

IHP Europe: Contemporary Politics Travel Acknowledgement Form

For this program, **students with US passports** are granted 6-months visa-free on arrival in the **United Kingdom** (Electronic Travel Authorization required prior to travel) and a **tourist visa** for the **Schengen area** for Spain and Austria *upon entry into the Schengen area*.

IMPORTANT: US citizens are only permitted to remain in the Schengen area on a tourist visa for only 90 days within a 180 day period. The Schengen area is a group of European countries, including Spain and Austria, with a mutual immigration agreement; Schengen countries are listed here: <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/go/schengen-fact-sheet.html>) . The program will require a minimum of **70 days**. **Students planning to participate in another program in the Schengen area either before or after their SIT program should inform their admissions officer.** Travel within the Schengen area before or after the program is possible if the total number of days does not exceed 90, including the days spent in Spain and Austria.

Students with non-US passports should inform their admissions officer and contact the United Kingdom and Spanish consulates to determine specific requirements for requesting a tourist visa.

READ EACH POINT CAREFULLY AND CHECK ALL BOXES BELOW.

I understand that:

- I understand travel within the Schengen area is limited to 90 days within a 180-day period and the program will require a minimum of 70 of those days.
- If I plan to participate in another program in the Schengen area, either before or after the SIT program, I must inform my Admissions Officer immediately and work with both programs to ensure that proper visas are secured.
- I am entirely responsible for my travel and immigration status while on the program, including any non-program related travel and will adhere to the guidelines described in this document. Failure to do so will put me at risk of legal and/or immigration-related action within Europe or the U.S.
- 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. It is your responsibility to

confirm and complete the visa application process particular to your situation, and to keep your admissions officer informed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call your Admissions Officer at 1-888-272-7881.

Please upload this form to your application portal, or return it to:

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

By providing this information, I confirm my acknowledgement of the aforementioned points and that the information below is current and correct.

Name (print): _____

Special notes on your individual process (Non-US passport, etc.): _____

Signature _____

Date _____