

## Programming Notes @ SIT Study Abroad

### New & updated semester programs for spring 2024

- [Cameroon: Development and Social Change in partnership with Dickinson College](#): SIT and Dickinson College have partnered to create a one-of-a-kind, interdisciplinary study abroad program in Cameroon that offers students the opportunity to study critical issues affecting communities and people in Cameroon, West Africa, and The Global South. Students on this undergraduate semester program will select courses from an intensive French-language track for advanced French learners or an English track for students without a French background. In addition to language courses, students will take thematic seminars on Modernization and Social Change in Cameroon, Development Studies, Research Methods and Ethics, and have the option to choose between an Independent Study Project or an internship and seminar course.
- [Morocco: Human Rights, Social Justice, and Cultural Transformation](#) (previously titled *Morocco: Multiculturalism and Human Rights*)
- [South Africa: International Relations in the Global South](#) (previously titled *South Africa: Social and Political Transformation*)
- [Spring 2024: IHP Health and Community: Globalization, Culture, and Care](#) (This program will no longer offer an option with a stop in Vietnam. The program locations will include Argentina, India, and South Africa only)

If you would like to learn more about these new programs, you can view explanations from our Academic Directors [here](#). Please note that these videos were originally recorded for internal use only and are informal conversations. We wanted to share them with you because we believe they are helpful in understanding why the program is changing, what the changes are, and the benefits to future students.

### New & updated semester programs for fall 2023

- [India: Public Health, Gender, & Sexuality](#) (previously known as *India Public Health, Gender, & Community Action*)
- [Serbia, Austria, & Hungary: Comparative European Perspectives on Conflict & Democracy](#) (previously known as *Serbia, Bosnia, & Kosovo: Peace and Conflict Studies in the Balkans*)
- [Spain & Ireland: Geopolitics & the Future of the European Union](#) (previously known as *Spain: Policy, Law, and Regional Autonomy in Europe*)
- [Samoa: Social and Environmental Change in Oceania](#) (students will now book their own flights directly to Apia, and there will be no Honolulu component or group flight to Samoa)

### New summer 2023 programs

- [South Africa: Internship in Diplomacy, Politics, & International Relations](#)
- [Vietnam: Traditional Medicine & Community Health](#)

## Programs on Hiatus

The following list of programs have been put on hiatus for the foreseeable future. Please remove the programs from your online directories.

- Argentina: Transnationalism and Comparative Development in South America
- Chile: Comparative Education and Social Change
- Czech Republic: Arts and Social Change
- Italy: Global Food Security & Sustainability
- India: Sustainable Development, & Social Change
- Mongolia: Nomadism, Geopolitics, & the Environment
- Senegal: Global Security & Religious Pluralism
- Senegal: Hip-Hop, African Diaspora & Decolonial Futures
- Uganda: Global Development Studies
- All semester Virtual Language and Virtual Internship programs

## 2022-2023 Group Site Visits

### Rabat, Morocco

- **Dates:** October 16-20, 2023
- **Focus:** This site visit is designed especially for new international education professionals. Participants will explore the foundations of an SIT program through program lectures, partner visits, and excursions.
- **Deadline:** Letter of interest due September 15

### Apia, Samoa

- **Dates:** March 9-15, 2024
- **Focus:** Explore a non-traditional location for academically rigorous, culturally immersive learning
- **Deadline:** Letter of interest due November 15

### Arusha and Zanzibar, Tanzania

- **Dates:** April 14-19, 2024
- **Focus:** Join two programs during the Independent Study Period to understand SIT approaches to science and social science student research
- **Deadline:** Letter of interest due November 15

## Scholarships & Fellowships

### Alice Rowan Swanson Fellowship

The [Alice Rowan Swanson Fellowship](#) awards funds to SIT Study Abroad or IHP alumni to pursue development projects which benefit human rights in a country they studied in as part of their program. This Fellowship is a great opportunity for alumni to apply their skills, vision, and knowledge to benefit the communities they studied in and became a part of during their time abroad.

Please share information about the Alice Rowan Swanson Fellowship with SIT alums from your campus and encourage them to apply! We hold two application cycles per year, with March 1 and October 1 deadlines. To read about our amazing current and previous Alice Rowan Swanson Fellows, [click here](#).

### **SIT Bonner Scholar Award for Study Abroad**

SIT offers the Bonner Scholar Award to recognize students participating in this community service program. Bonner Scholar and Leaders admitted to an SIT Study Abroad program will be awarded \$2,500 for a semester program and \$1,000 for a summer program. Recipients of an SIT Bonner Scholar Award are also eligible to apply for additional SIT Study Abroad scholarships and grants.

