

Vermont's SIT Launches Lesbian, Gay, Bi Studies Program

The School for International Training (SIT) in Brattleboro announced that it is launching the first-ever U.S. undergraduate lesbian, gay, bisexual study abroad program. It will be held in the Netherlands starting in February. The semester long program, open to students attending colleges and universities throughout the U.S., will feature interdisciplinary seminars on life and culture of the Netherlands, a country with a long history of tolerance. Faculty from the University of Utrecht and the University of Amsterdam will lecture on lesbian, gay and bisexual studies. Representatives from numerous organizations will participate as well. The curriculum will include such topics as social theories of sexuality, homosexuality and the law, lesbian and gay families, and a survey of lesbian and gay literature.

Students will receive language training and have home stays with Dutch families, including lesbian and gay families. Field trips are planned to Copenhagen and/or Berlin, homes of Europe's largest gay communities. An increasing number of U.S. universities and colleges offer a lesbian, gay, and bisexual studies curriculum, including Brown University, the University of Massachusetts/Amherst, and Middlebury College. SIT's program is the first study abroad program to be dedicated to the topic.

For more information on the program and SIT, write SIT, College Semester Abroad, PO Box 676, Brattleboro, VT 05302-0676 or call (802) 451-4465. ▼

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