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STUDY ABROAD

• History rooted in peace and social justice
• Experiential, field-based approach
• Undergraduate research and internships
• Non-traditional locations and excursions
• Homestays
• Pre-professional and STEM programs
• Semester, J-term, and summer
Explore

Critical Global Issues

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Education & Social Change
- Geopolitics & Power
- Global Health & Well-Being
- Identity & Human Resilience
- Peace & Justice
PROGRAMS ON EVERY CONTINENT

Africa | The Middle East | Asia & The Pacific | Europe | Latin America | IHP/Comparative
INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS

Examine critical global issues in a specific cultural and geographical context.

• Samoa: Social & Environmental Change in Oceania
• Tunisia & Italy: Politics & Religious Integration in the Mediterranean
• India: Public Health, Gender, & Community Action
• Mongolia & Siberia: Nomadism, Geopolitics, & the Environment
CORE PROGRAM ELEMENTS

**Intensive Immersion**
- Orientation
- Language study
- Field exercises
- Interact with local experts
- Homestays

**Interdisciplinary Seminars**
- Reading assignments
- Lectures
- Discussion
- Educational Excursions
- Case Studies

**Independent Study and Fieldwork**
- Field assignments & research
- Research methods & ethics
- Internships
- Synthesis of themes
ACADEMIC DIRECTORS

• Experts in their fields and extremely well networked in country
• Familiar with the US educational system
• Organizes the initial orientation, language training, lectures, and seminars
• Helps identify an appropriate expert to advise/mentor you during ISP
• Manages program staff and learning center
Immersive SIT Program Model

Week 1

Orientation

Weeks 2-10 (Homestay)

Coursework & Excursions

Language
Thematic Seminars
Field Methods & Ethics

Weeks 11-15

Independent Study Project or Internship

ISP/Internship Presentation & Final Evaluations
HOMESTAYS

- Selected by Homestay Coordinator
- Families are “typical” of your host community
- Typically one longer homestay + rural homestay(s)
- Extraordinary way to learn about the country, its culture, and varying human responses to the world and issues facing us all
Internships the SIT Way

• Discuss your internship interests with your academic advisor
• Develop real-world skills
• Cultural and work-culture preparation integrated in coursework
• Networks of leading researchers, community groups, and non-governmental organizations.
FIELD WORK BEYOND STUDY ABROAD

• Senior theses
• Graduate school
• Fulbright and other awards
• SIT Critical Global Issues Symposium
• SIT Co-sponsored undergraduate research symposia
• SIT Digital Collections
INDIA: PUBLIC HEALTH, GENDER, AND COMMUNITY ACTION

Highlights

• Examine the relationship between public health, gender, and community in a field-study context.
• Explore India’s ancient health practices with a focus on Ayurveda and yoga.
• Travel to Tibetan and Himalayan communities to study rural healthcare access.
• Examine why India sees Thailand’s healthcare system as a pathbreaking model.
INDIA: PUBLIC HEALTH, GENDER, AND COMMUNITY ACTION

Academic Coursework - 16 credits

• Public Health: Key Determinants, Gender, and Equity (3 credits)
• Health Rights Advocacy in South Asia (3 credits)
• Hindi (3 credits)
• Field Methods and Ethics in Social Science and Health (3 credits)
• Capstone Project - Independent Study Project (4 credits)
Sample ISP Topics
• Traditional healing practices including Ayurveda and yoga
• Traditional medicine approaches to mental healthcare and psychological wellbeing in India
• Maternal and children’s healthcare practices and accessibility
• International, national, and regional responses to epidemics and pandemics
• Major public health challenges of diseases such as TB, malaria, and polio
SIT AWARDS OVER $1.6 MILLION ANNUALLY

• Use existing aid, scholarships, and grants
  SIT need-based scholarships

• BIG 10 – automatic $1,500 for UI students

• UI-SIT scholarship fund

• SIT Pell Grant Match Award

• Apply for external scholarships
  • Fund for Education Abroad
  • Gilman Scholarship
  • Boren Award for International Study
  • Freeman-ASIA
### ROLLING ADMISSIONS

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**Early Closing Dates:**

- **Czech Republic**: October 1 for spring
- **Iceland**: October 1 for spring; April 1 for fall
- **Portugal**: October 1 for spring; April 1 for fall
- **Spain**: October 1 for spring; April 1 for fall
- **Switzerland**: May 1 for fall

*It is possible that a particular program will fill prior to the final application deadline, so early applications are most likely to be considered for their first-choice program.*
NEXT STEPS

1. Find a program
   Visit studyabroad.sit.edu for complete program descriptions and course syllabi.

2. Talk to your advisors
   Visit your college’s study abroad office and meet with your academic advisor.

3. Apply
   Submit an application at studyabroad.sit.edu/apply.

4. Seek funding
   Talk to your financial aid counselor. Learn more about SIT scholarships and other funding sources.
“It's hard to imagine a better way to study abroad: you are welcomed into a family and a home, you are taught by local experts, learn the language, traverse the streets, eat delicious food, explore different cultural scenes, and at the end of the semester you are able to direct your own studies and conduct original research.”

- Danielle Hayes, Washington University in St. Louis
THANK YOU!

Q&A

Hi! I’m your SIT Study Abroad representative!

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