

Study Abroad in South Africa

Port Elizabeth, situated on the Indian Ocean near the southern tip of the African continent, has a population of over one million and is South Africa's fifth largest city. It has a sunny, dry, temperate climate similar to that of Southern California.

Port Elizabeth is the home of internationally renowned playwright Athol Fugard, and liberation heroes Nelson Mandela and Steve Biko were born in the region.

Students will study in classrooms at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) sharing library, computer lab, recreation and sports facilities with South African and other international students. Faculty from the university teach courses in political science, literature, South African music, and marine biology. Volunteer and Service Learning are major components of this program.

Housing Arrangements

Housing is arranged for program participants by the Office for Education Abroad. In accordance with institutional policies, co-ed housing is not an option on any CSB/SJU sponsored program. Participants will live in apartments at Langerry Holiday Flats which overlook the beach. The flats are located approximately two miles from NMMU's campus. Each flat is fully furnished and equipped so students will have the facilities to prepare their own meals.

CSB/SJU has contracted with NMMU for use of classrooms, computer laboratories, library and recreational facilities. Students will need to use the public transportation system between NMMU and their flats or walk.



Selection Criteria

- Minimum GPA of 2.5, unless there are special circumstances
- Letters of recommendation from the academic advisor, a non-faculty member, and a faculty member.
- Interview with the program director.
- Preference is given to qualified seniors, qualified juniors and qualified sophomores in that order.
- Qualified CSB/SJU students receive preference over students from other colleges and universities.
- CSB/SJU students who have never been on a CSB/SJU semester-long study abroad program receive preference over students who have already participated on a CSB/SJU semester-long study abroad program.
- In accordance with institutional policies, co-ed housing is not an option on any CSB/SJU program. In some instances, selection of men and women participants must be based on housing accommodations available on site.
- A student cannot be accepted to a program if he/she has not completed the application process.
- A disciplinary violation could affect acceptance to a study abroad program.

Things You Should Know:

- There is no foreign language requirement for this program.
- Students can study abroad in South Africa during the spring semester. (Late-January to Late-May)
- The deadline for applications for all 2010-2011 study abroad programs is January 15, 2010.
- Admission to the South Africa program is competitive.



Policies

Students are required to attend all class meetings of courses for which they are registered. It is the student's responsibility to contact an instructor—preferably in advance—of a necessary absence. A student absent from class for any reason assumes the responsibility for work which has been missed. Personal travel is not considered a reasonable absence from class.

The instructor determines the attendance policy for his or her class. An instructor may fail a student if the instructor determines that unwarranted absences have earned the student a grade of "F", based on grading standards and attendance requirements defined in the course syllabus.

Disregard for either the academic character of the program or the basic social and legal obligations of a guest residing in another country will result in the termination of the student's program abroad.



How do I get to South Africa?

Students will make their own flight arrangements and must meet in Port Elizabeth at a place and time to be designated by the program director.

Check with your local travel agent or the following websites:

- www.studentuniverse.com;
- www.statravel.com;
- www.orbitz.com;
- www.expedia.com;
- www.travelocity.com; or
- www.kayak.com.

Important Information

Program Fees

The program fee for the 2009-2010 year was \$18,673. The program fee will increase by the same percentage as tuition, room and board on campus for the 2010-2011 academic year. The fee is subject to change due to unanticipated increases in expenses and exchange rate fluctuations. Please note the items included/not included in the program fee.

Included in the Program Fee:

1. CSB/SJU tuition for the semester
2. Orientation program expenses
3. Housing while the program is in session
4. On-site tuition and instructional costs
5. Course-related excursions
6. Visa fees

Not Included in the Program Fee:

1. Non-program travel or housing
2. Passport application fee
3. Round-trip international airfare
4. Medical/travel exams/consultations
5. Food/meal expenses

Financial Aid

Regularly enrolled CSB/SJU students are eligible for financial aid on this study abroad program just as if they were on-campus, with the exception of work-study and the housing grant. For further information, students are directed to the *Academic Catalog*, available online. You are also encouraged to discuss your eligibility with the financial aid office. For information on study abroad scholarships, please visit the Office for Education Abroad Website:

www.csbsju.edu/internationaleducation/scholarships.htm



Travel Medical Consultation

Health exams to satisfy visa requirements, travel consultations, and immunizations are the financial and personal responsibility of the traveling student. Students should make an appointment for a pre-travel consultation with the SJU Health Center, CSB Health Services, or another medical professional. Be sure to allow sufficient time as some vaccinations are given in a series with certain intervals between vaccinations. OEA staff are not qualified to make a recommendation about travel medical care. If a medical exam or medical information is required to fulfill visa application requirements, the specific information will be given to the students at pre-departure orientation. For more details about medical health concerns while traveling, consult the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov.



