



Plurinational State of Bolivia

The laws of the Plurinational State of Bolivia require that non-Bolivians seeking to study in the country must obtain a **Student Visa** prior to their arrival in Bolivia. This visa will be obtained through a Bolivian consulate, you will receive further instructions during the months preceding the program. SIT students must submit this form to acknowledge understanding of this information.

By completing this form, I affirm my understanding of the following points:

- I am responsible for obtaining my own Bolivian **student visa** to participate in the SIT program in Bolivia.
- I cannot participate in the program without obtaining a student visa before my arrival in Bolivia.
- It is not possible to participate with a tourist status in the country or with any other category of Bolivian visa.
- The individual Bolivian consulates may change visa requirements and fees at any time. Before beginning the visa application process, I must verify the most current requirements and fees.
- Issuance of visas is at the sole discretion of the Bolivian consulates in accordance with legislation and policies issued by the central government of Bolivia. SIT assumes no responsibility for visa application processes or requirements.
- After my arrival in Bolivia, I am required to register with local immigration authorities in accordance with Bolivian law. The on-site SIT program staff will assist with that process. Once my visa has been issued, I should not plan to enter Bolivian territory more than one week before the program begins, as arriving too early may cause legal complications with that in-country registration process.
- SIT cannot assist students planning to be in Bolivia before or after the semester program. Students are responsible for their own accommodations and expenses outside the dates of the SIT program.
- SIT will send me supporting documents for my visa application, which will be delivered during the two months before the new semester, allowing sufficient time for me to apply for and obtain my visa before the program start date. Though every effort will be made to deliver these documents as early as possible, SIT cannot make special arrangements to accommodate students' individual pre-program travel plans or other activities which might conflict with the visa application process.
- Students without a US passport may be subject to additional or different requirements for obtaining a visa or meeting other conditions of entry into the country or countries listed above. Many countries require individuals to apply for visas in person at the relevant embassy or consulate located in their country of citizenship. We strongly recommend that you contact the embassy of each country the program will be traveling to very early in the process to confirm visa and/or entry requirements applicable to your country of citizenship and determine next steps while allowing plenty of time to apply. If the foreign consulate(s) permits non-US passport holders to apply for the required visa from within the United States, applicants are encouraged to contact Travia Visa Services. As an experienced visa agent working closely with a number of SIT programs, Travia may be able to assist you in your visa application process. A service discount is available by entering "SIT" as the corporate code in your Travia online application. It is your responsibility to confirm and complete the visa application process particular to your situation, and to keep your admissions counselor informed.

This form should be printed and signed by hand, then returned to:

SIT Study Abroad
1 Kipling Road, PO Box 676
Brattleboro, VT 05302

studyabroad@sit.edu
Fax: (802) 258-3296

Please call SIT at the following number
if you have questions: 1-888-272-7881

Student's Name (*print*): _____

Permanent Address:

SIT will mail supporting documents to this address during the two months before your program begins so that you can apply for your visa:

Special notes on your individual process: *(i.e. pre-program travel plans, non-US passport, etc.)*

Signature _____ **Date** _____