

# CHOOSING SST TRAVEL COURSES

## The Big Picture

Here are the goals of Goshen College's SST program:

- To learn to know yourself (and your own culture) better and reflect on your position in the world.
- To function competently and respectfully in languages and cultures different from your own.
- To develop a personal sense of responsibility for the common good in the world by working alongside others
- To understand complex issues within global systems and how they affect people who are disadvantaged.

*How do these goals fit with your own? How can you make the most of this rare and precious opportunity? Thinking through the questions below can help you narrow your choices:*

## How long are you able to be gone?

*Italicized options NOT running in 2025-26*

Question	If YES, your travel course choices are...
<p><i>Are you interested in 13 weeks abroad?</i></p> <p>Recommended for all who are able to take advantage of this opportunity. Learn another language, live with host families and have an international field placement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ecuador (Spring, May-Summer)</li> <li>● Indonesia (Spring)</li> <li>● <i>Tanzania (Spring)</i></li> </ul> <p>Consult the Global Education Office if you want to pursue options available through other schools.</p>
<p><i>Is a three to six-week travel experience in May more realistic for you? All courses run for three weeks in May Term unless indicated otherwise.</i></p> <p>Both domestic and international locations; may include short homestays and volunteer work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Freedom Summer: U.S. South</li> <li>● Guatemala</li> <li>● London</li> <li>● <i>India (3 weeks with optional second course, Summer Term I)</i></li> <li>● <i>Navajo Nation (6 weeks, May and Summer Term I)</i></li> <li>● Northern Ireland (3 weeks, Summer Term I)</li> <li>● Puerto Rico</li> <li>● U.S. Environmental Disaster site</li> </ul>
<p><i>Is group travel limited to 4-5 days best for you?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chicago to Amish Country (May)</li> <li>● <i>Renaissance and Resilience (Detroit, spring)</i></li> <li>● Eastern-European Immigration (Regional, fall)</li> </ul>
<p><i>Do you need to limit your immersive learning to local options?</i></p>	<p><b>GLST 251:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Culturally Responsive Health Promotion (Spring)</li> </ul> <p><b>GLST 271:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Perspectives in Global Health (Fall)</li> <li>● Latino Community Histories (Spring)</li> <li>● Interreligious Dialogue &amp; Mediation (Fall)</li> <li>● Spanish Conversation &amp; Culture (Fall)</li> <li>● Multilingual Learners (Spring)</li> <li>● Interreligious Dialogue and Mediation (Fall)</li> <li>● Music with United Sound (Fall)</li> </ul>

## What themes matter to you?

Which theme relates most closely to your interests or major? To see all course options in a thread, go to [GLST Course Descriptions by Thread](#).

Themes	Destinations with this theme	Other destinations strong in this theme
Arts and Purpose	London, Northern Ireland	Javanese arts figure prominently in Indonesia SST
Ecological justice	Environmental Disaster site, Detroit, India, Tanzania	Effects of climate change can be witnessed everywhere!
Global Health and Equity	All courses are on campus or in Elkhart County	Semester SST units offer volunteer field placement options in health care settings in Ecuador, Indonesia and Tanzania.
Global Heartland	Chicago and Elkhart County	Any campus-based GLST 251 or 271
Hispanic Identities and Resilience	Puerto Rico, Guatemala	Ecuador
Interreligious Relations	Destinations pending	Encounter Islamic culture and the interplay between major world religions in the Indonesia semester SST unit.
Peace and Reconciliation: see how societies manage ethnic diversity	Indonesia	Courses in Interreligious Relations thread; Northern Ireland...all locations!
Themes related to Indigenous Communities	Navajo Nations, Ecuador	Most international locations

## 4. What fits your academic schedule?

Your advisor needs to help you with this.

Choosing a May-Summer SST unit is a great solution if your schedule is crowded. But remember that a May-summer semester SST unit counts as one of your eight semesters for financial aid. Check with Financial Aid to see how this would affect you. Plan to take off another semester; cover costs without financial aid; or arrange to go part-time for a ninth semester if just a few courses are still needed.

## Is cost a factor for you?

**SST Destinations by Cost:** Costs may vary depending when you take the course. For white courses, 2025-26 tuition and room and board costs apply; grayed courses are not running in 2025-26, so future pricing is not available. The 2024-25 pricing is provided to give you a rough idea of future costs.

Destination	Travel costs in addition to tuition, room & board	Is room and board required of all students?	Other costs
India, GLST 251	\$3200	\$1175 for GLST 251	Passport, immunizations
London	\$2300	YES	Students also pay lunch & dinner.
Northern Ireland		YES	
Indonesia	\$1800	YES	Passport, immunizations
Tanzania	\$1800	\$5885	Passport, immunizations
Puerto Rico	\$1500	\$1175	
Guatemala	\$1100	YES	Passport; may need immunizations
Ecuador	\$900 Plus summer tuition IF May-Summer term	YES	Passport, immunizations
Chicago	\$300	NO	
Enviro Disaster site	\$300	YES	
Eastern-European Immigration	\$300	NO	
On campus courses	\$0	NO	

## Special Cases

Extra costs for the summer courses below include tuition. Summer tuition is lower than the semester rate.

- **Northern Ireland, GLST 271:** Summer tuition \$2770 (2025-26 pricing); plus \$2330 travel, room & board.
- **Navajo Nation and India, GLST 271:** Pricing is also altered by summer tuition rates. Check back next year for 2026-27 fees.

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## *Is cost a factor? continued*

Are you willing to *plan ahead* and pursue scholarship opportunities that can help you pay for SST?  
This may require filling out forms, gathering documents and/or writing essays.

**If yes:** Need-based GC scholarships are available in the fall through the Global Education Office. Application deadlines are in September for spring term and November for May or summer. Email [sst@goshen.edu](mailto:sst@goshen.edu) for the application form.

*Are you Pell eligible?*

If yes, see [Gilman Scholarships](#). GC students get these every year. They are worth \$3000-\$5000.

*Are you interested in Tanzania or Indonesia?*

If yes, you will be learning a critical-need language. Additional funding may be available for future study.

**Also see [goshen.edu/sst/scholarships/](http://goshen.edu/sst/scholarships/).**

## **Other**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Your travel course choices are...</b>
<i>Are you uneasy about travel due to health concerns, physical limitations or racial or sexual identity?</i>	Check out our <a href="#">Common Concerns</a> handout to see which destinations might work best for you. Also consult the faculty member involved or the Global Education Office. ( <a href="http://goshen.edu/sst/schedule/">goshen.edu/sst/schedule/</a> )
<i>Are you undocumented or do you have visa restrictions?</i>	Navajo Nation, Environmental Disaster, Chicago, Detroit, and possibly Puerto Rico.
<i>Are you seeking a location or type of experience we don't offer?</i>	You may find other options at other schools. See <a href="http://goshen.edu/sst/intercultural-requirement/">goshen.edu/sst/intercultural-requirement/</a> point #4 and consult the co-directors of Global Education, NC 35.