EURO 3000  •  3 crd, 45 hrs
2. **International Studies and Multilateral Diplomacy Project**  •  EURO 3060  •  3 crd, 45 hrs
3. **International Studies and Multilateral Diplomacy Seminar Graduate Level**  •  EURO 5000  •  3 crd, 45 hrs
4. **International Studies and Multilateral Diplomacy Project Graduate Level**  •  EURO 5060  •  3 crd, 45 hrs

**Sample topics**

- Evolution of US-Iranian relations
- Effects of securitization of migration on refugee women and children
- Cyber warfare

**AT A GLANCE**

- **Program Countries**: Switzerland, France, Belgium
- **Duration (weeks)**: 15
- **Credits**: 16
- **Program Base**: Geneva
- **Courses Taught In**: English
- **Accommodations**:
  - Homestay
  - Geneva Lake Region/ Canton of Vaud, 14 weeks
  - Hostels and small hotels
- **Prerequisites**:
  - Yes
  - Previous college-level coursework and/or other significant preparation in international studies or a related academic discipline, such as political science or pre-law, as assessed by SIT

**INTERNATIONAL STUDIES & MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY**

**Semester**

A global hub for diplomacy, Geneva is home to more than a dozen major international organizations such as the Red Cross, World Health Organization, UN agencies, and the World Trade Organization. While delving into high level multilateral diplomacy, you’ll enjoy the gastronomic and cultural riches of this city and bohemian districts like Carouge, a Mediterranean-style hamlet modeled after Nice. You’ll learn about European Union issues at its headquarters in Brussels and at key intergovernmental organizations like the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris.

**Courses**

- International Relations and Multilateral Diplomacy  •  INTS 2000  •  3 crd, 45 hrs
- International Security, Peace, and Stability  •  INTS 3000  •  3 crd, 45 hrs
- Research Methods and Ethics  •  ANTH 3500  •  3 crd, 45 hrs
- Independent Study Project  •  ISPR 3000  •  4 crd, 50 hrs

**Sample topics**

- Conflict resolution and multilateral diplomacy processes
- New threats to global security
- Human rights and international law

**AT A GLANCE**

- **Program Country**: Switzerland
- **Duration (weeks)**: 6
- **Credits**: 9
- **Program Base**:
  - Geneva or Nyon
  - This program has two tracks. Please see website for more details.
  - Geneva Lake Region/ Canton of Vaud, 5 weeks
  - Hostel
  - Prerequisites:
  - None*
  - *However, students with at least basic French proficiency will be at a linguistic advantage

**INTERNATIONAL STUDIES & MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY**

**Summer**

**Courses**

- French  •  FREN 1003–3003  •  3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

1. **International Studies and Multilateral Diplomacy Seminar**  •  EURO 3000  •  3 crd, 45 hrs
2. **International Studies and Multilateral Diplomacy Project**  •  EURO 3060  •  3 crd, 45 hrs
3. **International Studies and Multilateral Diplomacy Seminar Graduate Level**  •  EURO 5000  •  3 crd, 45 hrs
4. **International Studies and Multilateral Diplomacy Project Graduate Level**  •  EURO 5060  •  3 crd, 45 hrs

**Sample topics**

- Evolution of US-Iranian relations
- Effects of securitization of migration on refugee women and children
- Cyber warfare
When looking for a study abroad program, I knew that I wanted a country in Latin America in order to practice my Spanish skills, as well as something that would continue to let me explore my interests regarding the environment and science, so SIT’s program in Ecuador seemed like the perfect fit. It had courses in Spanish focused on ecology and conservation, gave me the opportunity to stay with a host family, and had a number of amazing excursions around the country including the Amazon and the Galápagos Islands.

— Mindee Goodrum
St. Michael’s College

ECUADOR: Comparative Ecology & Conservation
ARGENTINA

MEMORY & SOCIAL ACTIVISM THROUGH THE ARTS

Argentina's experiences of state terrorism from 1976 to 1983 have resulted in an active civil society. In Buenos Aires, discover the city's multicultural, complex, and dynamic arts scene and examine the role of art in remembering, moving forward, and expressing resilience and resistance. On a five-day excursion to Córdoba, you'll view art exhibits and visit the studios of artists whose work is tied to memories of the recent past. You'll study under nationally recognized and emerging artists, and you'll participate in a weeklong photography workshop and collective art projects.