Athletic Eligibility

Grades from study abroad programs must be received by the CSB/SJU Registrar's Office to determine athletic eligibility. If, for any reason, the necessary grades have not been received at the start of the athletic season, the student will not be allowed to participate (including practice) until it is determined that the student has met all eligibility requirements.

Orientation Program

All CSB/SJU students must participate in orientation sessions during the semester prior to going abroad. These sessions are arranged by the program director and the Office for Education Abroad. Attendance at all orientation sessions is mandatory for all CSB/SJU students.

Spring 2011: September 2010

Academic Program

In keeping with the goals of a liberal education, CSB/SJU education abroad programs offer off-campus intellectual environments in which students are able to explore the human condition. Students are exposed to unique opportunities to examine the fundamental, recurring questions about themselves and the world. At the same time, great care has been taken to ensure that the courses taught abroad are integrated fully into the Common Curriculum and departmental offerings. Students will take COLG 390 along with 3 courses from music, literature, biology, and politics. Grades issued on all CSB/SJU sponsored study abroad programs are recorded on the student's transcript as letter grades. All grades are calculated into the student's cumulative GPA.

MUSC 272E FA	TOPICS IN POPULAR MUSIC/JAZZ STUDIES: SOUTH AFRICAN JAZZ/POPULAR MUSIC (2 or 4 credits) A study of South African jazz and popular music in its social and historical context. The class will study music such as black jazz and anti-apartheid popular music (black and white) in their social/historical context. The course includes discussions of aspects of the musical styles and genres in a language which does not require previous musical training.
ENGL 385E HM	STUDIES IN LITERATURE: SOUTH AFRICAN LITERATURE—COMPARATIVE FOCUS (4 credits). This course will focus on excellent, representative works in South African literature: English by white and black writers, Afrikaans literature in translation, written by men and women from diverse cultures and races. The main focus is to give a profile of the best of South African literature and to highlight current literary debates against the relevant socio-historical and political context.
POLS 349	SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICS (4 credits). This course presents an historical and contemporary overview of the South African political situation. It will expose students to political developments and processes characteristic of a Third World, developing country. The topics and issues explored and debated will be the Apartheid paradigm; major actors, parties movements, institutions, and organizations in the socio-political arena (covering the whole political spectrum); constitutional development in South Africa; colonial and post-colonialism; political transformation; the nature as well as the resolution of conflict in contexts such as race, class, culture, political ideology (left-right, liberal-conservative) and economic systems (First and Third World); South Africa's historical and current international relations (with southern African states, African states, Western and Eastern Europe, the East, and North America).
BIOL 373	SPECIAL TOPICS IN BIOLOGY: MARINE BIOLOGY IN SOUTH AFRICA (4 credits). Course content will include biological and physical features of the southern African marine environment; factors that govern distribution of marine animals; sampling methods in marine biology; species and population dynamics; marine food webs; practical laboratory and field work including dissection at the laboratories of the Port Elizabeth marine museum. PREREQ: BIOL 121 and 221 or natural science major. Please note this course will not count towards a BIOL major at CSBSJU.
SA 398	FIELD EXPERIENCE/PRACTICUM (1 to 2 credits). Students have the opportunity to undertake a service field placement with the University of Port Elizabeth's Kwazakhele Township Project. Students will be placed with social service, school related, community development and other township grassroots organizations. Some examples of Kwazakhele Project activities include: working with people with disabilities; life skills programs for students in primary schools; training in the developmental assessment of pre-school children; health and welfare capacity building; development and assistance for Pendla primary school. Students' experiences in the Kwazakhele community will be integrated with a theoretical understanding of the social, political empowerment and development issues encountered in the field by a weekly reading seminar. The seminar is required for all students. The seminar will provide a structural link to students' experiences so that they are critically analyzed within an interdisciplinary context. Students work in their placement is usually 8-12 hours a week and is not determined by the number of credit hours for which the course is taken.
MGMT 389	SA EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING (1-2 credit/s). This course is designed for students participating in Study Abroad. Students will write a series of essays integrating their knowledge of theory with their personal observations and reactions. Particular emphasis will be placed on the impact of culture on business. The course will be taught by a professor at CSB/SJU, using distance learning to maintain contact with students located in a variety of countries. Students should purchase the required textbook, Adler's <i>International Dimensions of Organizational Behavior</i> , from the CSB Bookstore before departure for the program site. Restricted to MGMT majors/minors.
SA 390 REQUIRED IC EL	STUDY ABROAD SEMINAR (4 credits): The goal of the Study Abroad Seminar program is to expose students to the richness and diversity found on-site in their host culture and to more fully immerse the students into that culture. The course will include pre-departure, on-site and re-entry activities. A course description will be provided by the program director after students are accepted for the program. This course will be designed to develop intercultural skills and awareness and will meet the requirements of the Intercultural Requirement in the Common Curriculum. In some cases this course will fulfill the Experiential Requirement of the Common Curriculum.

