CRITICAL HISTORIES, IDENTITIES AND LITERACIES: EXPLORING THE URBAN EDUCATIONAL TERRAIN OF SOUTH AFRICA

Georgia State University | STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

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Maymester Study Abroad Program

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Program Description

Through this unique interdisciplinary course, we will explore the cultural histories, identities and education of South Africa and the United States. This course is designed to help students understand the power and purpose of education and literacy and the impact education has on transforming communities that have been historically marginalized—particularly people of color from linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds. The course will focus on sociohistorical and sociopolitical perspectives of literacy and education and is designed to explore various views of literacy and the ways literacy praxis is applied to classrooms. Overall, students will understand their own positions as literate beings and the various roles that literacy and education plays in the lives of others. The trip will include visits to private, public and charter schools across different K-12 contexts. Students will also visit the University of Johannesburg and Durban University of Technology. In addition to school and university visits, students will visit cultural sites that include Nelson Mandela's home, the apartheid museum, elephant and lion sanctuaries, the most southwestern point/tip of Africa, Table Mountain, Robben Island, the Phoenix Settlement (Mahatma Gandhi's home), historic monuments and prisons that held political prisoners. Academic experiences include readings, dialogue, journals, field observations, cultural interviews and a digital photo project.

Accommadations

Participants will stay comfortably in double-occupancy 3-star hotels in Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Durban. In Johannesburg, students will stay close to our host university—University of Johannesburg. In Cape Town and Durban, students will stay in hotels along the coast, located in walking distance of the ocean, cultural sites, craft markets and other local sites. All hotels are close to the schools, museums, and partnering universities and are accessible by local transit.

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, 2018

TENTATIVE PROGRAM ITINERARY

Atlanta, GA

Introduction to U.S. and South African educational histories, literacies, cultural identities. Students will depart of Johannesburg on May 13.

Johannesburg, South Africa

Visits to schools, University of Johannesburg, Constitution Hill, Apartheid Museum and other cultural sites

Cape Town, South Africa

Visits to schools, teacher education programs, Table Mountain, Robben Island, Cape Hope, the peninsula and other cultural sites

Durban, South Africa

Visits to schools, Durban University of Technology, Phoenix Settlement and other cultural sites.

Courses and Credits

Participants who successfully complete the course will receive 3 semester hours of course credit at Georgia State University. Undergraduate students should register for EDCU 3333 and graduate students should register for EDCU 7777. Course substitutions for other departments may be available and will be negotiated on an individual basis. 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 **$3,550**, 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 what the program cost does and does not include, please visit:
http://www.studyabroad.gsu.edu/?go=CriticalSA

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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