

EDUCATION ABROAD IN GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES



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WHAT'S NEXT?

- Take the Education Abroad Workshop
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BENEFITS OF AN 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.

ACADEMIC & TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Global development studies 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.

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WHAT PROGRAMS ARE OUT THERE? READ ON!

International Opportunities in Global Development Studies

This is just a starting point and students are not limited to these options.

Africa

- **Rwanda**, SIT: Post-Genocide Restoration and Peacebuilding§
- **Uganda**, SIT Development Studies§
- **Senegal**, University of Minnesota: Senegal: Dakar: Studies in International Development*

Asia

- **Mongolia**, SIT Geopolitics and the Environment§
- **Vietnam**, SIT: Vietnam: Culture, Social Change, and Development§
- **India**, IFSA: Contemporary India*

Middle East & North Africa

- **Morocco**, SIT: Morocco: Rabat: Migration and Transnational Identity§
- **Morocco**, SIT: Morocco: Rabat: Multiculturalism and Human Rights§

Multiple

- International Honors Program: Health and Community

Latin America

- **Argentina**, IFSA: Argentina: Argentine Universities Program
- **Ecuador**, University of Minnesota Studies in International Development*

Europe

- **Serbia**, SIT: Peace and Conflict studies in the Balkans§
- **Netherlands**, UVA Exchange: University of Amsterdam
- **Sweden**, UVA Exchange: Lund University
- **United Kingdom**, School of Oriental and African Studies

Oceania

- **Samoa**, SIT: Pacific Communities and Social Change§
- **Fiji**, UW Madison-Platteville: Fiji: University of the South Pacific

* Internship available

§ Fieldwork/field study available

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



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