



CUSTOM PROGRAM GUIDELINES

SIT seeks academic partnerships that align with our mission to prepare students to become intercultural leaders through experiential education. Custom programs must relate to one or more of our Critical Global Issues.

In order to keep program fees affordable and facilitate cultural immersion, we ask that programs run for at least two weeks and enroll at least 10 and up to 25 students. Programs must take place in countries where SIT has existing local support networks.

CUSTOM PROGRAM TIMING & COST

Most custom programs run in January, May, June, July, and/or August. Other months may be available depending on program locations. For information on availability and pricing, please contact us.

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ABOUT SIT STUDY ABROAD

The School for International Training (SIT) provides accredited undergraduate study abroad programs, master's and doctorate degrees, and professional certificate programs focused on the world's most critical global issues. SIT offers more than 80 programs in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East, as well as comparative programs in multiple locations.

Our programs give students the opportunity to explore complex critical issues such as global health, sustainable development, biodiversity, human rights, migration, peacebuilding, and more in distinctive cultural and geographical contexts. We prepare students to be effective intercultural leaders, forward-thinking professionals, and informed citizens committed to responsible global citizenship.

WHY **PARTNER WITH SIT**ON CUSTOM PROGRAMS?

SIT puts experiential education at the forefront of student learning, focusing on critical global issues and strategies to drive lasting change. Our programs are tailored to meet partners' needs and goals, leveraging our extensive in-country networks and contacts for additional support.

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE

SIT takes a collaborative approach to custom program design and implementation. SIT can provide:

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

including:

- Curriculum and program design
- Field-based learning opportunities
- In-country academic directors, local faculty, and guest lecturers
- Language instruction, including basic and intensive courses
- Unique cultural activities including opportunities to engage with local youth
- Internships and short-term volunteer opportunities
- Fieldwork ethics and research methodology
- Undergraduate research projects

LOGISTICS COORDINATION & STUDENT SUPPORT

including:

- Pre-departure support for faculty and students
- In-country orientations and re-entry preparation
- Housing and meal arrangements, including optional homestays with local families
- Classroom space at SIT program centers and other venues
- Local transportation
- · Medical and evacuation insurance
- 24-hour on-call support with professionals from the office of Student Health, Safety & Well-being





CUSTOM PROGRAM LOCATIONS

These SIT program sites (*right*) have capacity to support custom programs. Availability depends on program dates, program duration, and other factors. For US locations please contact us.

CUSTOM PROGRAM MODELS

SIT works with home institutions to design programs that fit with curriculum, desired learning outcomes, and academic goals.

FACULTY-LED

Co-designed with faculty leaders to support a range of course topics, disciplinary areas, and learning objectives.

SIT-LED

Co-developed with the school partner; day-today management of the program is provided by SIT's local program staff.

COMMUNITY-LED

Programs can include internships and short-term volunteer opportunities with local organizations, schools, and other groups.

INTERNSHIPS

Students are matched with local organizations and institutions that provide meaningful opportunities for hands-on learning.

FACULTY SEMINARS

An intensive schedule of lectures, site visits, and networking with local academics lets participants expand their horizons and make valuable connections.

CONSORTIAL

SIT supports institutions that opt to share resources in a custom program.

INTENSIVE LANGUAGE

Short-term intensive study and semester-long academic instruction.

VIRTUAL

Adapted to a virtual environment, these can include site visits, guest lectures, community engagement and cultural activities, and language instruction.

HYBRID

Start online portion on campus or at home and end with an on-site experience.

PROGRAM SITES

Argentina*

Bolivia*

Brazil*

Cameroon*

Chile

China*

Czech Republic*

Ecuador*

Ghana*

India*

Indonesia*

Italy

Jordan*

Kenya*

Madagascar

Malawi

Mongolia*

Nepal*

Netherlands*

Panama*

Rwanda

Samoa

Senegal*

Serbia*

South Africa*

Spain*

Tanzania[^]

Tunisia

Uganda*

Vietnam*

*In-person and virtual capacity available

^Virtual only

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

SIT offers several kinds of professional engagement programs for faculty and study abroad professionals including:



Seminars focused on skills-building and training in best practices for integrating experiential learning activities into faculty-led study abroad programs



Academically focused seminars that allow faculty to explore a topic in depth in a particular geographical and cultural context



Certificates for faculty and study abroad professionals



Customizable seminars, workshops, and professional development opportunities for school partners

For an updated list of upcoming Professional Engagement Programs, please visit: studyabroad.sit.edu/advisors-faculty/professional-engagement-programs

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The incredible staff at SIT helped us to develop an outstanding short-term travel course to Nepal and an incredible one-of-a-kind online international immersive program to Bali. They are thoughtful, highly professional, and deeply committed to providing students with the best and most engaged international experience possible. We cannot wait to work with them again.



SIT's care and attention to health and safety considerations during the pandemic made us more comfortable about running the program. We knew that our students would be safe and looked after. In addition, SIT ensured that we took steps to mitigate the impact of our travel on the local community.

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