COURSES

Memory and Social Activism through the Arts Seminar • LACB 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Spanish in the Arts Context • SPAN 2003-3003 • 3 crd, 46 hrs

PEOPLE, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE IN PATAGONIA & ANTARCTICA

The unique environments and biota of Southern Patagonia and Antarctica pose challenging conservation issues as they are impacted by climate change and human behavior. Ushuaia, the southern-most city in the world, is your base as you discover the economic and environmental importance of this area and learn how to apply scientific research tools and methods. Visit Tierra del Fuego National Park, the Beagle Channel, and Puerto Williams. Then explore the last pristine region of the world on a 10-day expedition to the Antarctic Peninsula, which includes guided landings led by scientists.

COURSES

Socio-Ecological Dynamics and Conservation in Southern Patagonia and Antarctica • ENVI 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Climate Change and Marine Biology in Southern Patagonia and Antarctica • ENVI 3005 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Spanish for Natural Sciences • SPAN 3003-3503 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Environmental Research Methods and Ethics • ENVI 3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

Independent Study Project • ISTR 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

- Protected-area management
- Environmental impact of tourism
- Climate change impacts on traditional lifestyles

Internship and Seminar • ITRN 3000 • 4 crd, 70 hrs

- Researching and writing outreach materials for a national park
- Creating educational resources on climate change for a local school
- Assisting local farmers with marine conservation campaigns

AT A GLANCE

Program Country
Argentina, Chile, Antarctica
Duration (weeks)
6
Credits
15
Program Base
Buenos Aires, Ushuaia
Courses Taught In
English
Accommodations
Homestay
Hostels and small hotels
Prerequisites
Yes
Previous college-level coursework and/or significant preparation in environmental studies, ecology, biology, or related fields, as assessed by SIT. Three recent semesters of college-level Spanish on the equivalent and the ability to follow coursework in Spanish, as assessed by SIT.
ARGENTINA

PUBLIC HEALTH IN URBAN ENVIRONMENTS

More than 30 percent of Argentina’s population lives in greater Buenos Aires. Here, you’ll see marked contrasts of wealth and poverty and related disparities in health. As you study public health, community welfare, and epidemiology, you’ll benefit from SIT’s close partnership with ISALUD, the nation’s top health university and think tank. You’ll also have access to senior public officials and other health professionals and advocates. During an excursion to Tucumán, one of the country’s most impoverished provinces, you will join Red Cross volunteers in a community project.

COURSES

Epidemiology and Social Determinants of Health  •  SPAN 3000  •  3 crd, 45 hrs
Health Systems, Politics, and Programs  •  #492 3005  •  3 crd, 45 hrs
Spanish for the Health Sciences  •  SPAN 2003–3003  •  3 crd, 45 hrs
Public Health Research Methods and Ethics  •  #467 3000  •  3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

Independent Study Project  •  ITRN 3000  •  4 crd, 120 hrs

- Grassroots advocacy and healthcare services
- Public health consequences of environmental contamination
- Gender and reproductive rights

Internship and Seminar  •  ITRN 3000  •  4 crd, 120 hrs

- Collaborating with health program teams at primary healthcare centers
- Supporting families with hospitalized children

SOCIAL MOVEMENTS & HUMAN RIGHTS

With a rich history of workers organizing for rights, Argentina has seen rapid growth of social movements this century. In Buenos Aires, visit workers taking on factory bosses and feminist and other grassroots activists advocating for human rights and social welfare. In Patagonia, Salta, Jujuy, and Rosario, you’ll meet rural families struggling to maintain their livelihoods and indigenous communities organizing to retain their territory, identity, and natural resources. You’ll study at one of the top think-tanks in Latin America, Centro de Estudios de Estado e Sociedad, and participate in community service work.

COURSES

Social Movements and Human Rights in Argentina  •  LACB 3000  •  2 crd, 45 hrs
History and Human Rights in Argentina  •  LACB 3001  •  2 crd, 45 hrs
Spanish for Social Sciences  •  SPAN 2003–3003  •  3 crd, 45 hrs
Research Methods and Ethics  •  #467 3000  •  2 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

Independent Study Project  •  ITRN 3000  •  4 crd, 120 hrs

- Environmental rights and neo-extractivism
- Rights of Afro descendants
- Indigenous rights and community

Internship and Seminar  •  ITRN 3000  •  4 crd, 120 hrs

- Collaborating with an education NGO
- Participating in local human rights campaigns
- Helping at an institution or NGO focused on gender, the environment, indigenous communities, migration, discrimination, and/or economy

ARGENTINA

AT A GLANCE
Program Countries
Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay
Duration (weeks)
15
Credits
16
Program Base
Buenos Aires
Courses Taught In
Spanish
Accommodations
Homestay
Buenos Aires, 6-10 weeks
Small hotels and hostels

PREREQUISITES
Yes
Previous college-level coursework and/or significant preparation in sociology, political science, economics, or development studies, as assessed by SIT. Three recent semesters of college-level Spanish or equivalent and the ability to follow coursework in Spanish, as assessed by SIT.