### **SIT Pell Grant Match Award**

There is an update (maximum cap) to the SIT Pell Grant Match Award. SIT provides matching grants up to \$2500 for all SIT immersive semester programs to students who use their Pell Grant to help pay the cost of their SIT program. For more information on SIT scholarships click [here](#).

### **Ordering SIT Materials**

If you would like to order SIT materials, please click [here](#). Please note that final updates to the 2023-2024 academic year materials will be updated on this site by the end of August. Materials will be sent in September.

### **Update to SIT Withdrawal & Refund Policy**

SIT's Program Protection Plan, implemented during COVID, will end in spring 2023. As of summer 2023, we will return to our normal [voluntary withdrawal refund policy](#).

### **SIT Graduate Institute**

[SIT Graduate Institute](#) offers 12 MA degrees, in two modalities, that help prepare students for careers in social impact fields. Our full-time, [global master's programs](#) include a practicum semester (in a country of the student's choosing), allowing students to work directly with an organization responding to the challenges they have studied for two or three preceding semesters (each in a different country). Our [part-time, hybrid master's degree programs](#) are designed for working professionals who want to earn an MA while staying in their jobs and communities. These experiential, cohort-based programs include at least one brief residency on SIT's Vermont campus. Some degrees also include residencies abroad during the second program year. We also offer an [EdD in Global Education](#), which is a three-year, part-time hybrid degree program with two short summer residencies in VT. We've just concluded the admissions cycle for the next cohort that launches in June 2023. The next EdD cohort will begin in Summer 2025 – application deadline will be Nov. 1, 2024.

To learn more about our graduate programs, please visit the [SIT Graduate Institute](#).

### **SIT Custom Programs**

#### **About SIT Custom Programs**

The SIT Custom Programs office partners with you to design custom and faculty-led programs that fit with your institution's curriculum, desired learning outcomes, and specific academic goals. We have partnered on customized programming for undergraduate, graduate, and gap year students, in addition to professional development programs for study abroad professionals and faculty. Learn more about custom programs

locations, timeline, inquiry process, and support we can offer in our [Custom Programs brochure](#). Please contact us with any questions at [custom@sit.edu](mailto:custom@sit.edu).

### **SIT Professional Engagement Programs**

In addition to our full portfolio of custom and faculty-led program models and locations, the SIT Custom Programs team is excited to offer [SIT-led professional development opportunities](#) in Spring/Summer 2024. If you are interested in any of the below opportunities, please submit an [inquiry of interest](#), and the Custom Programs team will follow up with more information.

#### **Professional Development Certificate, [Designing and Leading Global Experiential Programs: On-site and Online](#)**

- **Dates:** February 2024 – April 2024
- **Location:** Online
- **Topics of Inquiry:** This professional development certificate engages faculty and study abroad professionals in best practices and ethical considerations in developing engaging and experiential short-term programming, on-site and online. Through eight online modules, blending synchronous and asynchronous learning, this professional development certificate dives deep into the best practices for faculty-led, short-term study abroad programs and experiential education.

#### **In partnership with Dickinson College, a Skills-Based Field Seminar in Cameroon, [What do we mean by Decoloniality, Sustainability, and Epistemic Justice?: Creating a Community of Practice in Cameroon](#)**

- **Dates:** June 9-16, 2024
- **Location:** Yaoundé, Cameroon
- **Topics of Inquiry:** Through this seminar in Cameroon, participants will address the concepts of “Decoloniality, Sustainability, and Epistemic Justice.” We will begin to unpack the meaning(s) of these terms in an international education context using Cameroon as a case study and lens for furthering our own understanding. The program will be based in Yaoundé with an overnight excursion within Cameroon.

#### **Thematic Seminar in India, [Public Health, Well-being, and Community Action: Beyond Western Narratives of Gender and Sexuality in India](#)**

- **Dates:** June 2-9, 2024
- **Location:** New Delhi, Palampur, McLeod Ganj, India
- **Topics of Inquiry:** The discourse surrounding gender and sexuality within the public health context in India is changing. Participants will be introduced to these alternative narratives from NGO officials, activists, academics, practitioners, and policymakers. Participants will spend time in Delhi and rural Palampur, surrounded by the Dhauladhar range of the Himalaya, with a visit to McLeod Ganj-the abode of His holiness Dalai Lama.