



Education Abroad in GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Benefits of International Experience

How societies approach and deal with development varies greatly around the globe and there is a lot to learn from exploring these different approaches. By studying abroad, Global Development Studies majors will have the opportunity to gain a wider perspective on the current global struggles and successes with development policy and practice. Many programs offer the opportunity to conduct field research or participate in an internship which allows students to gain practical experience outside of the classroom and expand their professional network. International education should be an integral component of your education to prepare you for our global community.

Student Testimonial

My time in Morocco was one of the most unforgettable experiences of my life. Each day was a new adventure filled with delicious food, amazing history, breathtaking scenery, and some of the world's friendliest people. Living with a host family allowed me to more fully engage with traditional Moroccan culture and talk to Moroccan people directly about pressing social issues within their country. As a GDS major, I was able to ground my complex experiences and conversations in a cultural framework that allowed me to better understand the beautiful country I was living in. Studying abroad in Morocco gave me the invaluable opportunity to supplement the abstract and theoretical concepts of GDS with concrete global examples. –Alexis Alvarez, GDS major, SIT Morocco



Steps to go abroad

- Get a passport
- Complete the online Education Abroad Workshop
- Talk with your department about timing and course requirements
- Meet with an ISO education abroad advisor and explore opportunities
- Learn about funding resources (financial aid, scholarships)
- Research programs and apply online
- Participate in cross-cultural seminars (CORE)

For GDS major course approvals, contact:

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For more information on program options, make an appointment online with an education abroad advisor according to your country or region of interest.

International Studies Office
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Interested in other disciplines?
Explore additional major advising sheets online at
educationabroad.virginia.edu/your-major

Academic and Timing Considerations

GDS students are encouraged to study abroad in the second semester of their third year. Elective course requirements can be fulfilled abroad. Students should select their program and courses in consultation with a GDS faculty advisor, who will help the student put together coursework which will culminate in a research paper for GDS 4991. GDS majors have to complete one language course beyond the 2020 level which is easily accomplished during a semester abroad.

International Opportunities in Global Development Studies

This list is a starting point; you are *not* limited to these options.

Africa

- **Jordan**, SIT – Modernization and Social Change*
- **Morocco**, SIT Migration and Transnational Identity, or Multiculturalism and Human Rights*§
- **Rwanda**, SIT: Post-Genocide Restoration and Peace-building§
- **Senegal**, Minnesota Studies in International Development*§
- **South Africa**, SIT: Social and Political Transformation*
- **Uganda**, SIT Development Studies*§

Asia

- **China**, SIT Language, Cultures, and Ethnic Minorities§
- **Indonesia**, SIT: Arts, Religion, and Social Change*§
- **Mongolia**, SIT Geopolitics and the Environment*§
- **Vietnam**, SIT: Culture, Social Change, and Development*§
- **India**, Alliance for Global Education-Contemporary India - Development, Economy, Society*§

Europe

- **Denmark**, DIS: Justice and Human Rights
- **Czech Republic**, SIT: Arts and Social Change in Prague§
- **Netherlands**, UVA Exchange at University of Amsterdam
- **Serbia**, SIT: Peace and Conflict studies in the Balkans§
- **Sweden**, UVA Exchange at Lund University
- **Switzerland**, SIT: International Studies and Multilateral Diplomacy in Geneva§
- **United Kingdom**, School of Oriental and African Studies

Latin America

*Internship available

§Fieldwork/field study available

- **Argentina**, IFSA-Butler: Argentine Universities Program in Buenos Aires
- **Argentina**, SIT: Transnationalism and comparative Development in South America*
- **Brazil**, SIT: Public Health, Race, and Human Rights in Salvador§
- **Brazil**, SIT: Social Justice and Sustainable Development§
- **Chile**, SIT: Cultural Identity, Social Justice, and Community Development *§
- **Ecuador**, University of Minnesota Studies in International Development

Oceania

- **Australia**, IES: University of Sydney
- **Fiji**, University of Wisconsin-Platteville: University of the South Pacific
- **Samoa**, SIT: Pacific Communities and Social Change§

Multiple Destinations

- International Honors Programs*§