COURSES
Transnationalism and Regional Processes in the Southern Cone | SEMESTER |
Development and Social Change | LACB 3000 | 3 crd, 45 hrs
Spanish for Social Sciences and Development | SPAN 2003–3503 | 2 crd, 45 hrs
Research Methods and Ethics | ANTH 3500 | 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

- Independent Study Project | ISPR 3000 | 4 crd, 120 hrs
  - Immigration policy changes
  - Development of corporate social responsibility
  - Women’s political participation

- Internship and Seminar | ITRN 3000 | 4 crd, 120 hrs
  - Working with documentation at a research center
  - Promoting indigenous and women’s rights at Conamuri Paraguay
  - Supporting LGBTIQ rights at a local NGO

PARAGUAY

AT A GLANCE
Program Country
Paraguay
Duration (weeks)
15
Credits
16
Program Base
Asunción
Courses Taught In
Spanish
Accommodations
Homestay
Asunción, Colonia, 3-4 weeks
Rural hostels and small hotels

PREREQUISITES
Yes
Three recent semesters of college-level Spanish or equivalent and the ability to follow coursework in Spanish, as assessed by SIT.

COURSES
Historical and Contemporary Social Change in Bolivia | LACB 3000 | 3 crd, 45 hrs
Vive Bien: Well-Being and Resilience in Andean and Amazonian Communities | LACB 3005 | 3 crd, 45 hrs
Spanish for Social Sciences | SPAN 2003–3503 | 2 crd, 45 hrs
Research Methods and Ethics | ANTH 3500 | 3 crd, 45 hrs
Independent Study Project | ISPR 3000 | 4 crd, 120 hrs

- Women leading the fight against mining contamination in their communities
- Integrating traditional resilience into rural community hospitals serving indigenous families
- Decolonizing education within Bolivia’s rural indigenous universities

BOLIVIA

AT A GLANCE
Program Country
Bolivia
Duration (weeks)
15
Credits
16
Program Base
Cochabamba
Courses Taught In
Spanish
Accommodations
Homestay
Cochabamba, 6-10 weeks
Rural homestays
Lake Titicaca, 3 days
Amazon Basin, 3 days
Hostels and small hotels

PREREQUISITES
Yes
Three recent semesters of college-level Spanish or equivalent and the ability to follow coursework in Spanish, as assessed by SIT.

COURSES
Multiculturalism, Globalization & Social Change | SEMESTER |
Diversity in South America | LACB 3000 | 3 crd, 45 hrs
Latin America: Demographics, Culture, and Social Reality | LACB 3005 | 3 crd, 45 hrs
Historical and Contemporary Social Change in Bolivia | LACB 3000 | 3 crd, 45 hrs
Vive Bien: Well-Being and Resilience in Andean and Amazonian Communities | LACB 3005 | 3 crd, 45 hrs
Spanish for Social Sciences | SPAN 2003–3503 | 2 crd, 45 hrs
Research Methods and Ethics | ANTH 3500 | 3 crd, 45 hrs
Independent Study Project | ISPR 3000 | 4 crd, 120 hrs

- Students fluent in Spanish may choose either to study Quechua or to participate in a guided self-instruction course.
- Vivir Bien: Well-Being and Resilience in Andean and Amazonian Communities
- Historical and Contemporary Social Change in Bolivia
- Integrating traditional resilience into rural community hospitals serving indigenous families
- Decolonizing education within Bolivia’s rural indigenous universities

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CHILE

AT A GLANCE
Program Countries
Chile, Argentina

Duration (weeks)
15

Credits
16

Program Base
Santiago

Courses Taught In
Spanish

Accommodations
Homestays
Santiago: 6–12 weeks
Buenos Aires: 2 weeks

Rural Mapuche
homestay
Temuco: 1 week

Hostels and small hotels

Prerequisites
Yes
Previous college-level coursework in education, Latin American studies, or development studies. Three recent semesters of college-level Spanish or equivalent and the ability to follow coursework in Spanish, as assessed by SIT.

COMPARATIVE EDUCATION & SOCIAL CHANGE
| SEMESTER |

With its large indigenous and immigrant populations and strong contrasts between urban and rural areas, Chile is home to a variety of educational models. Spend time in diverse schools—including public, private, voucher, underprivileged, coed, bilingual and intercultural, and single-sex institutions—throughout Chile to understand forces that affect educational policies and ideologies. Then travel to Argentina to compare both educational systems. See how teachers and students in both countries are trying to make education available to vulnerable populations, including immigrants and students with disabilities.

