

# Global Master's in International Education

## Flight, Passport, & Visa Information 2026-2027

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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 United States and while you are enrolled with SIT. This coverage is not in effect while you are in the United States 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 U.S. students should maintain coverage in the United States 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.
- U.S. Citizens: consult the [U.S. State Department](#) for passport processing times and application procedures.
- Non-U.S. 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 of time. 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.

## SPAIN ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE INFORMATION

SPAIN ARRIVAL	SPAIN DEPARTURE
<b>Sunday, September 5, 2026*</b>	<b>Saturday, December 5, 2026*</b>
Seville Airport, Seville, Spain (SVQ)	Seville Airport, Seville, Spain (SVQ)
Questions prior to travel can be directed to the Program Coordinator. Students will be advised about a meeting spot prior to their travel.	SIT will facilitate transportation to the airport.
Health entry requirements (such as proof of vaccination or testing) are subject to change. Please check the latest official guidance before travel.	Health entry requirements (such as proof of vaccination or testing) are subject to change. Please check the latest official guidance before travel.

## SPAIN VISA INFORMATION

### Students with U.S. passports

The documents that citizens of the United States need to present to enter Spain are the following:

- **Passport:** The passport must be valid for a minimum of 3 months from the date of departure from Spain. You must leave at least 2 blank pages, so that the migration authorities can stamp it when entering Spain.
- **Air ticket:** The air ticket must indicate the arrival and departure dates and must be within the allowed 90 days of stay.
- **Accommodation:** Confirmed reservation of where you are going to stay during your stay.
- **Reason for the trip:** If asked by the migration authority for the reason you are visiting Spain, you should reply that you are traveling for tourism and your own learning. Do not reply that you will be studying or you may not be granted an entry visa.
- **Economic means:** You must demonstrate that you have the necessary money to be able to pay for your stay. A copy of a bank statement showing you have funds for rent, meals, and other expenses, or a credit card, will suffice.

A non-EU national who stays in the Schengen Zone beyond 90 days (without a residence permit or long-stay visa) is illegally present, which can result in a re-entry ban to the Schengen area and a penalty fee. Once the 90 days have passed, you will not be able to apply for another tourist visa until 180 days have passed since the first entry into the Schengen territory.

### Students with non-U.S. passports

Students with passports from a country other than the United States may be subject to distinct requirements for obtaining a visa or meeting other conditions of entry into the two program countries. Many countries require individuals to apply for visas in person at the relevant embassy or consulate located in their country of citizenship. We strongly recommend that students with passports from a country other than the United States contact the Spanish embassy closest to you immediately to confirm visa and/or entry requirements applicable to your country of citizenship and to determine next steps while allowing plenty of time to apply.

## NEPAL ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE INFORMATION

NEPAL ARRIVAL	NEPAL DEPARTURE
<b>Saturday, January 30, 2026*</b>	<b>Saturday, May 1, 2026*</b>
Tribhuvan International Airport (KTM)	Tribhuvan International Airport (KTM)
Program staff will meet you at the International Arrivals Gate.	SIT staff will help you identify appropriate transport back to the airport.
Health entry requirements (such as proof of vaccination or testing) are subject to change. Please check the latest official guidance before travel.	Health entry requirements (such as proof of vaccination or testing) are subject to change. Please check the latest official guidance before travel.

**Group Meeting Information:** Upon arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport (KTM) in Kathmandu, each student will be met by a SIT staff member. Students will either be taken as a group to their hotel or they may be directed to take an airport taxi.

## NEPAL VISA INFORMATION

### Required documents for all students

- Passport: Must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your date of arrival in Nepal.
- Passport-sized photo: Typically one or two photos.
- Visa fee: Cash payment (preferably in USD) or card, depending on your application method.
- Travel details: Some travelers may need to show proof of onward travel (a return or onward flight ticket).

### How to apply for the visa

To apply for a tourist visa for Nepal, you can follow these steps:

#### 1. Online Application

Nepal offers an online visa application system, making the process quicker and easier:

Visit the official Nepal Immigration website: <https://nepaliport.immigration.gov.np/>

Fill out the online visa application form with your details.

Upload a passport-sized photo and your passport information (passport must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of arrival in Nepal).

After filling out the form, you will receive a payment invoice for the visa fee.

Pay the visa fee online through available payment methods.

After payment, print the visa application confirmation page, which you will need to present on arrival.

#### 2. Visa on Arrival

If you prefer, you can also obtain a visa upon arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu:

Bring the required documents: Your passport (with at least 6 months validity), passport-sized photo, and sufficient funds.

Visa Fees: 90 days, USD 125 in 2025,

Complete the arrival visa application form at the airport.

Pay the fee at the visa counter and receive your visa stamp in your passport.

### 3. Tourist Visa Duration and Extensions

**Initial visa:** You'll receive a visa that can be extended for up to 150 days in a calendar year.

**Extension:** You can apply for an extension at the Department of Immigration in Kathmandu or Pokhara.

It's important to check the official Nepal government website or consult with the nearest Nepali embassy before your trip for the latest updates on visa regulations and fees.

## SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL

SIT encourages students to make thoughtful choices that reduce the environmental impact of their international travel and time abroad. As you prepare for your program, consider the following practices:

**Carbon Offsetting:** Many airlines and independent organizations offer carbon offset programs that allow you to balance the emissions created by your flights. Offsetting helps support projects that reduce greenhouse gases, such as reforestation, renewable energy, and community sustainability initiatives.

**Transportation Choices:** Whenever possible, choose public transportation, walking, or cycling instead of private taxis or rideshares. Trains and buses are not only more sustainable, but they also provide opportunities to experience local culture and daily life.

**Packing and Consumption:** Pack light to reduce luggage weight and fuel usage on flights. Bring reusable water bottles, shopping bags, and utensils to minimize reliance on single-use plastics. Purchase local products and foods to reduce the environmental footprint of imported goods.

**Energy and Water Conservation:** Be mindful of electricity and water usage in your housing and host communities. Simple steps such as turning off lights, unplugging electronics, and limiting water waste contribute to sustainability.

**Respect Local Environmental Practices:** Learn about the environmental concerns of your host country, including recycling systems, protected natural areas, and conservation priorities. Follow local guidelines to support these efforts.

Sustainable travel is not only about reducing environmental impact but also about engaging responsibly with host communities. Each small action contributes to a more ethical and environmentally conscious global learning experience.