

The following SIT program sites may have capacity to support custom and faculty-led programs. Availability of specific sites may depend on program dates, program duration, locations to be visited, size of student group, and other factors.

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Argentina

Program Base: Buenos Aires

Excursion Options: Mendoza, Tucumán, and many surrounding areas in the province of Buenos Aires.

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Education & Social Change
- Global Health & Well-being
- Identity & Human Resilience
- Peace & Justice

Other topics:

- Gender studies;
- Education and inclusion;
- Food and environmental justice;
- Sustainable development
- Health services delivery,
- Health education and promotion

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

Bolivia

Program Base: Cochabamba

Possible Excursions: Santa Cruz, Sucre, Potosi, Samaipata, Concepcion, La Paz (Titicaca Lake, Tiwanaku), Trinidad, and Pando

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Education & Social Change
- Global Health & Well-being
- Identity & Human Resilience
- Peace & Justice

Other topics:

- Decolonization
- Climate Change

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

Program Example:

In 2018, SIT ran a custom program focused on Sociology in Everyday Life. This 22-day program included homestays and support for digital storytelling projects, as well as excursions, site visits, and guest lectures.

Brazil

Program Base: Sao Paulo

Possible Excursions: Various locations.

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Education & Social Change
- Global Health & Well-being
- Identity & Human Resilience
- Peace & Justice

Other topics:

- Food & Sustainability
- Urban ecology
- Religion

Program Options:

- Homestays
 - Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
 - Research
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Cameroon

Program Base: Yaoundé

Critical Global Issues:

- Development & Inequality
 - Identity & Human Resilience
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Chile

Program Base: Santiago

Possible Excursions: Valdivia, Valparaíso, Iquique, La Serena, Easter Island, Copiapo, Temuco, and Curarrehue/Pucón.

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Education & Social Change
- Identity & Human Resilience
- Peace & Justice

Other topics:

- Education and Human Rights
- Indigenous rights
- Environmental rights
- Social movements
- Gender studies
- Access to water
- Migrants rights
- Housing / Children rights
- Business and Human Rights
- Memory and popular education

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

China

Program Base: Kunming

Possible Excursions: Beijing, Xian, and many other cities/counties in China.

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Education & Social Change
- Geopolitics & Power
- Global Health & Well-being

Other topics:

- Chinese language study
- Public and community Health
- Traditional Chinese Medicine
- Indigenous knowledge

- Ethnic minority studies, including minority healing systems

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

Program Example:

In 2012, SIT ran a custom program focused on China and the Chinese language. This 2 ½ month, fall semester program included homestays and Chinese language instruction, as well as excursions, site visits, and guest lectures.

Czech Republic

Program Base: Prague

Possible Excursions: Other Czech Regions, and international locations include: Berlin (Germany), Krakow (Poland), and Vienna (Austria).

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Education & Social Change
- Peace & Justice

Other topics:

- Social movements & civic action in Central Europe Today: combatting populist and illiberal impulses
- Socially-engaged art: independent cultural centers engaging politics and social injustice
- Writing workshops with writers engaged in political and social debates
- Civil society developments of post-communism and current threats to democracy and political stability in the region

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

Ecuador

Program Base: Quito

Possible Excursions: Ibarra, Cuenca, Loja, Guayaquil, the Galapagos, Manta, Tena, Yasuní, Riobamba, the Andes, the Cloud Forest, and the Amazon Rainforest.

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Education & Social Change
- Identity & Human Resilience

Other topics:

- Archeology and ethnohistory
- Art, Art History, and Art and Social Change
- Political ecology

- Education and interculturality
- Urbanism and development
- Cross cultural communication
- Food justice
- Engineering for sustainable environments
- Gender studies
- Latin American studies
- Economic and political change
- Biology
- Ecology
- Conservation Sciences

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

Ghana

Program Base: Accra

Possible Excursions: Cape Coast, Kumasi, Obuasi, Tamale, Takoradi, and Tema.

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Education & Social Change
- Global Health & Well-being
- Identity & Human Resilience
- Peace & Justice

Other topics:

- African Studies

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

Program Example:

In 2013, SIT ran a custom program focused on Social Transformation and Cultural Expression. This 20-day program included homestays, as well as excursions, site visits, and guest lectures.

India

Program Base: Sikkim, Jaipur, or New Delhi

Possible Excursions: Dehradun, Udaipur, Rajasthan, Pondicherry, Uttarakhand, Bahraich, Punjab, among many other locations throughout India.

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Education & Social Change
- Global Health & Well-being
- Identity & Human Resilience
- Peace & Justice

Other topics:

- Planet, people and profit
- Earth citizenship
- Holistic health and conscious evolution
- Education
- Food security/justice
- Communication for development

- Engineering for social development
- Any hard sciences
- Climate change in the Himalayas
- Agroecology-Science and practice
- India's coast- environment and development
- India's partition- legacy of migration and human rights
- Women and local governance in India

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

Program Example:

In 2018, SIT ran a custom program focused on Health Education and Outreach. This 3-week program included homestays and supported individual service projects, as well as excursions and site visits.

