

## Programming Notes @ SIT Study Abroad

### 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 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)

## New & updated semester programs for fall 2023

- [India: Public Health, Gender, & Sexuality](#) (previously known as India Public Health, Gender, & Community Action)
- [Belgrade, Budapest, And Vienna: 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)

## 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 (semester)
- Chile: Comparative Education and Social Change (semester)
- Czech Republic: Arts and Social Change (semester)
- Italy: Global Food Security & Sustainability (semester)
- India: Sustainable Development, & Social Change (semester)
- Kenya: Public Health in the Tropics Internship (summer)
- Mongolia: Nomadism, Geopolitics, & the Environment (semester)
- Senegal: Global Security & Religious Pluralism (semester)
- Senegal: Hip-Hop, African Diaspora & Decolonial Futures (semester)
- 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

## Updated Application Deadlines

The following programs have updated their application deadlines to accommodate visa processing times:

- [Switzerland: Banking, Finance, and Social Responsibility](#) (New deadline **October 1**)
- [Switzerland: International Studies and Multilateral Diplomacy](#) (New deadline **October 1**)
- [Switzerland: Global Health and Development Policy](#) (New deadline **October 1**)

## New Academic Directors

Please join us in welcoming our newest Academic Directors:

- [Jonathan Key](#): Academic Director Netherlands: International Perspectives on Sexuality and Gender
- [Tania Avilés Vergara](#): Academic Director Chile: Cultural Identity, Social Justice, and Community Development

## 2023-2024 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:** Letters of interest are now being accepted through September 22.

### 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

## 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).

### SIT Professional Engagement Programs (PEP)

In addition to our full portfolio of custom and faculty-led program models and locations, the SIT Custom Programs team is excited to offer three [SIT-led professional development opportunities](#) in Spring/Summer 2024 and applications are now 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**. Final application deadlines for programs with vacancies are noted below:

#### Professional Development Certificate, [Designing and Leading Global Experiential Programs](#)

- **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.
- **Application:** Open now, rolling basis; final deadline to apply December 15, 2023

**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.

### Return to Study Abroad

SIT invites alumni and friends to join us in celebrating our 60 years of experiential global education with a series of special opportunities to “Return to Study Abroad” coming in spring 2024. These unique programs for alumni and friends of SIT invite you to return to the country where you studied abroad, visit another SIT site of interest, or share the SIT experience with family and friends. Building on SIT’s experiential approach to Critical Global Issues, these programs are modeled after our group site visits and include features that will be familiar to our alumni.

Browse our exciting program options in Argentina, South Africa, Jordan, Nepal, and Portugal! The [registration form](#) is now live and registrations will be accepted on a rolling basis. The deadline to apply for a Return to Study Abroad program is December 3rd, 2023.

### SIT Critical Conversations: Global South Webinar Series

SIT's Critical Conversations is back for its Fall 2023 series. Through these free virtual events, current and prospective students, academic advisors, faculty members, and interested global citizens can hear from SIT faculty, guest speakers, alumni, and others around the world as we come together to confront our own assumptions and address the most critical global issues of our time.

School for International Training (SIT) developed our Critical Global Issues framework as the basis for all of our undergraduate and graduate programming. Through this framework, we seek to develop the next generation of changemakers with the expertise and intercultural understanding to engage all identities, perspectives, and cultures through respectful, enduring, and meaningful interaction.

Join us for our Fall 2023 panels, which focus on the continent of Africa, its role in a changing world, and its opportunities for professional development:

***Africa at a Crossroads: Democracy, Leadership, and Diplomacy - A Conversation with Ebenezer Obadare***  
Thursday, October 5 | 10 AM ET | [Register](#)

Against the backdrop of intensifying competition for influence and resources in the region by an assortment of great and middle powers, questions on the place and role of African countries in a changing world order have agitated scholars and policymakers. With this concern as a jumping-off point, this conversation seeks to unravel key issues in contemporary international politics as they affect the African continent. Of particular interest are questions around democratic consolidation, demographic change and youth angst, a prolonged economic turmoil, sexuality and identity, religion, education and infrastructure, and migration.

Panelist: [Ebenezer Obadare](#)

Moderator: [Imraan Buccus, PhD](#)

***SIT Alumni Panel - Career and Education Experiences Across Africa***  
Wednesday, November 8 | 12 PM EST | [Register](#)

We proudly present a panel of three outstanding SIT alumni who have paved distinct career paths in education, philanthropy, and entrepreneurship. Join us to learn about the transformative moments that have fueled their dedication to advancing social change. We will also explore how their experiences studying and/or working in sub-Saharan Africa have influenced their career trajectories. Be inspired as we learn about the varied ways our alumni are working across the social impact landscape.

Panelists: [Jennifer Bangoura](#), [Brianna Kilcullen](#), [Tigranna Zakaryan](#)

## 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](#).

## **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. The next EdD cohort will begin in Summer 2025 – application deadline will be Nov. 1, 2024.

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](#).