COURSES
Education Quality and Equity: Tensions and Proposals • LACB 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Bilingual Intercultural Education and Popular Education • LACB 3005 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Spanish for Social Sciences and Education • SPAN 2003-3003 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Research Methods and Ethics • ANTH 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

Independent Study Project • ISPR 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs
- a research project
- identity issues and intercultural education with Mapuche and immigrant children in urban and rural schools
- student and teacher movements and their effects
- Gender and LGBTQI+ topics in schools and communities

Internship and Seminar • ITRM 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs
- Sample Internships
- Providing intercultural bilingual education and promoting intercultural health in a private school in Chillán in a public school in Rancagua, both in Mapuche territory
- Supporting human rights and historical memory at the Foundation for the Defenders of Chol-Chol
- Teaching, learning educational policies and demands at Colegio de Profesores de Chile, a teachers’ union

CULTURAL IDENTITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
| SEMESTER |

Over the past four decades, Chile has experienced monumental political, economic, and social changes—including transitioning away from a 17-year dictatorship. In this context, explore how Chilenos today are building a more equitable and inclusive nation and become part of a larger intercultural movement yourself. Witness the struggle for justice and reconciliation related to the military regime’s human rights violations. Then spend two weeks with Mapuche and Aymara communities to understand the long-standing challenges Chile’s indigenous peoples face. You’ll also work on a community project with an NGO.

COURSES
Culture and Society in Contemporary Chile • LACB 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Socioeconomic Development in Chile • LACB 3005 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Spanish for Social and Cultural Studies • SPAN 2100-3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Research Methods and Ethics • ANTH 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

Independent Study Project • ISPR 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs
- Sample Topics
- Memory and political violence
- Race and social-ecological migration
- Indigenous connections and resistance to neoliberalism

Internship and Seminar • ITRM 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs
- Sample Internships
- Strengthening vulnerable populations through arts and sports at a primary school
- Promoting labor inclusion of socially excluded men and women at a foundation
- Addressing sexual violence against women with a local NGO
**Public Health, Traditional Medicine & Community Empowerment | Semester |**

Ethnically diverse Arica is a site of many cultural worldviews and health practices as well as unequal access to health services. From this strategic location near the borders of Peru and Bolivia, you’ll learn about transnational issues such as infectious disease management and examine healthcare from international perspectives at health centers and government offices. Spend time in indigenous communities and meet with health officials, policy makers, and traditional medicine practitioners. You’ll also learn how to collect, analyze, integrate, and report social and public health data.

**Courses**

- **Public Health in Chile** • IPBH 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
- **Traditional Medicine and Community Health** • IPBH 3005 • 3 crd, 46 hrs
- **Spanish for the Health Sciences** • SPAN 2003-3503 • 2 crd, 45 hrs
- **Public Health Research Methods and Ethics** • IPBH 3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

**Independent Study Project** • IPRI 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

- **Sample Topics**
  - Traditional and intercultural health
  - Health of migrant populations
  - Environmental conflicts affecting social and community health

**Internship and Seminar** • ITRN 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

- **Sample Internships**
  - Treating social and cultural aspects of patients with Parkinson’s and Huntington’s disease at Centro de Estudios de Trastornos del Movimiento
  - Providing intercultural bilingual education and promoting intercultural health at a private school in Chol Chol (Mapuche territory)
  - Supporting young people with physical disabilities through the arts with Teletón

**Building a Culture of Peace | Summer |**

Colombia’s 2016 peace accords have put an end to the country’s prolonged conflict. You will learn about these accords, which call for reparations, reintegration, and reconciliation, and see how Colombia is constructing a culture of peace. From multicultural Cartagena, a UNESCO World Heritage site, explore challenges of cultivating peace. You’ll meet with human rights defenders, victims, community activists, and ex-guerrilla combatants to understand how Colombians view this historic peace process, and you’ll participate in community-based peacebuilding activities at SembrandoPaz in Sincelejo.

**Courses**

- **Building a Culture of Peace** • PEAC 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
- **Spanish for Social and Cultural Studies** • SPAN 2003-3503 • 3 crd, 46 hrs

**Prerequisites**

- Yes
  - Three semesters of college-level Spanish or equivalent and the ability to follow coursework in Spanish, as assessed by SIT
ECUADOR

COMPARATIVE ECOLOGY & CONSERVATION | SEMESTER |

Within Ecuador’s borders lie parts of the Amazon Basin, the Andes, cloud forests, Pacific Ocean coastline, and the Galápagos Islands—unique climatic niches that harbor ecological treasures and a plethora of flora and fauna. Within these diverse and vulnerable settings, you’ll live like a biologist, studying plants and insects, taking soil samples, conducting species counts, using mist nets, and observing birds. See for yourself the importance of Ecuador’s biota as you learn from researchers at Tiputini Biological Station in Yasuní National Park and spend a week exploring the Galápagos Islands.

