THE ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA: A STUDY ABROAD WITH PEERS PROGRAM

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6 Credit Hours

Summer Study Abroad Program
August 2 - 17, 2018

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Program Description
This GSU Faculty-Led program will explore the economic and business environment in South Africa through an interdisciplinary lens. Exploring the socio-political & economic implications of Apartheid, industry & the HIV/AIDS epidemic prior to departure will help students contextualize their experience in country and will be reinforced by cultural visits. Visits to cultural sites include: the Apartheid Museum, Constitution Hill, Robben Island, and Soweto Township.

Through a series of lectures, discussions with industry and public officials and site visits, students will examine South Africa’s emerging market. These visits will also allow students to conduct their own research into the economic & business environment of South Africa. Previous site visits have included: the Department of Trade & Industry, Brand South Africa, Eskom, Stellekaya Winery and Ogilvy & Mather, among others.

Students will also have the chance to experience the natural beauty of South Africa by going on a game drive at Kruger National Park in hopes of spotting the Big Five, riding a cable car to the top of Table Mountain & driving along the coast to the Cape of Good Hope.

An important feature of the program is that it allows for significant interactions with South African university students. This allows our students to share their ideas and to gain an appreciation of South African perspectives. Time is split between the Pretoria-Johannesburg Area and Cape Town.

Accommodations
Students will stay in comfortable, double-occupancy rooms in both the Johannesburg/Pretoria and Cape Town areas. Additionally, the program includes a stay at Lesedi Cultural Village, a tribal-inspired eco-lodge with modern amenities and at a game park lodge.

Application Deadline: January 22, 2018

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 Transient Students tab on the How to Apply page of our website.

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.
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TENTATIVE PROGRAM ITINERARY

📍 Atlanta, GA

We will meet regularly during the summer session prior to departure. Dates and times will be available at the time of summer course registration.

📍 Johannesburg & Pretoria, South Africa

The first half of the program will take place in the Johannesburg and Pretoria area where we will partner with students from the University of Pretoria for some of our business & cultural visits.

📍 Cape Town, South Africa

We will fly to Cape Town for the second half of the program, where we will visit Table Mountain, South African wine country & Robben Island in addition to our academic/business visits.

📍 Atlanta, GA

The class will also meet at least once after arriving back in Atlanta for student presentations & a debrief session. The date and time of this session will be provided on the syllabus.

Courses and Credits

Participants who successfully complete the program’s courses will receive 6 semester hours of course credit at Georgia State University. Undergraduate students should register for IB4410 or EC4620 and graduate students should register for IB8410 or EC8620. Students from other institutions should follow their institution’s regulations concerning transfer credits.

Program Cost

The program cost is tentatively set at $4,800 in addition to regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. 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 what the program cost does and does not include, please visit: http://www.studyabroad.gsu.edu/?go=SAEconBus

Payment Schedule

January 22, 2018: $1,500 deposit due
February 2, 2018: $1,500
March 23, 2018: $1,800 (Remaining Balance)

All payments are non-refundable upon receipt

Study Abroad With Peers Discount

The first 10 accepted students who pay their deposit will receive a $1,000 Study Abroad with Peers Discount. To receive the discount, students must:
1) Complete the program application
2) Gain acceptance into the program, and
3) Pay the $1,500 program deposit

All students are strongly encouraged to apply for the IEF Scholarship award in case they are not one of the first 10 applicants to receive the $1000.00 Discount, but please note students cannot receive both the Discount and the IEF Award. As with all GSU Maymester and Summer programs, students may also apply for the need-based, Global Experience Scholarship.

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