SIT PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDES COURSEWORK IN AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

Brazil: Amazon Resource Management and Human Ecology
http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_bra.cfm?cp=2014SSP

The SIT Amazon program provides firsthand insights into resource management and human ecology in the Amazon River Basin, through site visits to rainforest villages, research laboratories, extractive industry sites, and archaeological sites. Students take extended excursions to different areas of the Amazon including west and southern Pará, pristine areas, and areas of extensive logging and land degradation. Coursework looks at problems of sustainability from different vantage points, including large-scale development projects (mining, hydroelectric dams, roads, agribusiness) and small familial agriculture.

Panama: Tropical Ecology, Marine Ecosystems, and Biodiversity Conservation
http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_pne.cfm?cp=2014SSP
Students meet with NGO activists and local community members, including subsistence farmers, to gain an in-depth understanding of how issues related to development and conservation affect lives and livelihoods within local communities. Excursions include visiting coastal fishing communities, a sustainable coffee farm in La Amistad International Park buffer zone, an organic agroforestry chocolate farm, and an industrial banana plantation.

Peru: Indigenous Peoples and Globalization
http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_per.cfm?cp=2014SSP
During this six-day excursion to the Pacaya Samiria National Reserve in the Peruvian Amazon the students experience the rich Amazon ecosystem firsthand while trekking through the rainforest and navigating on the Marañón, a tributary of the Amazon River. The excursion is organized in conjunction with SIT's partner organization, ProNaturaleza, a Peruvian non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of biodiversity in the Amazon. A highlight of the excursion is exploring the sustainable communal management of natural resources in the protected area. Students engage with community members and receive training in the monitoring of local production, including the collection of palm seeds and turtle eggs and the regulated fishing of paiche*.

Mongolia: Geopolitics and the Environment
http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_mfr.cfm?cp=2014SSP
A central factor in Mongolia's development planning is the fate of the country's abundant natural resources, particularly coal and copper. Students scrutinize the multitude of ways in which mining, conservation of pasturelands, grazing rights, and other resource management issues are shaping public and private life. Additional areas of study include public policy prioritization, urbanization, conceptions of private property, and shifting livelihoods and pastoral traditions.

Vietnam: Culture, Social Change, and Development
http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_vnr.cfm?cp=2014SSP
Exposure to sustainable agriculture and fishery practices in the Mekong Delta. Students have a week rural homestay and community service project

Indonesia: Arts, Religion, and Social Change
http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_abr.cfm?cp=2014SSP
Students this term literally worked in rice fields in north Bali as part of their village homestay period

China: Language, Cultures, and Ethnic Minorities
http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_chr.cfm?cp=2014SSP
This program exposes students to rural life and livelihoods in Yunnan Province, especially as it relates to ethnic minority culture/economy

Australia: Rainforest, Reef, and Cultural Ecology
http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_ase.cfm?cp=2014SSP
This program includes fishery practices

India: Sustainable Development and Social Change
http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_ind.cfm?cp=2014SSP
Exposure to rural development, including some agricultural practices in north India

Nepal: Development and Social Change
http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_npr.cfm?cp=2014SSP
This program includes development politics that relate to agricultural practices

Samoa: Pacific Communities and Social Change
http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_wsr.cfm?cp=2014SSP
Aquaculture and fishery economies exposure in Samoa

Morocco: Multiculturalism and Human Rights
http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_mor.cfm?cp=2014SSP

Morocco: Migration and Transnational Identity
http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_mom.cfm?cp=2014SSP

Jordan: Modernization and Social Change
http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_jor.cfm?cp=2014SSP

The Morocco and Jordan programs all have rural homestays and address issues that pertain to agriculture and/or fishery either in relation to water shortage, subsistence farming and development rural women and development, and farming and migration

Tanzania: Wildlife Conservation and Political Ecology
http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_tze.cfm?cp=2014SSP

From the program base in the heart of Tanzania's most renowned wilderness parks, students explore the country's diverse human and natural environments through seminars and field visits to nature reserves and conservation areas. Kiswahili language study, an extended homestay near Arusha, and a rural stay with a Maasai community complement more formal intellectual engagements via discussions, readings, and field research. Lecturers are drawn from institutions such as: Sokoine University of Agriculture and the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute

Tanzania-Zanzibar: Coastal Ecology and Natural Resource Management
http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_tzz.cfm?cp=2014SSP
The interdisciplinary coursework in the Tanzania: Zanzibar — Coastal Ecology and Natural Resource Management program focuses on coastal ecology and natural resource management in the context of coastal Tanzania. Students examine the impact of human activity on the environment and the ways in which thoughtful and sustainable management of natural resources can serve both human and environmental interests.

Madagascar: Biodiversity and Natural Resource Management
http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_mge.cfm?cp=2014SSP
This program has these topics at their thematic core.

Madagascar: Urbanization and Rural Development
http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/ssa_mgr.cfm?cp=2014SSP
This program is moving toward a focus on urbanization and rural development that includes a focus on rural livelihoods (primarily subsistence agriculture).