

# POLITICAL CULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE GULF

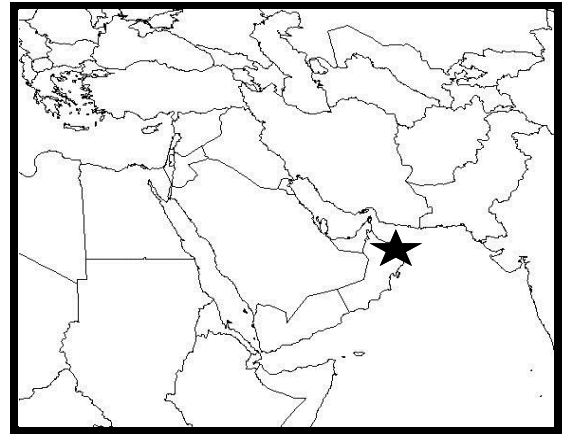
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## APPLICATION DEADLINE\*

February 8: all terms for 2012-2013 academic year

## ELIGIBILITY

GPA: 3.0  
Enrollment is limited.



This program includes the following opportunities:

- Internships     Service Learning     Community/Field Study     Research     Community Service

## CALENDAR

FALL SEMESTER: AUGUST—DECEMBER

SPRING SEMESTER: JANUARY—MAY

## PROGRAM

School for International Training (SIT) programs are experiential and offer structured coursework with cultural immersion, community engagement, and independent field-based research. This is an interdisciplinary, theme based program that typically consist of 10-30 students from U.S. universities. Courses are taught by local experts, professors and professionals. SIT provides orientations, housing, educational excursions and extensive support.

## ACADEMICS

The Political Culture and Economic Development in the Gulf program has a set curriculum including intensive Arabic language study, a thematic seminar, field study seminar, and an independent study project (ISP). Students choose between two seminar options: Economic Development, Energy, and Diversification in the Gulf or Political Culture and Development. The ISP is conducted in the final weeks of the program and provides you the opportunity to research a topic (related to your thematic seminar) which you are passionate about, working in collaboration with community members and organizations. Many students consider the ISP the most rewarding and challenging aspect of the study abroad experience.

## COST

### Billed by DU:

- DU Tuition
- DU Technology Fee
- Study Abroad Housing
- Study Abroad Meals

*Non-Cherrington Scholars will be charged a \$50 application fee and a program fee.*

## LOCATION: MUSCAT, OMAN

This program is based in Muscat (pop. 630,000), a historic port city and the country's capital. Oman is located east of Saudi Arabia on the Arabian peninsula. It is considered a traditional state, yet has a progressive political and social policy amongst its neighbors.

## HOUSING & MEALS

Students typically spend six weeks living with host families in Muscat. Many students extend this period by opting to stay with their host families during the ISP. Omani host families are usually middle to upper class and are ethnically diverse; they may include Arabic, Swahili, Hindi, or Baluchi speakers. You will also participate in a short (2-8 days) rural visit. Other accommodations during the programs may include small hotels, hostels or educational institutions. Meals are included.

## CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

SIT programs provide ample opportunities for cultural engagement and immersion through urban and rural homestays, connections with local experts, educational excursions, and your ISP. In addition to excursions within Oman, the program visits the United Arab Emirates and Qatar. Take advantage of these experiences - it is up to YOU to make the most of your study abroad experience!

### Student Costs\*\*:

The cost of living varies in other cities and countries. Talk to returnees from the program to find out what personal expenses to expect, but remember that they vary by lifestyle. Check [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) for current exchange rates.

SIT offers scholarships; check their [website](#) for details.

**\*Instructions on how to apply are on the back of this flyer →**

\*\*For more details on student expenses, refer to DU's web site: <http://www.du.edu/intl/abroad/costs.html>

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# HOW TO APPLY

⇒ **Attend Study Abroad 101**

Held weekdays at the I-House. See website for schedule ([www.du.edu/intl/abroad/info\\_sessions.html](http://www.du.edu/intl/abroad/info_sessions.html)).

⇒ **Meet with an international education advisor**

Learn about your options and get answers to your questions.

⇒ **Apply for a passport—<http://travel.state.gov/passport>**

If you already have one, make sure you know where it is and when it expires.

⇒ **Apply to study abroad!**

If you are convinced the program described on this flyer is right for you, follow the steps below to apply. Turn your COMPLETE application in to the front desk at the I-House.

**ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED. THIS IS A LIMITED-ENROLLMENT PROGRAM.**

## DU APPLICATION: DUE FEBRUARY 8

- University of Denver Study Abroad Application on [MyWeb](#)
- Academic Advisor's signature on your completed and printed online application form
- DU short-answer essays
- Official transcript(s) from other universities attended, if applicable
- Non-Cherrington students will be charged a \$50 application fee to their DU account.

**Note:** Cherrington status may be revoked at any time due to a change in your student conduct or academic status. Also, the OIE will request your DU transcript; check and clear any holds now to avoid delays in processing your application!

## PROGRAM APPLICATION: DUE AFTER YOU'VE BEEN NOMINATED

Once you've been nominated for this program, you will be required to submit the following:

- The SIT On-line Application includes essays, a letter to your homestay family, your Independent Study Project Proposal, 2 Academic References, and a Participation of Approval form.  
Open the SIT application at [https://secure.worldlearning.org/applications/ssa/ssa\\_intro.cfm](https://secure.worldlearning.org/applications/ssa/ssa_intro.cfm).  
You do NOT need to pay the application fee. Your Participation of Approval form will be completed by your OIE advisor after your application is submitted and reviewed. References should be received electronically by SIT no later than the DU application deadline. If you prefer to submit hard copies of your references they should be submitted to the OIE in a signed and sealed envelope.



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