

Master of Arts in Diplomacy and International Relations

Housing Information 2024-2025

General Housing Information

Room and board are the responsibility of each graduate student, and costs are NOT included in the tuition. However, housing assistance is available through SIT. This document outlines some of those options, but students can find their own housing if preferred.

Washington, DC Housing Options

You are responsible for booking your own room and board during your two-week stay in Washington, DC. Note that each day of your stay will include visits to an organization or agency working in international affairs during the day and a late afternoon graduate seminar, which will take place at World Learning, 1015 15th St NW #750, Washington, DC 20005.

It makes sense, therefore, to stay in a central location. Good options include downtown Washington, Georgetown, Kalorama, Dupont Circle, Foggy Bottom, Adams Morgan, or Columbia Heights. Each of these areas is conveniently located near an area Metro system, which is efficient and safe.

In the past, students have arranged for housing through Airbnb and local hotels. The price for housing varies. A shared Airbnb, for example, will cost anywhere from \$30 - \$75 USD per night. Hotels start at roughly \$80 USD per night but can get much more expensive than that.

Switzerland Housing Options

Securing housing in Switzerland is somewhat complicated and students are encouraged to begin their search early in the summer (May or June). Please see the suggested options and links in the pre-departure document titled “Housing Suggestions and Links for Switzerland”.

HOW IS HOUSING ARRANGED?

Students are urged to work directly with our Swiss Academic Coordinator Joe Apostolidis well in advance of your arrival for advice and suggestions. Joe can be reached at: apostolos.apostolidis@sit.edu.

UNIVERSITY RESIDENCES, YOUTH HOSTELS, APARTMENTS (estimates).

- University residences in Geneva and Lausanne, from USD 1,000 – 2,000 per month.
- Youth hostels for a private room, from USD 2,300 - 3,500 per month.
- Apartments: Airbnb or private landlords, from USD 1,500 – 5,000 per month.
- No homestay option.

ACCOMODATIONS DURING FIELD VISITS

- Modest hotel accommodation at a bed and breakfast, during the 4-day study trip to Vienna is part of your tuition fee.
- Students will share a room with another classmate.
- Travel to and from Vienna and accommodation arrangements will be made and paid for by SIT.
- Meals and other costs are your own responsibility.

South Africa Housing Options

Shared Apartment with SIT Graduate Students, Hostel, Modest Hotel, or Homestay

- Apartments generally cost about \$950 USD per month
- Homestays generally cost about \$775 USD per month
- Modest hotels generally cost about \$1,550 - \$2,170 USD per month

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Students are urged to work directly with our South Africa Program Assistant Shola Haricharan well in advance of your arrival in Durban for a list of available options and advice. Shola can be reached at: sitdurban@njcmail.co.za.

ACCOMODATIONS DURING FIELD VISITS

- Modest hotel accommodation at a bed and breakfast during program field visits is part of your tuition fee.
- Students will share a room with another classmate.
- Travel to the site and accommodation arrangements will be made and paid for by SIT.
- Meals and other costs are your own responsibility.