Steps to a Successful Application

1. Attend a *Study Abroad 101* session, check out our website for a schedule.
2. Complete the online request for the letters of recommendation from the applicant's academic advisor, a non-faculty member, and an instructor of the applicant's choice.
3. Complete the online application.
4. Submit to OEA, Main Building G004 at CSB, the following:
 - \$225 application fee
 - Four official colored passport photos on a plain white background
 - Signature/Waiver form (Applicant & Parent signatures required). The fee is nonrefundable if the applicant is accepted, but is refunded if the applicant is not accepted.
5. Attend an interview with the director of the study abroad program.

Cancellation Policies

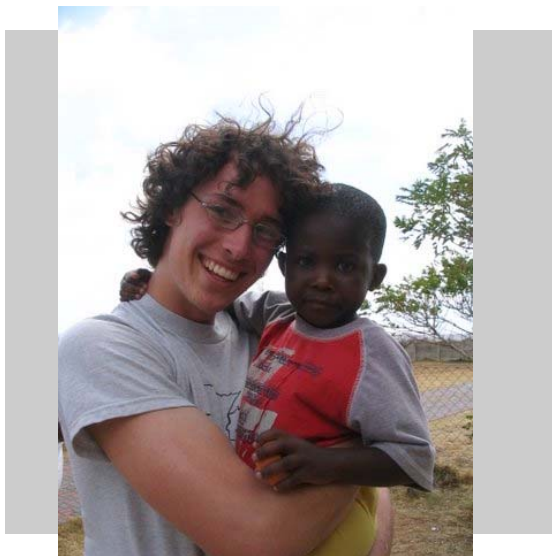
Withdrawal from a study abroad program must be made in writing to the Office for Education Abroad. OEA reserves the right to not fill a space resulting from a student's withdrawal.

Refunds for tuition and any recoverable fees on the program site are made to any student who withdraws during the semester abroad by formal written notice according to the general refund policy in the Course Catalog.

In the case of withdrawal due to serious health matters and accidents, all recoverable fees will be refunded with the exception of the \$225 application fee. Written notification from the student is required in addition to a doctor's statement.

Cancellation Fees

- \$250 for cancellation between April 1 - September 30, 2010
- \$500 for cancellation between October 1, 2010 - January 1, 2011
- \$500 plus any fees unrecoverable for cancellation after January 1, 2011



Important Web Resources:

- OEA: www.csbsju.edu/internationaleducation
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University: www.nmmu.ac.za/
South Africa Tourist website: www.southafrica.net/
U.S. passport information available online: www.travel.state.gov/passport/



Application Timeline

November 9th, 2009
Application available online.

January 15th, 2010
Study abroad application deadline 4:30pm.

Beginning January 25th, 2010
Interviews with the program director.

February 5, 2010
First round notification of acceptance by email. Students may be considered for a second program after this date.

March 8th, 2010
Official written notification of acceptance.

March 11th, 2010
\$200 (non-refundable) advance registration/housing deposit due in Student Accounts Office. All CSB/SJU students make this payment to confirm they are returning to CSB/SJU the next year. This is not a separate study abroad fee.

September 2010
Required orientation for spring programs.

December 2010
Final billing by Student Accounts Office. This is part of your regular billing cycle. You will receive notification in the mail.