COURSES

Conservation and Sustainability Practices in Ecuador • ENVI 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Comparative Tropical Ecology • ENVI 3002 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Spanish for the Natural Sciences • SPAN 2003-3503 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Environmental Research Methods and Ethics • ENVI 2500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Independent Study Project • ENVI 3000 • 4 crd, 50 hrs

SAMPLE TOPICS

• Use of biological/ecological indicators for environmental studies
• Protected area management
• Mining or petroleum industry environmental implications and alternatives

DEVELOPMENT, POLITICS & LANGUAGES | SEMESTER |

Ecuador is a multilingual and multiethnic nation and one of the most biologically diverse countries in the Americas. Here, you’ll study development, a concept often imposed by developed countries, and alternatives grounded in indigenous worldviews that call for respect of natural resources. See the conflict between development and natural resource preservation in the threatened Intag Cloud Forest Reserve and the Galápagos Islands. You’ll also explore how Spanish and indigenous languages are used to reinforce and reinvent power relationships as you consider how intercultural and interethnic relations are shaped.

COURSES

Languages in Context: Spanish, Quichua, and Other Languages in Ecuador • LACB 3000 • 2 crd, 45 hrs
Paradigms of Development and Political Discourse in Ecuador • LACB 3005 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Spanish for the Social Sciences • SPAN 2003-3503 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Independent Study Project • ENVI 3000 • 4 crd, 50 hrs

SAMPLE TOPICS

• Linguistic landscape of Quito
• Discourse of sustainability in the Galápagos
• Development and impoverishment in migrant communities of Guayaquil

AT A GLANCE

Program Country: Ecuador
Duration (weeks): 15
Credits: 16
Program Base: Quito
Courses Taught In: Spanish and English
Accommodations: Homestay
Rural homestay: Cloud Forest, 3 days
Hostels, field camps, reserve lodges, and boats
Prerequisites: Yes
Previous college-level coursework and/or significant preparation in environmental studies, ecology, biology, or related fields, as assessed by SIT. Four recent semesters of college-level Spanish or equivalent and the ability to follow coursework in Spanish, as assessed by SIT, are also required.

Languages in Contact: Spanish, Quichua, and Other Languages in Ecuador • LACB 3000 • 2 crd, 45 hrs
Paradigms of Development and Political Discourse in Ecuador • LACB 3005 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Spanish for the Social Sciences • SPAN 2003-3503 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Independent Study Project • ENVI 3000 • 4 crd, 50 hrs

SAMPLE TOPICS

• Linguistic landscape of Quito
• Discourse of sustainability in the Galápagos
• Development and impoverishment in migrant communities of Guayaquil

AT A GLANCE

Program Country: Ecuador
Duration (weeks): 15
Credits: 16
Program Base: Quito
Courses Taught In: Spanish
Accommodations: Homestay
Rural homestay: Intag Cloud Forest, 3 days
Hostels, guest houses, and small hotels
Prerequisites: Yes
Three recent semesters of college-level Spanish or equivalent and the ability to follow coursework in Spanish, as assessed by SIT.

Languages in Contact: Spanish, Quichua, and Other Languages in Ecuador • LACB 3000 • 2 crd, 45 hrs
Paradigms of Development and Political Discourse in Ecuador • LACB 3005 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Spanish for the Social Sciences • SPAN 2003-3503 • 3 crd, 45 hrs
Independent Study Project • ENVI 3000 • 4 crd, 50 hrs

SAMPLE TOPICS

• Linguistic landscape of Quito
• Discourse of sustainability in the Galápagos
• Development and impoverishment in migrant communities of Guayaquil
Tensions related to migration through or from Mexico are high, and policies are ever-changing. In Tucson, Arizona, near a major point of entry into the United States, learn what undocumented migrants face once on US soil. Then, in Oaxaca, Mexico, discover how international economics, labor shortages, war, and immigration policy changes affect migration patterns. At the southern Mexican border, hear directly from Central American migrants about challenges they face and see how efforts to restrict human mobility can generate greater levels of vulnerability, including serious human rights abuses. You’ll also learn about transnational communities and the creative ways they support families.

