

East Africa (Kenya/Tanzania) – General Culture Focus

Semester:

Fall 2009

Program Focus:

Country Study

Prerequisites:

GPA 2.75 or higher expected

Recommended Courses:

SOAN 110: Intro to Cultural Anthropology

SOAN 275: Africa in Social/Cultural Perspective

BIO 141: Investigations in Ecology and Environmental Science

Application Deadline:

October 27, 2008

Overview:

This program focuses on the history, socio-economic institutions, culture, natural history, and ecology of East Africa. The itinerary includes intensive Swahili language training, study of contemporary issues in urban and coastal East Africa, and the study of human and animal ecology in coastal and Serengeti ecosystems. Accommodations include urban home-stays, tents, small hotels, and Maasai bomas.

Requirements Fulfilled:

IS coursework fulfills the two-course International Studies Gen. Ed. requirement. Bio 115 fulfills the scientific & quantitative reasoning category A (laboratory) Gen. Ed. requirement.

Credits:

4 courses per semester/16 credits

Curriculum:

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IS 240: Area Studies, East Africa: History, Culture, and Change

East Africa is a region of extraordinary ethnic, cultural, and biological diversity. Beginning with the earliest inhabitants, this course examines the movements and settlement patterns of various peoples of the region. Special attention is given to the impact of overseas influences during the last millennium, particularly those of the Arab-Muslim world during initial contact, and those of the Western-Christian world during the colonial period. The course also considers the rise of African nationalism, the end of colonial rule, and the ongoing effects of modernization and globalization in a developing country.

IS 241: Contemporary East Africa

This course focuses on a wide variety of contemporary issues in East Africa, including population growth, health care, education, political structure and institution, gender roles, land use, environmental health, geography, urbanization, art, and literature. As part of the coursework, students will complete an independent study project on a topic of their choice, which they will work on for the duration of the program. Both written and oral presentations will be made during the final week of the program.

BIO 115: Explorations in Regional Biology, East Africa

With an itinerary that takes students from coral reefs to the Serengeti, this course exposes students to a remarkable diversity of biological communities. Lectures by local experts and extended field trips explore the adaptations of local plant and animal species and their ecological role within the larger community. Bolstered with knowledge of life history and behavior, students also examine human cultural adaptations within the same environment and consider the role of historical and modern human impacts. Discussions of the sustainability of human activities in the context of exploitation and economic development are included, with a focus on how this impacts the regional biota. Student journals, exams, and field exercises are used to assess the degree to which students are able to document and analyze information gained in a variety of field excursions into natural settings.

FL 101: Swahili Language Instruction**Relationship to On-Campus Curriculum :**

The East Africa program is especially relevant to students in biology and environmental studies, particularly those with interests in tropical field biology, coral reefs and savanna ecology.

(See reverse for more info...)

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Relationship to On-Campus Curriculum Continued:

By offering a comparative perspective on democratic political institutions, international relations, gender roles, etc, the program is also attractive to students from a number of other major programs, including Sociology/Anthropology, Political Science, International Affairs, Economics, Communications, and Psychology. Irrespective of their major course of study, students may also relate their education abroad to various on-campus activities including regularly offered courses, self-directed independent study or practicum, and cultural celebrations such as the International Fair. Relevant courses include various International Affairs offerings (e.g., IA 229, African Literature and Politics ; IA 230 African Politics East African) as well as courses in Sociology/Anthropology, Music, Art, etc.

Additional Information:

Passport Details:

During the early portion of the semester prior to departure, you must submit your passport to the Overseas Office. It will be returned prior to your departure. During this time frame, the Overseas Office will secure your visas. If you plan to use your passport to travel during this time frame, please make an appointment with the Overseas Office immediately to discuss the process for obtaining visas.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Please make sure your passport is valid for 6 months BEYOND the end of your program (June 2010). If it expires before then, please renew it as soon as possible to avoid expediting fees.

Passport Services and

Information: Please visit http://travel.state.gov/passport_services.html or University Station Post Office, 1505 SW 6th Street, Portland.

Passport photos (8 required):

We recommend Action Fast Photo, located at 9889 SW Barbur Boulevard next to Barbur Foods, (\$7.50 for 2/\$.43 for each additional). Please inform them that you are an LC student in order to receive the discount.

Visa:

A visa is required for this program. You will apply as a group during summer break. Summer travel is limited during visa process.

Health:

Please make an appointment with the student health services center to get an updated list of immunizations that are recommended or mandatory for this program.

Insurance:

Students are insured by Aetna/Chickering Insurance Company, an affiliate of USI Insurance Services Corporation. Program insurance is mandatory and included in the comprehensive fee.

International Student Identity Card:

The card is required for the program. You will be notified of how to obtain it when we are making your travel arrangements.

Fees To Plan For:

Fees for the following items are not included in the comprehensive program fee:

- Passport fees
- Required photographs
- Visa fees
- International Student Identity Card
- Immunizations and health exams
- Books

Program Leader:

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