



# SIT Study Abroad

a program of World Learning

Field-based programs in more than  
30 countries worldwide



**Step beyond the boundaries of a traditional classroom to analyze the critical issues shaping local communities around the world.**

SIT Study Abroad programs grapple with the complexities of critical global issues in specific cultural and geographical contexts or comparatively across several locations.

-  **Arts, Media, and Social Change**
-  **Development, Urban Studies, and Entrepreneurship**
-  **Global Health**
-  **Multiculturalism, Migration, and Indigenous Peoples**
-  **Natural Resource Management, Biodiversity, and Environmental Policy**
-  **Post-Conflict Transformation**
-  **Social Movements, Education, and Human Rights**

*SIT offers semester and summer programs for undergraduate students in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East, as well as comparative programs in multiple locations.*



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## SIT programs are designed to respect the strengths and knowledge of local partners.

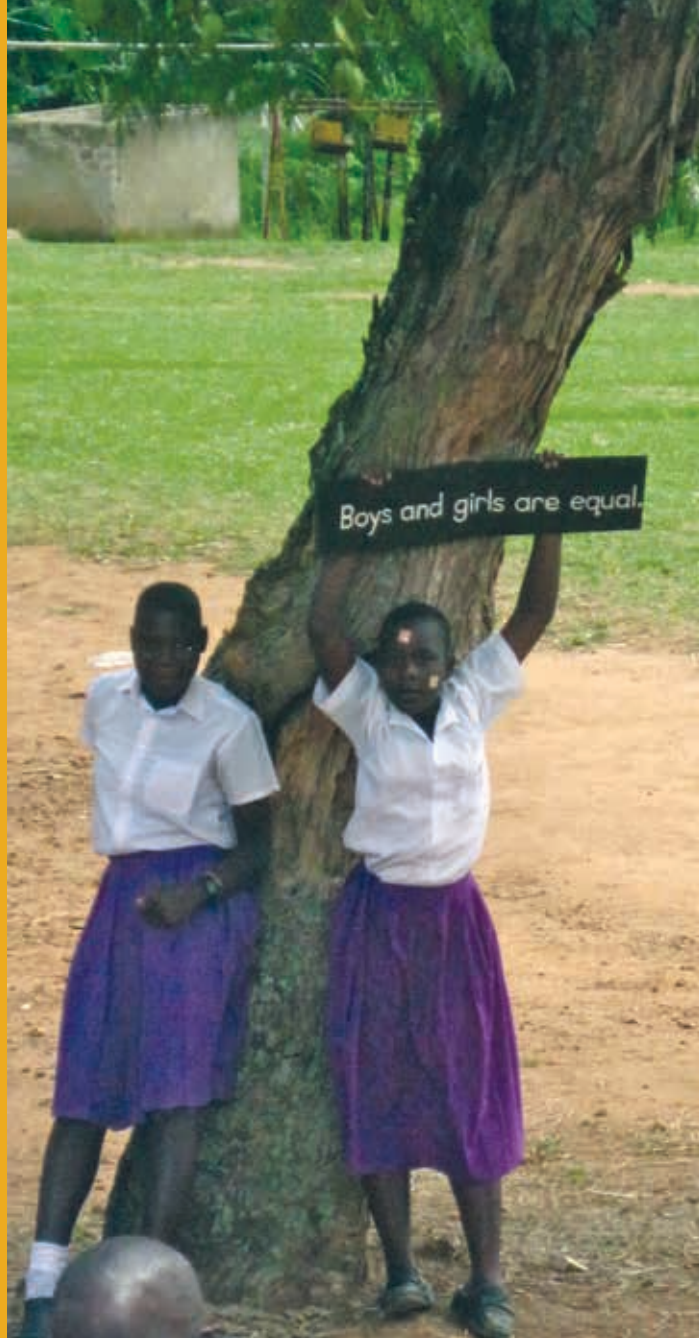
Programs assemble an array of contributors—academics, artists, scientists, community activists, entrepreneurs, and indigenous leaders—to expose students to a diversity of perspectives.

SIT students are deeply integrated within host communities—through **homestays** and other appropriate accommodations—and explore issues from the perspectives of the people who live there.

Students examine the **ethics** of their research and its impact on local communities and are encouraged to consider issues of power, privilege, and inequality from myriad perspectives.

SIT encourages students to utilize and share their transformative experiences to enhance their future studies, careers, and communities as **socially responsible individuals**.

*SIT is deeply embedded in local communities around the world; students benefit from SIT's long-standing relationships with in-country networks and partners.*





Social Justice

**SIT fosters experiential learning, community engagement, and an emphasis on field-based research.**

The SIT curriculum incorporates classroom instruction and fieldwork into each course. Courses—including interdisciplinary seminars, language study, and research methods and ethics—are complementary and build toward a greater understanding of the host culture and program theme.

Learning extends far beyond the SIT program center to host communities, field stations, nongovernmental organization (NGO) headquarters, ecological sites, health clinics, and art studios.