**Courses**

**Political Economy of Migration** - LACB 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

**Migration and Borders in a Globalized World** - LACB 3005 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

**Spanish for Social and Cultural Studies** - SPAN 2503–3503 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

**Research Methods and Ethics** - ANTH 3500 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

Choose one of the following two options:

**Independent Study Project** - ISP 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

**Sample Topics**

- Border enforcement and migrant rights
- Transnational economies
- Return migration and cultural reintegration

**Internship and Seminar** - ITRN 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

**Sample Internships**

- Providing arts-based education in rural communities
- Assisting food security programs
- Educating youth

**COURSES**

**Rewriting Nicaragua: Literacies, Rights, and Social Change** - LACB 3000 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

**Re-Imagining Nicaragua: Youth Culture, Media, and Expression** - LACB 3006 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

**Spanish Communication and Expression in Contemporary Nicaragua** - SPAN 2103-3103 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

**Research Methods and Ethics: Youth, Arts-Based Inquiry, Digital Media** - ANTH 3100 • 3 crd, 45 hrs

**Independent Study Project** - ISP 3100 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

**Sample Topics**

- Poetry, politics, and gender
- Social media and Nicaraguan youth
- Cultural expressions for Afro-Caribbean youth

**Sample Topics**

- Border enforcement and migrant rights
- Transnational economies
- Return migration and cultural reintegration

**Internship and Seminar** - ITRN 3100 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

**Sample Internships**

- Providing arts-based education in rural communities
- Assisting food security programs
- Educating youth

**Program Countries**

- Mexico, United States
- Nicaragua, Cuba

**Accommodations**

- Hostels, guest houses, and small hotels
- Rural homestays
- Hostels or small hotels

**Prerequisites**

- Yes

Three recent semesters of college-level Spanish or equivalent and the ability to follow coursework in Spanish, as assessed by SIT.

**Credits**

- 16

**Duration (weeks)**

- 15

**Program Base**

- Oaxaca
- Managua

**Courses Taught In**

- Spanish and English

**AT A GLANCE**

**Program Countries**

- Mexico, United States
- Nicaragua, Cuba

**Credits**

- 16

**Duration (weeks)**

- 15

**Program Base**

- Oaxaca
- Managua

**Accommodations**

- Hostels, guest houses, and small hotels

**Prerequisites**

- Yes

Three recent semesters of college-level Spanish or equivalent and the ability to follow coursework in Spanish, as assessed by SIT.
Panama’s diverse ecosystems and species are among the most threatened on the planet. In this small country, where you can travel from one coast to the other in an hour, you’ll spend extensive time exploring both the Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea. Study carbon accumulation and marine ecology in spectacular settings, including Coiba Island UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and Guna Yala indigenous territory. Snorkel in one of the world’s top 10 diving sites and conduct research guided by renowned marine biologists. You’ll also develop your own research or contribute to ongoing research with your own independent field project.

**COURSES**

**Spanish for Professionals**
- SPAN 2003–3003 • 3 or 4 crd, 45 hrs

**Internship and Seminar**
- ITRN 3000 • 4 crd, 120 hrs

**Sample Topics**
- Supporting health clinics in rural Caribbean areas
- Building trails in a rainforest in a national park
- Performing administrative tasks at an environmental non-profit in Panama City
- Teaching at a primary school in a rural mountain community

**COMMUNITY & NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS INTERNSHIP**

**SUMMER**

Panama, known as the gateway to the Americas, offers a variety of internship possibilities. Get a taste of daily life in Panama by living with local families, visit a community living inside a dormant volcanic crater, and experience Panamanian dance, music, and art. Then complete a five-week internship in indigenous rights, environmental conservation, education, or another field related to your interests and career goals. You’ll also earn three credits of Spanish and put your skills to good use in the professional setting of your internship.

**Courses Taught in**
- Spanish and English

**Accommodations**
- Homestay

**Prerequisites**
- Yes
- Two semesters of university-level Spanish or equivalent

**AT A GLANCE**

Program Country: Panama

Duration (weeks): 7

Credits: 7

Program Base: Panama City

COURSES

**Supporting health intakes in rural Caribbean areas**
**Building trails in a rainforest in a national park**
**Performing administrative tasks at an environmental non-profit in Panama City**
**Teaching at a primary school in a rural mountain community**

**AT A GLANCE**

Program Country: Panama

Duration (weeks): 6

Credits: 6

Program Base: Panama City

Courses Taught in: English

Accommodations
- Guest houses, hostels, or small hotels

Prerequisites
- Yes
- Previous college-level coursework and/or other preparation in environmental studies, ecology, biology, or related fields, as assessed by SIT. There is no language prerequisite. You will spend most of the time in the water and must be able to swim well.
TROPICAL ECOSYSTEMS, MARINE ECOSYSTEMS, AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

| SEMESTER |

From highland cloud forest to coral reefs off the Caribbean coast, Panama’s ecosystems are some of the most biodiverse and complex in the world. For a total of seven weeks, you’ll conduct field studies in five unique settings in Panama and Costa Rica. Learn how to observe forest dynamics, check water and soil quality, and measure bird, amphibian, and insect diversity. In Panama City, one of the leading bases for international NGOs and the United Nations, you’ll explore conservation topics such as hydroelectric dams, sustainable agriculture, indigenous resource use, and ecotourism.

