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World Learning

SIT Study Abroad

Field-based academic semester and summer programs
The SIT Study Abroad experience offers:

- **Rigorous academic programs** through a field-based, experiential approach
- A focus on **critical global issues**
- **Undergraduate research** through SIT Study Abroad’s hallmark Independent Study Project
- **Cultural immersion** through fieldwork, intensive language classes, and urban and rural homestays
- A **small group of students** in each program
- Access to SIT’s **extensive local resources and networks**
- A **commitment to reciprocity** as the foundation of our educational philosophy
### Africa
- **Botswana**: Community-Based Natural Resource Management
- **Cameroon**: Social Pluralism and Development
- **Ghana**: Origins of African Identity
- **Ghana**: Social Transformation and Cultural Expression
- **Kenya**: Health and Community Development
- **Kenya**: Islam and Swahili Cultural Identity
- **Madagascar**: Biodiversity and Natural Resource Management
- **Madagascar**: National Identity and Social Change
- **Mali**: Health, Gender, and Community Empowerment
- **Morocco**: Migration and Transnational Identity
- **Morocco**: Multiculturalism and Human Rights
- **Senegal**: National Identity and the Arts
- **South Africa**: Community Health and Social Policy
- **South Africa**: Multiculturalism and Human Rights
- **South Africa**: Social and Political Transformation
- **Tanzania**: Wildlife Conservation and Political Ecology
- **Tanzania**: Zanzibar—Coastal Ecology and Natural Resource Management
- **Tunisia**: Emerging Identities in North Africa
- **Uganda**: Development Studies
- **Uganda/Rwanda**: Post-Conflict Transformation

### Asia and the Pacific
- **Australia**: Rainforest, Reef, and Cultural Ecology
- **Australia**: Sustainability and Environmental Action
- **China**: Chinese Culture and Ethnic Minorities
- **Fiji**: Social Change and Ethnic Identity
- **India**: Sustainable Development and Social Change
- **Indonesia**: Balinese Identity and the Arts
- **Mongolia**: Nomadic Culture and Globalization
- **Nepal**: Social Entrepreneurship in the Himalayas
- **Nepal**: Tibetan and Himalayan Peoples
- **Solomon Islands**: Pacific Communities and Social Change
- **Vietnam**: Delta Ecology and Resource Management
- **Vietnam**: National Development and Globalization

### Latin America and the Caribbean
- **Argentina**: Regional Integration, Development, and Social Change
- **Argentina**: Social Movements and Human Rights
- **Bolivia**: Multiculturalism, Globalization, and Social Change
- **Brazil**: Amazon Resource Management and Human Ecology
- **Brazil**: Public Health, Race, and Human Rights
- **Brazil**: Social Justice and Sustainable Development
- **Chile**: Comparative Education and Social Change
- **Chile**: Cultural Identity, Social Justice, and Community Development
- **Chile**: Public Health, Traditional Medicine, and Community Empowerment
- **Chile**: Social, Economic, and Political Transformation
- **Ecuador**: Comparative Ecology and Conservation
- **Ecuador**: National Identity, Ethnicity, and Social Movements
- **Mexico**: Sustainable Development and Social Change
- **Nicaragua**: Revolution, Transformation, and Civil Society
- **Panama**: Tropical Ecology, Marine Ecosystems, and Biodiversity Conservation
- **Peru**: Indigenous Peoples and Globalization

### Europe
- **The Balkans**: Post-Conflict Transformation in Croatia, Bosnia, and Serbia
- **Czech Republic**: Post-Communist Transition and the Arts
- **Ireland**: Transformation of Social and Political Conflict
- **The Netherlands**: International Perspectives on Sexuality and Gender
- **Spain**: Language, Community, and Social Change
- **Switzerland**: Global Health and Development Policy
- **Switzerland**: International Studies, Multilateral Diplomacy, and Social Justice

### The Middle East
- **Jordan**: Modernization and Social Change
- **Oman**: Economic Development, Energy, and Diversification in the Gulf
- **Oman**: Political Culture and Development
Coursework

The SIT Study Abroad program curriculum incorporates classroom instruction and field study into each course. Most semester programs offer 16 credits and include the following components:

- An **interdisciplinary thematic seminar** focused on critical global issues in a specific geographical and cultural context through readings, discussions, and written assignments.

- **Educational excursions**, rural stays, and other field-based activities providing experiential opportunities for a broader and deeper understanding of course content.

- **Intensive language courses** that emphasize the development of oral proficiency and are carefully designed to best inform the program’s particular theme and local circumstances. SIT Study Abroad regards language study as essential to understanding local perspectives and carrying out fieldwork.

- A **Field Study Seminar** focused on appropriate methodologies, field study ethics, and analysis that prepares students to conduct original research related to the theme.

- An **Independent Study Project** (ISP) that builds upon skills and knowledge developed in the other courses; the ISP results in a substantive undergraduate research paper and presentation. See page 8 in the attached booklet for more information on the ISP.

