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## CUSTOM PROGRAM GUIDELINES

SIT seeks academic partnerships that align with our mission to prepare students to become responsible global citizens through experiential education. SIT-partnered custom programs typically relate to one or more of our Critical Global Issues.

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

## CUSTOM PROGRAM TIMING

Most custom programs run in January or in the summer semester (May-August). Other months may be available depending on program locations.

We accept new program inquiries during the following periods:

January Programs:

January-February previous year

**Summer Programs:** *May-July previous year* 

All other terms: One year in advance of program start date

For more information, please contact us.

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### ABOUT SIT STUDY ABROAD

School for International Training (SIT) provides accredited undergraduate study abroad programs, master's and doctorate degrees, and professional certificates 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 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 teams of in-country educators, networks, and contacts.

## TYPES OF ASSISTANCE

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

#### **ACADEMIC SUPPORT**

- · Curriculum and program design
- Field-based experiential learning opportunities
- In-country SIT academic directors who lead SIT's undergraduate and graduate programs
- Networks of guest lecturers and local experts for program activities
- Language instruction at various levels
- Unique cultural activities including opportunities for peer-to-peer engagement
- Community-led internships and reciprocity projects
- Fieldwork ethics and research methodology and projects
- Debrief and discussion facilitation, grounded in the Experiential Learning Cycle

## LOGISTICS COORDINATION & STUDENT SUPPORT

- Pre-departure support for faculty and students, including countryspecific health and safety briefings
- In-country orientations and endof-program debriefs
- Housing and meal arrangements, including optional homestays with SIT's vetted network of trusted local families
- Classroom space at SIT program centers and other venues
- Local transportation
- Medical, evacuation, and quarantine insurance
- 24-hour on-call support with professionals from the office of SIT Student Health, Safety & Well-being and mental health counselors



## **CUSTOM PROGRAM LOCATIONS**

Availability at our SIT program sites (*right*) depends on program dates, duration, capacity, and other factors.

### **CUSTOM PROGRAM MODELS**

SIT works with school partners to design programs that fit your curriculum, desired learning outcomes, and academic goals.

#### **FACULTY-LED**

Co-facilitated by partner faculty leaders and SIT local program faculty/staff 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.

#### **CONSORTIAL**

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

## INTERNSHIPS

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

### **FACULTY SEMINARS**

Skills-based or thematic professional development seminars that include lectures, site visits, and networking with local academics for faculty or study abroad professionals.

#### **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.

Virtual elements can also be included for on-site programs, such as pre-departure lectures and discussions.

## PROGRAM SITES

Argentina

Brazil

Cameroon

Chile

Czech Republic

Ecuador

Ghana

India

Indonesia

Italy

Jordan

Kenya

Madagascar

Malawi

Mexico

Mongolia

Morocco

Nepal

Netherlands

Panama

Rwanda

Samoa

Senegal

Serbia

South Africa

Spain

Tanzania

Tunisia

Uganda

Vietnam

U.S. domestic programming may be available, depending on location and staff availability.

## A FRAMEWORK OF CRITICAL GLOBAL ISSUES

SIT develops all programs around a framework of Critical Global Issues—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.



Climate & Environment



Development & Inequality



Education & Social Change



Geopolitics & Power



Global Health & Well-being



Identity & Human Resilience



Peace &

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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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