COURSES

- Human Ecology and Conservation in the Tropics
- Comparative Tropical Ecology
- Spanish for the Natural Sciences
- Independent Study Project

SAMPLE TOPICS

- Regeneration of canopy emergents in primary forests
- Sustainable fisheries
- Ecotourism for resource conservation

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES & GLOBALIZATION

| SEMESTER |

With 35 to 45 percent of its population identifying as a member of an indigenous community, Peru is an ideal place to learn about indigenous peoples. On this program, you’ll witness the impacts of globalization on indigenous peoples and learn about the complexities of identity, transformation, and marginalization. Through homestays and excursions to the Peruvian Amazon, Machu Picchu and the Inca Trail, and the floating reed islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca, you’ll see how communities are working toward their own definition of development and cultural preservation.

COURSES

- History of Indigenous Cultures in Peru
- Indigenous Peoples in Motion: Changes, Resistance, and Globalization
- Quechua
- Spanish for the Social Sciences
- Independent Study Project

SAMPLE TOPICS

- Role of oral histories, legends, and myths in ethnocultural preservation
- Community development model

AT A GLANCE

Program Country
Panama, Costa Rica/Peru

Duration (weeks)
15

Credits
16

Program Base
Panama City/Cuzco

Courses Taught In
English/Spanish

Accommodations
Homestays, small hotels, and cabins

Rural mountain homestay
El Cope, 6 days

Rural homestays
Hato Teribe Indigenous Territory, 3 days
La Argentina, Costa Rica, 4 days

Hostels, farmhouses, cabins, and small hotels

Prerequisites
None

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“Our days on the program were packed with classes, guest speakers, neighborhood and NGO visits, and synthesis discussions. In the beginning, it was a little difficult to jump into our hectic schedule, but our approach to learning intrigued me. Learning experientially by talking to people, by physically being in the place I learn about, and engaging with and critically thinking about that place itself has been incredibly effective in helping me make sense of my experiences.”

— Divya Bhatia
Brown University

IHP HEALTH AND COMMUNITY: Globalization, Culture & Care
Travel to some of the world’s most productive and vulnerable landscapes to witness the causes and social impacts of climate change. You’ll speak with researchers, farmers, activists, social entrepreneurs, and policymakers as you learn about this global crisis and climate justice. In four very different cultural and socio-ecological contexts, you’ll examine the complexities of sustainable development, including the challenges of working toward more equitable food, energy, and water policies, and you’ll discover possibilities for building a more just and sustainable future.

COURSES

The Science and Policy of Climate Change  •  ENVI 3010  •  4 crd, 60 hrs
Political Economy and Environmental Change since 1492  •  ECON 3010  •  4 crd, 60 hrs
Comparative Issues in Food, Water, and Energy  •  SDIS 3070  •  4 crd, 60 hrs
Fieldwork Ethics and Comparative Research Methods  •  ANTH 3500  •  4 crd, 60 hrs

AT A GLANCE

Duration (weeks) 16
Credits 16
Program Sites
United States
San Francisco Bay Area
Vietnam
Hanoi, Da Nang, Hoi An, and Ho Chi Minh City
Morocco
Casablanca, Rabat, Atlas Mountains, Marrakech, Ouarzazate
Bolivia
Cochabamba, La Paz, Tariquiu, Santa Cruz, and Lake Titicaca
Courses Taught in English
Accommodations
Homestays (in all locations except the US)
Hostels/small hotels (while traveling)
Prerequisites
None
*Although previous interdisciplinary coursework in environmental studies is recommended.
Health practices differ widely around the globe, but health inequities—between rich and poor, urban and rural—are increasing exponentially everywhere. On four continents, you’ll compare health strategies, community well-being, and multiple factors that affect human health in radically different contexts, at both global and local scales. Through case studies and visits with an array of health practitioners, government officials, and activists, you’ll explore health realities at individual and population levels. You’ll also see how considering health as a human right impacts people’s access to care.

