

# **CUSTOM PROGRAMS**

The following SIT program sites may have capacity to support custom and faculty-led programs - the locations listed with an asterisk (\*) have the ability to support virtual and/or hybrid custom programs. Availability of specific sites may depend on program dates, program duration, locations to be visited, size of student group, and other factors. For further information about our **international locations** regarding availability, program options, and supported themes, click on your country of interest below.

For program inquires or questions about our domestic locations, contact <a href="mailto:custom@sit.edu">custom@sit.edu</a>.

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Brazil\*

Cameroon\*

**Chile** 

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**Czech Republic\*** 

Ecuador\*

**Ghana\*** 

India\*

Indonesia\*

Italy

Iordan\*

Kenya\*

Madagascar

Malawi

Mongolia\*

Nepal\*

**Netherlands\*** 

Panama\*

Rwanda

Samoa

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Serbia\*

**South Africa\*** 

Spain\*

**Tunisia** 

**Uganda\*** 

Vietnam\*







Alabama

Arizona\*

Arkansas

California\*

Connecticut

District of Columbia\*

Florida

Georgia

Idaho\*

Illinois\*

Kentucky

Louisiana\*

Massachusetts\*

Michigan

Minnesota\*

Missouri

Montana\*

New York\*

North Carolina

Oregon\*

Rhode Island\*

South Carolina\*

Tennessee

Texas

Vermont\*

Virginia\*

West Virginia

## **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

## Cameroon\*

Program Base: Yaoundé

#### **Critical Global Issues:**

- Development & Inequality
- Identity & Human Resilience

## 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

- 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  $\frac{1}{2}$  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 postcommunism and current threats to democracy and political stability in the region

- 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

#### Other topics:

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

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

#### **Program Options:**

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

#### **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, Makueni, 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: Antalah

**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

**Possible Excursions:** Mulanje District

#### **Critical Global Issues:**

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality

• Global Health & Well-being

### **Program Options:**

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

## Mongolia\*

Program Base: Ulaanbaatar

Possible Excursions: Erdenet,

Harhorin and Erdene Zuu Monastery, Ovorkhangai aimag, Hamriin Hiid and Shambala Land in East Gobi aimag, and HuvsgulLake in Huvsgul aimag.

#### **Critical Global Issues:**

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

• Identity & Human Resilience

### Other topics:

- Cross-cultural communication
- Natural resource management
- Environment

### **Program Options:**

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

## Nepal\*

**Program Base:** Kathmandu

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

#### **Critical Global Issues:**

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

### Other topics:

- Gender
- Inequality

- 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

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 N ature reserve, Fiji, and American Samoa.

Possible Excursions: Island of Savaii, Island

#### **Critical Global Issues:**

- Climate & Environment
- Development & Inequality

- Education & Social Change
- Identity & Human Resilience

#### Other topics:

- Traditional culture
- Indigenous knowledge
- Sustainable development
- Tourism

- 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

- 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.