SIT students are prepared to deeply engage with a topic and complete an in-depth, field-based project known as the Independent Study Project (ISP). On many programs, the project can take one of three forms:

- An ISP that addresses a formulated research question
- A creative ISP that incorporates artwork or a performance
- A practicum-based ISP

*SIT research projects regularly form the basis for senior theses, Fulbright and Watson topics, grant proposals, graduate-level research, fellowships, and professional successes.*





## Choose from over 60 programs in more than 30 countries worldwide.

Program sites provide the geographical and cultural context in which students examine critical issues with transnational dimensions. Comparative programs offer students the opportunity to investigate significant global issues in at least four countries. While program themes provide a central focus for classroom and field study, all SIT programs are interdisciplinary in nature and are appropriate for a wide variety of undergraduate majors.

## Immersive language study in more than 25 languages

SIT Study Abroad regards language study as an important tool for understanding local perspectives and conducting field-based research. Many SIT programs offer the opportunity to continue language study at intermediate and advanced levels; select programs are taught entirely or partly in the target language. Other programs provide beginning instruction in a less commonly taught language spoken by a local community.

See [www.sit.edu/languages](http://www.sit.edu/languages) for details.



## IHP/Comparative Programs in Multiple Locations

Cities in the 21st Century ▲

Climate Change 🌳

Health and Community 🏥

Human Rights 📖

### Latin America

Argentina ▲ 📖 🏥

Bolivia 🌳 🏠 🌳

Brazil 🏥 🌳 📖

Chile ▲ 🏥 📖

Ecuador ▲ 🌳

Nicaragua 🗨️

Panama 🌳

Peru 🌳 🏠 🌳

### Europe

- Czech Republic 
- Iceland 
- Netherlands 
- Serbia, Bosnia, and Kosovo 
- Switzerland  

### North Africa and the Middle East

- Jordan  
- Morocco   
- Tunisia 

### Africa, South of the Sahara

- Cameroon 
- Ghana 
- Kenya 
- Madagascar   
- Rwanda 
- Senegal 
- South Africa   
- Tanzania 
- Uganda  

### Asia and the Pacific

- Australia 
- China  
- India   
- Indonesia 
- Mongolia 
- Nepal   
- Samoa 
- Vietnam 

### Critical Global Issues Key

-  Arts, Media, and Social Change
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## Next Steps

SIT Study Abroad is committed to helping students from diverse backgrounds experience field-based international education. Here's how to get started.

# 1

### Choose a program:

Visit [www.sit.edu](http://www.sit.edu) for complete program descriptions and course syllabi.

# 2

### Talk to your advisors:

Visit your home college's study abroad office and meet with your academic advisor.

# 3

### Apply:

Our application is online at [www.sit.edu/apply](http://www.sit.edu/apply).  
Questions about applying?  
Contact the SIT Study Abroad admissions office:  
[studyabroad@sit.edu](mailto:studyabroad@sit.edu),  
888 272-7881 (toll-free in the US), or 802 258-3212.

# 4

### Investigate financial aid and scholarship options:

Talk to your home college's financial aid office.  
Most colleges facilitate the transfer of federal and state financial aid, and in some cases institutional aid, for study abroad. Visit [www.sit.edu/scholarships](http://www.sit.edu/scholarships) to learn about SIT scholarships and other funding opportunities.

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## SIT Scholarships

SIT Study Abroad awards more than \$1 million in scholarships per year. Applying is easy. Visit [www.sit.edu/scholarships](http://www.sit.edu/scholarships) or contact the SIT Study Abroad financial aid coordinator with any questions (802 258-3503 or [studyabroad.scholarships@sit.edu](mailto:studyabroad.scholarships@sit.edu)).

## Safety, Health, and Security

SIT Study Abroad places the highest priority on the health, safety, and security of all students, and SIT's Office of Student Affairs is available 24 hours a day at 802 258-3212 or 888 272-7881. Building on our significant experience with risk assessment and emergency preparedness, and utilizing extensive global networks, SIT is able to adapt quickly to dynamic situations and tailors health, safety, and security measures to each location and circumstance. Safety cannot, of course, be guaranteed abroad, just as it cannot be guaranteed in the United States. However, SIT is committed to taking the necessary steps to maximize student safety and security at each and every program site.

## SIT Mission

SIT prepares students to be interculturally effective leaders, professionals, and citizens. In so doing, SIT fosters a worldwide network of individuals and organizations committed to responsible global citizenship. SIT fulfills this mission with field-based academic study abroad programs for undergraduates and accredited master's degrees and certificate programs for graduates and professionals.

## World Learning—Advancing Leadership for 80 Years

SIT Study Abroad is a program of World Learning, a private, nonprofit international organization that works to empower people and strengthen institutions through education, exchange, and development programs. For more information about World Learning, visit [www.worldlearning.org](http://www.worldlearning.org).

## Accreditation

SIT (founded as the School for International Training) is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. (NEASC) through its Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. Inquiries regarding the accreditation status by the New England Association should be directed to the administrative staff of the institution. Individuals may also contact: Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, New England Association of Schools and Colleges, 209 Burlington Road, Bedford, MA 01730-1433, 781 271-0022, [cihe@neasc.org](mailto:cihe@neasc.org).



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