Indonesia

Program Base: Kerambitan, Bali

Possible Excursions: Java

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Identity & Human Resilience

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships

Program Example:

In 2019, SIT ran a custom program focused on Water & Culture from Rainforests to Reefs. This 3-week program included homestays and experiential learning, as well as excursions, site visits, and guest lectures.

Italy

Program Base: Rome

Possible Excursions: Many locations throughout Italy

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Education & Social Change

- Geopolitics & Power
- Identity & Human Resilience
- Peace & Justice

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

Jordan

Program Base: Amman

Possible Excursions: Aqaba, Petra, Wadi Rum, Um Qais, Madaba, the Dead Sea, Al Azraq, Dana, Karak, Ajloun, and Jerash.

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Education & Social Change
- Geopolitics & Power
- Global Health & Well-being
- Identity & Human Resilience
- Peace & Justice

- Cross-Culture Communication
- Psychology
- Archaeology
- Tourism
- Religion Studies
- Language studies
- Anthropology

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

Other topics:

- Gender Studies
- Women's rights/issues
- LGBTQ rights/issues
- Refugees
- Art and social change
- Engineering
- Food Security

Program Example:

In 2018, SIT ran a custom program focused on educational, environmental, economic, health, refugee, and social issues. This 2-month program included homestays and internships, as well as excursions, site visits, and guest lectures.

Kenya

Program Base: Kisumu

Possible Excursions: Nairobi, Makeni, Kakamega, Migori, and Homabay.

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Education & Social Change
- Global Health & Well-being
- Peace & Justice

Other topics:

- Climate change
- Urbanization

- Global health in the tropics
- Effects of political elections
- Gender dynamics
- Intercultural competence
- Ethnography
- Laboratory science
- Anthropology
- Development advocacy

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

Madagascar

Program Base: Antalaha

Possible Excursions: Antananarivo, Morondava, Andasibe, Diego, Fort Dauphin, and Tulear.

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Global Health & Well-being

Other topics:

- Marine biology
- Community-based natural resource management
- Traditional medical system
- Mother and child health
- Environmental education
- Food security

- Waste management
- Pollution
- Access to portable water
- Managing and coping strategies for natural disasters

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

Program Example:

In 2016, SIT ran a custom program focused on Biological and Cultural Aspects of Island Geography. This 3-week program included field work, as well as excursions, site visits, and guest lectures.

Malawi

Program Base: Lilongwe, Ntcheu

- Global Health & Well-being

Possible Excursions: Mulanje District

Program Options:

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality

- Homestays
 - Internships
 - Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
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Mongolia

Program Base: Ulaanbaatar

- Identity & Human Resilience

Possible Excursions: Erdenet, Harhorin and Erdene Zuu Monastery, Ovorkhangai aimag, Hamriin Hiid and Shambala Land in East Gobi aimag, and Huvsgul Lake in Huvsgul aimag.

Other topics:

- Cross-cultural communication
- Natural resource management
- Environment

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Geopolitics & Power

Program Options:

- Homestays
 - Internships
 - Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
 - Research
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Nepal

Program Base: Kathmandu

Other topics:

Possible Excursions: Most locations in Nepal, and potential international excursions to northern India and Bhutan.

- Gender
- Inequality

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Geopolitics & Power
- Identity & Human Resilience

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

Netherlands

Program Base: Amsterdam

Possible Excursions: Most locations in the Netherlands. There is also the potential for international excursions to Cologne, Germany; Antwerp, Belgium; and other smaller, delightful towns in Northern Europe.

Critical Global Issues:

- Development & Inequality
- Education & Social Change
- Identity & Human Resilience
- Peace & Justice

Other topics:

- Gender and sexuality within migration populations

- Integration of Muslim immigrants to the rather permissive Dutch sexual environment
- The rise of right-wing, nationalist hate groups

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

Program Example:

In 2017, SIT ran a custom program focused on Sexuality and Sexual Health Education in Amsterdam. This 2-week program included homestays and supported student photography projects, as well as excursions, site visits, and guest lectures.

Panama

Program Base: Panama City

Possible Excursions: Bocas del Toro, Chiriquí, Cocle, and Azuero.

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Education & Social Change
- Global Health & Well-being
- Identity & Human Resilience
- Peace & Justice

Other topics:

- Marine biology
- Indigenous rights
- Agriculture

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

Program Example:

In 2019, SIT ran a custom program focused on Field Ecology in Panama. This 3-week program included homestays and field-based activities, as well as excursions, site visits, and guest lectures.

