

# Master of Arts in Diplomacy & International Relations

## Flight, Passport & Visa Information

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## General Flight Information

This document is designed to assist you in making your travel arrangements. An essential part of your preparation for your program includes obtaining the proper travel documentation for your international stay. Please read this document carefully to determine if you need to take immediate action to prepare for travel.

You are responsible for booking your own travel to and from the program locations. In addition, it is your responsibility to read and understand the terms and conditions for your airline ticket(s), to reconfirm your flight reservations in advance of the day of travel, and to be aware of airline and TSA regulations for baggage size and contents. SIT is not responsible for additional charges you may incur due to airline schedule changes or other travel-related reasons.

Once you have finalized your travel arrangements, please upload your flight details into the confirmation portal no later than 30 days prior to departure; this will ensure that SIT staff knows when to expect you.

Please note that medical insurance provided to you through SIT Graduate Institute covers you only while you are outside the US and while you are enrolled with SIT. This coverage is not in effect while you are in the US during any component of the program. All students should carry their own travel accident and illness insurance while traveling independently before or after official SIT programming and US students should maintain coverage in the US throughout the course of their program.

## General Passport Information

To participate in this program, you will need a signed passport that is valid for at least six months after the end of the practicum period.

- If necessary, apply for a new passport or renewal immediately.
- US Citizens: consult [U.S. State Department information](#) for passport processing times and application procedures.
- Non-US Citizens: contact your local passport office.

Students are responsible for their own passports. Please make a copy of the first two pages of your passport (one of which has your photo), and your visa (if applicable), and store in a separate location than your passport. Throughout the term, students should always keep a copy of their passport and visa on their person.

## General Visa Information

A visa is an official endorsement from a foreign government permitting entry into and travel within a particular country or region for a specified period. A visa may be glued or stamped directly into an applicant's passport or be on a separate paper for insertion into the passport. It may be obtained before departure or upon arrival in country.

You are responsible for complying with all visa procedures and deadlines. Keep in mind that procedures and fees are subject to change at the discretion of the embassy or consulate with jurisdiction over your application. Students should double-check visa procedures.

Issuance of visas is at the sole discretion of the applicable consulate or embassy; SIT assumes no responsibility for the issuance or denial of any visa.

## Additional Documents Required for Crossing the Border

- Letter from SIT
- Health Insurance Information
- Passport & Visa

## Washington, DC Arrival & Departure Information

WASHINGTON, DC ARRIVAL	WASHINGTON, DC DEPARTURE
<b>September 8, 2024</b>	<b>September 21, 2024</b>
Dulles International Airport (IAD) or Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA)	Dulles International Airport (IAD)
Take Metro, taxi, Uber, etc. to your accommodation	Take metro, taxi, Uber, etc. to the airport

## Switzerland Arrival & Departure Information

SWITZERLAND ARRIVAL	SWITZERLAND DEPARTURE
<b>September 22, 2024</b>	<b>December 13, 2024</b>
Geneva Airport (GVA)	Geneva Airport (GVA)
Take public or private transport to your accommodation.	Take public or private transport to your accommodation.

**Notes:** Arrival prior to the start of the program is **NOT** recommended. This will cause your entry visa obtained upon arrival to expire before the other students' visas. Please note that medical insurance, provided to you through SIT Study Graduate Institute for the duration of your program, is not in effect either before the program start date or after the program end date.

### SWITZERLAND AIRLINE INFORMATION

The following airlines provide consistent reliable service to Geneva Airport: **Lufthansa, Swiss, Delta, American Airlines.**

**NOTE:** If you are unable to find suitable travel arrangements which will allow you to arrive at the specified date and time, please contact your admissions counselor as soon as possible—**BEFORE** you make any reservations.

Arrival prior to the start of the program is **NOT** recommended. This will cause your entry visa obtained upon arrival to expire before the other students' visas.

## SWITZERLAND VISA INFORMATION

### Students with US passports:

For this program, students with US passports can travel up to 90 days visa free in Switzerland

### Students with non-US passports:

Students without a US passport may be subject to additional or different requirements for obtaining a visa or meeting other conditions of entry into Switzerland. We strongly recommend that you contact the embassy of Switzerland very early in the process to confirm visa and/or entry requirements applicable to your country of citizenship and determine next steps while allowing plenty of time to apply.

## South Africa Arrival & Departure Information

SOUTH AFRICA ARRIVAL	SOUTH AFRICA DEPARTURE
February 8, 2025	May 2, 2025
O. R. Tambo International Airport (JNB)	O. R. Tambo International Airport (JNB)
Students will do a 3-day study tour in Johannesburg prior to traveling to Durban. SIT staff will assist with airport pickup and transfer upon arrival. Details will be provided prior to departure for South Africa.	Take public or private transport to the airport.

## SOUTH AFRICAN AIRLINE INFORMATION

The following airlines provide consistent reliable service to O. R. Tambo International Airport: **South African Airlines, Turkish Airlines, Kenya Airways, Qatar Airways, and Emirates.**

**NOTE: If you are unable to find suitable travel arrangements which will allow you to arrive at the specified date and time, please contact your admissions counselor as soon as possible—BEFORE you make any reservations.**

Arrival prior to the start of the program is **NOT** recommended. This will cause your entry visa obtained upon arrival to expire before the other students' visas.

## SOUTH AFRICA VISA INFORMATION

### Students with US passports:

For this program, students with US passports can travel up to 90 days visa free in South Africa. Further information about visa application processes will be sent by e-mail from your admissions counselor. **DO NOT** apply for any visas until you receive this information.

### Students with non-US passports:

Students without a US passport may be subject to additional or different requirements for obtaining a visa or meeting other conditions of entry into South Africa. We strongly recommend that you

contact the embassy of South Africa very early in the process to confirm visa and/or entry requirements applicable to your country of citizenship and determine next steps while allowing plenty of time to apply.