

YOUR VISION. OUR GLOBAL EXPERTISE. SIT CUSTOM PROGRAMS

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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.

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

CUSTOM PROGRAM TIMELINE

Most custom programs run in January or in the summer term (May-August). Programs during other terms may be possible depending on the location.

We typically accept new program inquiries during the following time periods:

January Programs:

December-February of the previous academic year

Summer Programs:

April-August of the previous academic year

All other terms:

One year in advance of the anticipated 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 published 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 offers a worldwide network of faculty and staff, with established relationships with academic institutions, NGOs, and community empowerment groups. Our longstanding commitment to experiential education and cultural understanding, combined with our status as an accredited institution of higher learning, enables us to work in innovative ways to design programs that align with your curriculum, learning outcomes, and academic goals.

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 end-ofprogram 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 institutions to collaboratively design, facilitate, and support programs in a variety of models for various audiences, from undergraduate and graduate students to higher education faculty and professionals.

FACULTY-LED

Co-facilitated with 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-to-day 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.

FIRST YEAR

Co-developed with the school partner, we provide courses and electives that allow students to shape their experiences while developing core college success skills. SIT First Year programs support a holistic introduction to the college experience in locations around the world.

PROGRAM SITES

Argentina Cameroon Chile Czech Republic Ecuador Ghana India Indonesia Italy Jordan Kenya Madagascar Mexico Morocco Nepal Netherlands Panama Peru Portugal Samoa Senegal Serbia South Africa Spain Tanzania Tunisia Vietnam

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

A FRAMEWORK OF CRITICAL GLOBAL ISSUES

SIT offers institutions the opportunity to develop their custom 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.

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Climate & Environment Development & Inequality Education & Social Change



Geopolitics & Power Global Health

& Well-being

Identity &

Human Resilience



Peace & Justice

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.

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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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Have an idea? Let's explore it together. Contact our team at custom@sit.edu to start the conversation.

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