CRITICAL GLOBAL ISSUE

GEOPOLITICS & POWER

2020–2021 STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

SCHOOL FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAINING

SIT STUDY ABROAD
SIT is a leader in immersive, field-based study abroad programs for undergraduates. We offer more than 70 programs in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East, as well as our comparative International Honors Programs (IHP) which span multiple locations. In addition to our rich history, our programs’ unique qualities—including exceptional locations, independent research, internships, cultural immersion, and deep networks of local partners—make our programs an ideal choice for an extraordinary and transformative study abroad experience.

SIT Study Abroad programs are interdisciplinary and appropriate for a variety of majors. This gives students the opportunity to grapple with the complexities of today’s most pressing issues in specific cultural and geographical contexts or comparatively across several countries.

SIT programs are developed around a framework of the most Critical Global Issues (CGIs) of our time—challenges that transcend borders to touch every human on the planet. We have developed this framework so that the next generation of leaders has the expertise and intercultural understanding to engage multiple identities, perspectives, and cultures in respectful, enduring, and meaningful responses. There are seven CGIs in our framework including: Climate & Environment, Development & Inequality, Education & Social Change, Geopolitics & Power, Global Health & Well-being, Identity & Human Resilience, and Peace & Justice. Explore SIT’s complete CGI Framework.

Beyond our traditional programs, the SIT portfolio also features IHP, which offers students the opportunity to compare and contrast a critical issue in multiple countries within the framework of SIT’s values of community, intercultural understanding, sustainability, social inclusion, and justice. These academically rigorous semester-long programs explore health, human rights, climate change, cities, or food systems across four continents. Students begin examining an issue in the United States and deepen their understanding as they travel to two additional countries. By analyzing issues and systems from a local to global scale, students begin to understand their complexity and the challenges of addressing them. Program themes and locations are developed simultaneously, with locations selected for their relevance to the subject and their contrasts with each other. The IHP curriculum is intensive and includes four courses taught by academics and field specialists, augmented by site visits and research. Learn more about IHP.
Power shifts and power plays challenge outmoded geopolitical models that are failing to ensure global security and stability. Disruptions, though tumultuous, create spaces to interrogate the politics of the past and construct alternative systems of power. Our programs explore the many shocks to the system that give rise to regional independence movements, new forms of populism rife with old nationalisms, and illiberal democracies, and ask, “What next?” Students gain nuanced perspectives from leading political scientists, diplomats, policymakers, and civic activists who are engaged in reimagining our political future. Explore programs under our Geopolitics & Power CGI.
Please note that SIT will make every effort to maintain its programs as described. To respond to emergent situations, however, SIT may have to change or cancel programs. Please see the SIT Study Abroad website for the most up-to-date information, studyabroad.sit.edu.

• Program offers internship

SEMMESTER PROGRAMS

IMMERSIVE IN-PERSON

IHP INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Global Governance, Human Security & Civil Society
Examine the current global political trends and the challenges confronting the post-World War II liberal world order in the U.S., Brazil, France and Senegal.
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JORDAN
• Geopolitics, International Relations & the Future of the Middle East
Study the complex history and politics of the Middle East and learn about efforts to promote peace and global security in Jordan’s capital, Amman.
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MALAYSIA & CHINA
• International Relations & New Economies
Develop new perspectives on global economic integration and trade while studying in Malaysia, China, Singapore, and Indonesia.
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MONGOLIA & SIBERIA
• Nomadism, Geopolitics & the Environment
Explore Mongolia’s search for balance between environmental conservation and natural resource development on the doorstep of China and Siberia.
sit.edu/mfr

NEPAL
• Tibetan & Himalayan Peoples
Learn about Tibetan and Himalayan politics and religion and the issues faced by communities in exile.
sit.edu/npt

SENEGAL
• Global Security & Religious Pluralism
Critically examine global security discourse and see how Senegal’s fascinating mix of religions presents a model for global peace from a decolonial perspective.
sit.edu/sgr