COURSES
- Health, Culture, and Community • ANTH 3050 • 4 crd, 60 hrs
- Globalization and Health • IPBH 3500 • 4 crd, 60 hrs
- Public Health: From Biology to Policy • IPBH 3505 • 4 crd, 60 hrs
- Community Health Research Methods and Ethics • IPBH 3510 • 4 crd, 60 hrs
GLOBAL GOVERNANCE, HUMAN SECURITY & CIVIL SOCIETY  |
| SEMESTER |

As the international world order established after WWII is increasingly challenged, travel to four key countries to explore the evolution of global governance, impacts of neo-liberal policies, and rising political and social resistance. Examine international finance in Washington, DC. Then head to emerging global power Brazil to see the policies of its new far-right government. In Paris and Brussels, the capital of the European Union, learn about NATO and the EU. Finally, in Senegal, a major regional peacekeeper, examine migration, neocolonialism, and youth activism.

COURSES

Whose Global Governance? Power and Inequality in the International System since 1945  • POLI 3005  • 4 crd 60 hrs
Globalization and Its Consequences: Human Security Challenges in the 21st Century  • POLI 3006  • 4 crd 60 hrs
Mobilizations, Civil Society, and Global Politics  • SOC 3020  • 4 crd 60 hrs
Fieldwork Ethics and Comparative Research Methods  • ANTH 3500  • 4 crd 60 hrs

MOVEMENTS, POWER & RESISTANCE  |
| SEMESTER |

Go beyond the halls of power and learn how individuals and communities are giving momentum to grassroots human rights movements in four different countries. Connect with groups working for immigrant and gender rights and against structural racism in New York City and see journalism’s place in these struggles on a studio visit to Democracy Now. Then travel to Nepal, Chile, and Jordan, where you’ll meet with Parliament members and UN officials, indigenous communities, and refugees. Along the way, you’ll reflect on ways to affirm human dignity, uproot oppression, and advance rights everywhere.

COURSES

Foundations and Frameworks of Human Rights  • HMRT 3000  • 4 crd 60 hrs
Comparative Issues in Human Rights  • HMRT 3001  • 4 crd 60 hrs
The Role of Civil Society: Grassroots Movements and NGOs  • SDIS 3320  • 4 crd 60 hrs
Fieldwork Ethics and Comparative Research Methods  • ANTH 3500  • 4 crd 60 hrs

AT A GLANCE

Duration (weeks) 16
Credits 16
Program Sites (Fall)
New York City, US
Santiago, Chile
Kathmandu, Nepal
Amman, Jordan
Program Sites (Spring)
Atlanta, GA, and New Market, TN, US
Kathmandu, Nepal
Amman, Jordan
Santiago, Chile
Courses Taught in English
Accommodations Homestays (in all locations except the US)
Hostels/small hotels (while traveling)
Prerequisites Yes
Coursework in social sciences such as anthropology, history, economics, sociology, and/or political science. Humanities coursework (philosophy, religion, and/or ethics) is also recommended.

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Brazil
São Paulo, Brasília
France
Paris
Senegal
Dakar
Excursion
Belgium
Brussels, 1 week
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Prerequisites None
At least one semester of college-level coursework for summer programs and at least one year of college-level coursework at the time of application for semester programs is preferably two years for IHP programs.

Good standing at an accredited college or university

Cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher

Prerequisites for the program to which you are applying have been met.

Rolling Admissions Dates

- **Spring: April 15-November 1**
- **Summer:** September 15-April 1
- **Fall:** December 15-May 15

The following programs have earlier closing dates:

- IHP: Health and Community (fall and spring track 1): Spring: October 1; Fall: May 1
- Czech Republic program: Spring: October 1; Fall: May 1
- Switzerland programs: Fall: May 1
- Iceland semester program: Spring: October; Fall: April 1

Next steps to apply

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**Applying for a Scholarship**

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1. After selecting a program, fill in your application and select the scholarship box.
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3. Confirm receipt of all required financial aid information with our SIT Study Abroad financial aid manager at 802-258-3503 (phone), 802-258-3296 (fax), or studyabroad.scholarships@sit.edu

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The dean establishes and monitors best practices and institutional protocols for all Student Affairs operations in the US and abroad.

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THE STORY BEHIND THE COVER

“My friend Caleb and I conducted our ISP in a fairly remote village of Ecuador. When we first met our host family, our host sister took us on a hike to a rock that overlooks the valley below. She was very curious about us, and she was especially intrigued by our binoculars. When we reached the summit, she borrowed my binoculars to see if she could find a bear or her house below. Soon losing interest in that, she turned to look up at Caleb through the binoculars, creating this photo.”

Sage Fox, Oregon State University
ECUADOR: Comparative Ecology & Conservation

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