STUDYING THE SAFARI: THE SOUTH AFRICAN BUSH THROUGH INTERDISCIPLINARY LENSES

Sponsored by the College of Education and Human Development

Summer Study Abroad Program
July 19-31, 2017

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Program Description
Travel to South Africa to study the “big five,” elephants, lions, leopards, cape buffalo, and rhino with knowledgeable guides, learn to take beautiful photos and video that captures animals in their natural habitat, and create projects that document your experiences and learning in the SA bush! This summer semester 10-day study abroad program offers you opportunity to get close to hundreds of animals and birds in open- aired Landrovers on two 3-hour game drives per day. We’ll stay at two Internet-equipped all-inclusive exceptionally- serviced lodges located in the bush. The readings/ viewings for the course are tailored to meet course requirements and the interests of students, undergraduate and graduate alike. The program offers students opportunity to study the African bush from the interdisciplinary lenses of educators, biologists, botanists, photographers, artists, and/or filmmakers, among other disciplines. Final projects for the program will be tailored to meet students’ course requirements and interests ranging from documentary shorts, observation journals, curriculum development, to photo essays, paintings/ drawing portfolios, etc. This study abroad also includes a tour of Johannesburg and its many features. Departure date is July 19, returning on July 31. Down payment to ensure reservations at excellent lodges is due with the application on February 15.

Accomodations
Participants stay in two Internet-equipped all-inclusive (meals/ snacks/ drinks) comfortable lodges, located in the African bush. Students will stay in modern double- occupancy well- appointed beautifully decorated suites, with indoor/ outdoor showers, tea- making facilities, refrigerators, decks, and large comfortable beds. Each lodge has large open spaces to view animals at watering holes, to relax with others, do photo shoots, and/or to work on projects. Lodges also may offer spa facilities and small souvenir shops. Evening meals are served around a boma, a warm, inviting space where guests dine under the African night sky and share stories after a day out on the big game safari.

Application Information
The program is open to undergraduate and graduate students who meet all academic requirements of Georgia State University, and those of the Colleges in which this program may be offered as an elective or requirement. Students interested in applying should find this program’s listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application.

Transient Students: please see the Transients Student section under the Explore & Apply tab.

International students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas must contact the Office of International Students and Scholar Services at (404) 413- 2070 to discuss possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.

Application Deadline: February 15, 2017
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**Atlanta, GA**

Students will depart for Johannesburg, South Africa on July 19, 2017

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**Johannesburg, South Africa**

Students will arrive in Johannesburg, on July 20. Transport to the Premiere Hotel in Johannesburg and a 1 hour orientation

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**Timbavati, South Africa**

July 21-29: Students will have morning and evening game drives and classroom discussions on a daily basis. There will be a final project that will be completed over the course of the program.

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**Johannesburg, South Africa**

Students will return to Johannesburg on the 29th of July and will tour this city until their return flight to Atlanta on the 30th. This return flight will arrive in Atlanta on July 31.

Courses and Credits

Participants who successfully complete courses associated or accepted for this program will receive (3) semester hours of course credit at Georgia State University. Undergraduate and graduate students in and outside the CEHD should check with their advisor to determine which course(s) this study abroad fulfills. Graduate students in MSE should register for EDRD 8550 or the equivalent in their discipline, with approval by their advisor (e.g., social studies, math, science, middle grades). Students from other institutions should follow their institution’s regulations concerning transfer credits.

Program Cost

Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at $5,600, PLUS regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a $250 fee in addition to the program cost. For more information on payment schedules and what is included in the program costs, please visit: http://www.studyabroad.gsu.edu/?go=CEHD%5FSafari

Scholarship Information

Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Study Abroad Scholarship/Georgia State University Foundation Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and select the Scholarships & Financial Aid tab or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 for more information.

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