Other Program Features

- A thorough **orientation** provides essential health, safety, and security information, tools for cross-cultural adaptation, and an introduction to the academic program.

- An extended **homestay** offers students an inside view of the local culture and provides context for language and other coursework.

- Program evaluation and **re-entry preparation** encourage students to provide feedback on the experience and reflect on how to incorporate it into their lives in the future.

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ON THE COVER: Brazil: Social Justice and Sustainable Development. Photo by Erica Bryan.

SIT Priorities

**Student Safety, Health, and Security**

SIT Study Abroad places the highest priority on the health, safety, and security of all students. Building on long experience with risk assessment and emergency preparedness, and through extensive global networks, SIT is able to adapt quickly to dynamic situations. Because socioeconomic, political, environmental, and medical conditions vary widely across the more than 40 countries in which SIT operates, health, safety, and security measures are specifically tailored to each location and circumstance.

Health, safety, and security preparation begins prior to departure and continues during the program, so that students are fully aware of expectations and precautions that enhance safety and security. Beginning with an intensive orientation, SIT Study Abroad infuses safety and security throughout the program curricula, with extra safety briefings at key junctures, such as when students are moving to different program locations.

Safety cannot, of course, be guaranteed abroad, just as it cannot be guaranteed in the United States. However, SIT is committed to taking steps necessary to maximize student safety and security at each and every program site.

**Academic Quality**

SIT Study Abroad delivers challenging academic programs that engage students in critical global issues in a field study context. Experiential, interdisciplinary programs examine themes from a variety of perspectives and prepare students to conduct significant independent fieldwork on relevant topics.

**Diversity**

The best learning occurs when diverse individuals come together in an open, respectful environment. SIT Study Abroad works actively to provide learning opportunities for students from a wide variety of backgrounds.

**Reciprocity**

SIT Study Abroad is deeply embedded in local communities around the world. All program components are designed to respect the strengths of local partners to foster enduring relationships. Students contribute to achieving common goals by becoming an integral part of these partnerships. In this way, SIT Study Abroad and its local networks work together to realize their shared missions.

**Global Citizenship**

The study abroad experience is only the first step to lifelong learning, growth, and engagement at home and abroad. SIT Study Abroad encourages students to utilize and share their transformative experiences to enhance their future studies, careers, and communities as socially responsible individuals.
Other Opportunities with SIT Study Abroad

**Summer Programs**
Students can take full advantage of their summer months through SIT Study Abroad’s summer programs, which utilize the same experiential academic approach as SIT semester programs.

- **BALKANS** State Building and Human Rights in the South Balkans
- **BOLIVIA** Lens on Latin America
- **CHINA** Community Health and Traditional Chinese Medicine
- **ICELAND** Renewable Energy, Technology, and Resource Economics
- **INDIA** Himalayan Buddhist Art and Architecture
- **JORDAN** Intensive Arabic Language Studies
- **JORDAN** Water and Environmental Policy in the Middle East
- **MADAGASCAR** Traditional Medicine and Health Care Systems
- **MOROCCO** Intensive Arabic Language and Moroccan Culture
- **SOUTH AFRICA** Education and Social Change
- **SWITZERLAND** International Studies, Multilateral Diplomacy, and Social Justice
- **UGANDA/RWANDA** Peace and Conflict Studies in the Lake Victoria Basin

**Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program**
The SIT Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program provides recent college graduates the opportunity to earn graduate credit while gaining international field experience focused on a critical global issue. Students can select from either a research-focused field practicum or a community engagement experience.

More Opportunities for International Engagement through World Learning

**HIGH SCHOOL**
The Experiment in International Living, World Learning’s flagship program, offers challenging, three- to five-week summer abroad programs that have provided transformative learning experiences for tens of thousands of young people over the past 75 years.

**INTERNATIONAL HONORS PROGRAM**
World Learning/SIT is also affiliated with and provides accreditation for the International Honors Program (IHP), which offers theme-based, multicountry study abroad with an emphasis on social justice and environmental issues.

**GRADUATE**
SIT Graduate Institute offers transformative intercultural graduate education for global social change. Founded as a training center for early Peace Corps volunteers, SIT Graduate Institute combines classroom and field-based opportunities.

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**
Combining a historic emphasis on education with a focus on local solutions, World Learning works with community partners in more than 20 countries to design and implement development programs that address critical global issues.

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To make study abroad opportunities available to a wide range of students, SIT Study Abroad offers scholarships based on several criteria including need and merit. Awards range from $500 to $5,000. For a full list of scholarships and to download a scholarship application, please visit www.sit.edu/scholarships.

SIT Study Abroad students most often receive financial assistance through federal and state financial aid transfers from their home college or universities. SIT Study Abroad scholarships, and external scholarships. Students are responsible for discussing plans with their financial aid counselors and meeting the requirements and deadlines of the home institutions. SIT financial staff offices works with home institutions in accordance with their policies to facilitate the transfer of financial aid.

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