• Hip-hop, African Diaspora & Decolonial Futures
Understand how young Africans use hip-hop to question traditional representations of Africa, imagine Africa’s future, and raise consciousness about globalization and (in)equality.
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SOUTH AFRICA
• Social & Political Transformation
Explore the politics and culture of rapidly changing South Africa, as well as Swaziland and Mozambique, while engaging with renowned artists and intellectuals.
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SPAIN
Policy, Law & Regional Autonomy in Europe
Examine independence movements in Spain and Scotland, and explore the future of the nation state and regional autonomy in Europe.
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SWITZERLAND
International Studies & Multilateral Diplomacy
Examine the evolving role of multilateral diplomacy in international relations and responses to security challenges from the center of Geneva.
sit.edu/szg

TUNISIA & ITALY
• Politics & Religious & Integration in the Mediterranean
Study the interplay of politics, mass migration, and religion at the crossroads of the Mediterranean in Tunisia and Italy. Brush up on your language skills.
sit.edu/tnc
**SOUTH AFRICA**

- Virtual Internship in Diplomacy, Conflict Resolution, and International Relations
  Gain professional, intercultural experience interning at a conflict resolution NGO in South Africa to prepare for a career in human rights or global affairs.
  sit.edu/sfw

**ONLINE LANGUAGE COURSES**

Online language courses are also available during the summer. Please visit the SIT World Languages Center to learn more.

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**SUMMER**

Online language courses are also available during the summer. Please visit the SIT World Languages Center to learn more.

**IMMERSIVE IN-PERSON**

**SENEGAL**

- Hip-hop, Resilience & Black Struggles
  Examine how young Africans use hip-hop to question traditional representations of Africa, imagine the continent’s future, and raise consciousness of globalization and (in)equality.
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**SOUTH AFRICA**

- Social Justice & Activism Internship
  Gain professional experience working remotely with a nonprofit organization, study apartheid, and learn about the history, ideas, values, and practice of social justice in South Africa.
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**VIRTUAL INTERNSHIPS**

**SOUTH AFRICA**

- Virtual Internship in Diplomacy, Conflict Resolution & International Relations
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SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS
Each year, SIT awards more than $1.6 million in scholarships and grants to our students. SIT is committed to helping students from diverse economic backgrounds experience field-based international education. Our scholarships are awarded to highly qualified students who demonstrate financial need. Individual awards generally range from $500–$3,000 for summer programs and up to $5,000 for semester programs. Learn more about applying for scholarship and grants to fund your study abroad.

SIT PROGRAM PROTECTION
SIT is an investment in your future. Here’s how we help you protect it.

As you build a strong foundation for your future, you can invest with confidence in SIT. We are committed to protecting your investment in case of program suspensions due to health, safety, or security concerns. As an SIT student, you are entitled to protective measures, which, depending on circumstances, may include refunds, reimbursements, or options to change programs or defer. Learn more about how SIT protects your investment.

OUR COMMITMENT TO RESPECT & RESPONSIBILITY
A primary goal of SIT Study Abroad is to promote understanding among people from different parts of the world. This can only be realized if SIT students are committed to respecting others and taking responsibility for their own actions. As such, SIT maintains a set of clear policies regarding student behavior which are outlined in our Student Handbook.

ACCREDITATION
SIT is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (formerly the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.). Inquiries regarding the accreditation status should be directed to the administrative staff of SIT. Individuals may also contact NECHE.

SIT has been approved to participate in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements.

Learn more about SIT’s accreditation.
The SIT World Languages Center is committed to promoting and preserving indigenous and less commonly taught languages while also providing critical, specialized courses in widely studied languages. The Center is an international community of language educators and learners, which offers high-quality, innovative language-learning opportunities through online and in-person experiential courses for college credit. Explore the courses offered through the SIT World Languages Center.

SIT Graduate Institute

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