Rwanda

Program Base: Kigali

Possible Excursions: Huye, Gisenyi, and Kibuye.

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Education & Social Change
- Global Health & Well-being
- Identity & Human Resilience
- Peace & Justice

Other topics:

- Conflict transformation and Peacebuilding
- Gender and women studies

- Transitional justice
- Ecotourism
- Genocide studies
- Religious studies

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships

Program Example:

In 2018, SIT ran a custom program focused on Genocide and its Aftermath in Rwanda. This 3-week program included homestays and a guided trip to a national park on safari, as well as excursions, site visits, and guest lectures.

Samoa

Program Base: Apia

Possible Excursions: Island of Savaii, Island of Manono, rural village visit in the village of Amaile Aleipata, Piula caves, To Sua trench, Poutasi Development Trust in Falealili, Papaseea Sliding rocks, Organic farms Moamoa, Lalomanu beach, Togitogiga Nature reserve, Fiji, and American Samoa.

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality

- Education & Social Change
- Identity & Human Resilience

Other topics:

- Traditional culture
- Indigenous knowledge
- Sustainable development
- Tourism

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

Senegal

Program Base: Dakar

Possible Excursions: Saint Louis, Joal, Touba, Thies, and Ziguinchor.

Critical Global Issues:

- Development & Inequality
- Education & Social Change
- Geopolitics & Power
- Identity & Human Resilience
- Peace & Justice

Other Topics:

- Race and diversity

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

Program Example:

In 2019, SIT ran a custom program focused on Global Blackness. This 1-week program included excursions, site visits, and guest lectures.

Serbia

Program Base: Belgrade

Possible Excursions: Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo.

Critical Global Issues:

- Identity & Human Resilience
- Peace & Justice

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships

Program Example:

In 2018, SIT ran a custom program focused on addressing human rights and the global refugee crisis. This 2-month program included internships, language classes, and homestays, as well as excursions, site visits, and guest lectures.

South Africa

Program Base: Durban and Cape Town

Possible Excursions: Johannesburg and international excursions including Lesotho, Swaziland, and Mozambique.

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Education & Social Change
- Geopolitics & Power
- Global Health & Well-being
- Identity & Human Resilience
- Peace & Justice

Other topics:

- Gender studies
- Identity politics
- Education
- Youth development
- History

- Politics
- Ethics
- Food justice
- Architecture and urban planning for social justice
- Diversity training
- Social science
- Environmental science

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

Program Example:

In 2018, SIT ran a custom program focused on Solidarity & Justice-Oriented Structural Change in South Africa. This 2-week program included a retreat, community work, and building bridges sessions.

Spain

Program Base: Bilbao

Possible Excursions: Girona (Catalonia)

Critical Global Issues:

- Development & Inequality
- Education & Social Change

- Geopolitics & Power
- Identity & Human Resilience
- Peace & Justice

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Research

Tunisia

Program Base: Sidi Bou Said

Possible Excursions: Kairawan, Mahdia, and Djerba.

Critical Global Issues:

- Development & Inequality
- Education & Social Change
- Geopolitics & Power
- Identity & Human Resilience
- Peace & Justice

Other topics:

- Gender studies
- Social justice
- Democratic transition

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

Uganda

Program Base: Kampala

Possible Excursions: Entebbe, Jinja, Mbarara, Masaka, Masindi, Gulu, Kapchorwa, and Mbale.

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Global Health & Well-being
- Identity & Human Resilience
- Peace & Justice

Other topics:

- Human security
- Food and nutrition security
- Health security - quality of life
- Environmental security
- Natural resource use and preservation

- Political security
- Domestic violence
- Armed conflicts and communal violence

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

Program Example:

In 2018, SIT ran a custom program focused on themes of contemporary life in Uganda, from health to education to economics and the impacts of tourism on the environment. This 2-week program included homestays – in rural and urban areas – and a game drive, as well as excursions, site visits, and guest lectures.

Vietnam

Program Base: Hanoi or Ho Chi Minh City

Possible Excursions: Da Lat City, Can Tho City, Hoi An City, Da Nang City, Hue City and Ha Noi Capital, Phong Nha-Ke bang, Ha Long Bay, Sapa, Quang Binh, Quang Tri, and Mekong Delta.

Critical Global Issues:

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality
- Education & Social Change
- Global Health & Well-being
- Identity & Human Resilience

Other topics:

- Climate Change
- Environmental issues related to development

- Education
- Social Change behavior campaign
- Wildlife protection
- Development issues
- Gender equality

Program Options:

- Homestays
- Internships
- Volunteer Opportunities (short-term)
- Research

Program Example:

In 2018, SIT ran a custom program focused on Climate Change and Conservation in Vietnam. This 10-day program included homestays and supported field work, as well as excursions, site visits, and guest lectures.