

SIT Switzerland

Global Health and Development Policy

IAP Academic Notes

This program examines public health systems, health policy, and development from the international nexus of Geneva. Particular emphasis is placed on the role played by international agencies, civil society actors, and the public sector in shaping health policy and systems.

The program investigates prominent issues dominating the international health and development arena, including: healthcare interventions in complex emergencies; mental health; health security; access to medicines; and vulnerable groups such as migrants. Students also examine critical links between health, the environment, and development, focusing in particular on nutrition and water.

Registration

IAP will register you for a special “Study Abroad Course” for the term(s) you will be studying abroad; therefore, it is not necessary for you to register on the UW-Madison campus. This is a temporary registration, which will be converted into graded UW-Madison credit after the completion of your program.

Limits and Load

All participants must enroll in all required program courses for a total of 16 credits. The required courses are: Development Policy and Health, Perspectives on Global Health, an intensive French language course, Research Methods and Ethics, and the independent study project.

UW Madison students are not able to receive credit for any internship option on the SIT program. All UW students will need to select the independent study project when given a choice between the project and an internship.

Equivalents and Course Equivalent Request (CER)

Each course you take abroad must be assigned a UW-Madison “equivalent” and the grade you receive in the course also transfers back to be recorded on your UW-Madison transcript. In order to establish UW-Madison course equivalents for your study abroad courses, you will submit a Course Equivalent Request (CER) through your My Study Abroad account. The deadline to submit the CER is by the end of the fourth week of classes. Detailed information on the UW course equivalent process that you will use through your My Study Abroad account is available in the IAP Study Abroad Handbook and in your My Study Abroad account under the academics tab.

Please note that every course you take abroad must be awarded an equivalent UW course. There are no exceptions. It is important to start the equivalent process as soon as possible to avoid any delay in posting your study abroad courses to your UW Madison transcript.

Independent study projects will receive a course equivalent. The equivalent is determined based on the actual project completed by each individual student. You will need to submit a syllabus for

your work. It is also likely that you will need to submit a copy of your final paper in order for the equivalent to be determined.

Pass/Fail/Drop/Audit

Please refer to the IAP Study Abroad Handbook for Academic Policies at UW. Please also refer to your SIT program handbook for the SIT academic policies. You will declare a class pass/fail through your My Study Abroad account.

Credits

This program is a 1:1 credit scale, so a 3 credit course on the program will be posted as 3 credits at UW Madison. All participants must enroll in 16 credits for the semester.

Grades and Grade Conversions

The grading conversion scale for this program is as follows:

SIT grade	UW-Madison Equivalent
A+/A	A
A-/B+	AB
B	B
B-	BC
C+	BC
C/C-	C
D+/D	D
F	F