

## Programming Notes @ SIT Study Abroad

For those of you who subscribe to directories, updates for summer and fall 2024 have been completed. You can review and accept changes through your directory portal.

### Expected upcoming programs for spring 2025

- Czech Republic: Human Rights and Refugee Integration
- Malawi: International Development Practice and Management

### New & updated programs for fall 2024

- [Australia: Rainforest, Reef, and Cultural Ecology](#) (Homestays will not be offered; housing will be in apartments)
- [Australia: Sustainability and Environmental Action](#) (Homestays will not be offered; housing will be in apartments)
- [IHP Cities in the 21st Century: People, Planning, and Politics](#) (Modifications have been made to coursework)
- [Madagascar: Biodiversity and Natural Resource Management](#) (There is no longer a French language prerequisite. Language of instruction is in English, and students can utilize language immersive experiences outside the classroom. Taking coursework in or independently studying French prior to arrival is highly encouraged.)
- [Portugal: Multimedia Storytelling and Intercultural Communication](#) (new program!)
- [Spain: Social Movements, Democracy, and Cultural Identity](#) (Program base moved to Seville, Spain)
- [Switzerland: Banking, Finance and Social Responsibility](#) (Modifications have been made to the thematic seminar, language courses, and excursions)
- [Vietnam: Culture, Social Change, and Development](#) (Students may now choose either Vietnamese or Mandarin Chinese for their language course)

### New & updated programs for summer 2024

- [Jordan: Internship in Climate Change and Sustainability](#)
- [South Africa: Journalism and Digital Media](#) (Previously a Journalism Track within the South Africa: Social and Political Transformation program)
- [Panama: Marine Ecology & Blue Carbon Conservation in the Pacific & Caribbean](#) (This program returns for summer 2024)
- [Rwanda: Peace & Conflict Studies](#) (Previously ran in Rwanda and Uganda, no longer traveling to Uganda)

If you would like to learn more about our new programs, you can [view explanations from our Academic Directors](#). Please note that these videos were originally recorded for internal use only and are informal

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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 spring 2024

- [IHP Climate Change](#) (The program will travel to the Amazon Basin instead of the Galapagos Islands)
- [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 the spring term, students with previous French language study have the option to direct enroll at Université Catholique d’Afrique Centrale and take one course in French. 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)

### 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: Epidemiology & Healthcare Management (Summer)
- Argentina: Transnationalism and Comparative Development in South America (semester)
- Chile: Comparative Education and Social Change (semester)
- Czech Republic: Arts and Social Change (semester)
- Ghana: Hip-Hop, Resilience & Black Struggle (Summer)
- Italy: Global Food Security & Sustainability (semester)
- India: Sustainable Development, & Social Change (semester)
- Jordan: Engineering & Design for Sustainable Environments (Summer)
- Jordan: Psychology, Well-being & Mental Health (Semester)
- Kenya: Public Health in the Tropics Internship (summer)
- Mongolia: Nomadism, Geopolitics, & the Environment (semester)
- Panama: Community & Nongovernmental Organizations Internship (Summer)
- Senegal: Global Security & Religious Pluralism (semester)
- Senegal: Hip-Hop, African Diaspora & Decolonial Futures (semester)
- Serbia: Transitional Justice, Human Rights & Memory Activism Internship (Summer)
- South Africa: Education & Social Change (summer)

- Tanzania: Climate Change and Sustainability, Mount Kilimanjaro to Zanzibar (summer)
- Uganda: Global Development Studies (semester)
- All semester Virtual Language and Virtual Internship programs

## New Program Staff

SIT Study Abroad is proud to welcome our new Academic Directors and Program Directors for Spring 2024:

- [Australia: Sustainability and Environmental Action](#) - Samuel Alexander (Sam)
- [Iceland: Climate Change and the Arctic](#) - Christine Palmer (Palmer)
- [Cameroon: Development and Social Change](#) - Chimene Nukunah
- [Nepal: Development, Gender, and Social Change in the Himalaya](#) - Bhawana Oli
- [Indonesia: Arts, Religion, and Social Change](#) - Kazu Budiono
- [IHP Health and Community: Globalization, Culture, and Care](#)- Zed McGladdery
- [Kenya: Global Health and Human Rights](#) - Dan Lumonya

## SIT Custom & Signature Programs

### About SIT Custom & Signature Programs

The SIT Custom & Signature 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 on our [website](#) and/or our [Custom Programs brochure](#). Please contact us with any questions at [custom@sit.edu](mailto:custom@sit.edu).

### Professional Development Opportunities for Study Abroad Staff & Faculty Leaders

SIT Professional Engagement Programs (PEP) - **DEADLINE February 1<sup>st</sup>!**

The SIT Custom and Signature Programs team is excited to offer two, in-person [SIT-led professional development opportunities](#) in Summer 2024 and applications are open! If you are interested in applying to any of the below opportunities, please submit an [online application form](#). Application decisions are made on a rolling basis and spaces are **first-come, first serve**. [The final application deadline for both programs is February 1, 2024!](#)

**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.
- **Tentative Itinerary:** [View here](#)

- **Application:** Open now, rolling basis; final deadline to apply **February 1, 2024**

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

- **Dates:** June 16-23, 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.
- **Tentative Itinerary:** [View here](#)
- **Application:** Open now, rolling basis; final deadline to apply **February 1, 2024.**

### Scholarships

A limited number of partial fee waivers are available. Award decisions are based on financial need and other factors. Depending on your need and availability, scholarships typically range from \$250-500.

## SIT Graduate Institute

[SIT Graduate Institute](#) is launching two new doctoral programs in 2025!

- **PhD in Sustainability & Society:** This program is a cohort-based, four-year program with short-term summer residencies, online coursework, and dissertation research and defense. Transdisciplinary in its approach, the program positions sustainability as the transversal axis from which students build on their specializations and professional interests through coursework and field experiences in advanced leadership, advocacy, and policy.
- **PhD in International Relations:** This program focuses on peacebuilding and forced migration and is designed for working professionals in the field of global affairs. Across four years of online coursework and three short residencies, students will gain the research and analytical tools they need to investigate and critique current approaches to international relations and to imagine and create evidence-based solutions to pressing global challenges. Students will examine the connection of theory to practice, the politics of refugees and forced migrations, international peace, conflict, and security studies, crisis management, and political leadership.

The cohorts for these programs will begin in Summer 2025 – the application deadline will be Nov. 1, 2024. Applications will open in spring 2024.

These new doctoral degrees join SIT’s portfolio of graduate degrees including the [EdD in Global Education](#), a three-year, part-time hybrid degree program with two short summer residencies in VT, and 8 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.

SIT partners with many organizations that share our social justice values and align with our mission. Alumni and members of our partner organizations may receive automatic scholarships for our master's degree programs. Learn more about our \$10,000 Partner Award [here](#).

In addition to our full degrees, SIT and The Forum on Education Abroad offer joint credentialing for [The Forum's Professional Certification in Education Abroad](#) program. This program is intended for students and professionals who want to certify their knowledge and expertise in the practice of education abroad. The program is structured around The Forum's Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad. To learn more about our graduate programs, please visit the [SIT Graduate Institute](#).

## 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](#).

## Update to SIT Withdrawal & Refund Policy

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