

2005 University of Virginia Southern African Study Abroad Program “People, Culture and Environment of Southern Africa”

Please note that this information is tentative and will be finalized before the end of November, 2004.

EVSC 493 (3 Credit Hours) and ANTH 493 (3 Credit Hours) for a program total of 6 Credit Hours – Note that this is graded, UVA credit

No prerequisite classes are required! Participation open to all majors!

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Depart USA on May 23, 2005 to Arrive in Johannesburg RSA May 24, 2005 –
Depart Johannesburg RSA June 19, 2005 to arrive in USA on June 20, 2004

Program Description: we looking forward to a fourth year of study for uva students in southern Africa. Designed as an interdisciplinary course for the non-specialist, students will have the unique opportunity to gain insight into the role the environment plays in shaping the people and culture of southern Africa.

The program builds upon more than 12 years of relationships between UVA faculty and their southern African colleagues. UVA students will interact with students and faculty from multiple institutional partners in the Southern Africa Virginia Networks and Associations (SAVANA) consortium of institutions of higher learning. Students from Virginia will be joined by their counterparts from universities within the consortium in the classroom, in the field, and in discussions.

The program involves an intensive blend of in-class lectures (mornings) and field trips (afternoons) with daily debriefing discussions (evenings). The full days provide a comprehensive interdisciplinary introduction to the people, culture and environment of southern Africa. The UVA-SAVANA relationship offers students a chance to meet operators of game reserves, experience village life and research first-hand, and to interact with local people in a way that is meaningful both for students and their hosts. The tentative schedule has students will spend time at seven different locations: Johannesburg, Gauteng Province, South Africa (University of the Witwatersrand - 6 days); Thohoyondou, Limpopo Province, South Africa (University of Venda - 6 days); Maputo/Massengir/XaiXai, Mozambique (University of Eduardo Mondlane - 6 days); and Acornhoek, Limpopo Province, South Africa (University of the Witwatersrand – Rural Facility - 6 days).

It should be noted that there are several required pre-departure lectures that take place in late April at UVA to prepare for the trip.

Class Size and Composition: The planned class size is 12 to 15 students from the University of Virginia and about 6 African students from the Southern African Virginia Networks and Associations (SAVANA) consortium. This pairing with SAVANA students provides a unique, round-the clock learning experience for both U.S. and southern African students.

Previous program participants have come from a variety of undergraduate majors and student backgrounds. **Among course alumni are majors in:** Anthropology, African American Affairs, Architecture, Biology, English, Environmental Thought and Practice, Environmental Science, History, International Relations, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Women's Studies. Many program participants are also active members of the University community at home, serving in student government and on the executive boards of student organizations. Participants from the 2003 South African Summer Study Abroad program created and maintain the University Giving Tree (UGT) group here on Grounds.

Former participants have gone on to join Peace Corps, Teach for America, Americorps as well as to volunteer in South Africa and domestically.

Estimated Cost Breakdown for the 2005 trip is as follows:

\$3500 Program Costs (lodging, in-region transportation, program expenses, park and museum entrance fees, most meals, some instructor costs)

\$1040 Summer Session Tuition and Fees for **In-State** students (based on 2004 numbers for 6 credit hours) – Note that **the cost of six credits** is significantly higher for out of state students.

\$1250 Estimated roundtrip airfare U.S. to Johannesburg South Africa. Currently, students are responsible for making their own arrangements to arrive in Johannesburg prior to the start of the program. Note that many 2004 participants were able to find RT airfares at lower cost than the estimate. Please note that a number of students from all three of the previous years opted to stay in South Africa and tour on their own after the program ended.

Total estimated In-State student cost for Program, Tuition, Fees and Airfare ~ \$5800

Please note that this does not include the purchase of an International Student Identification Card (ISIC - ~ \$40), personal expenses and those meals not covered (~ \$250), visa for Mozambique (~\$25), pre-departure medical consultation, or the purchase of two required texts: Thompson's A History of South Africa and Clarke's "Coming Back To Earth: South Africa's Changing Environment".

Former participants have been quite successful in obtaining grants from volunteer organizations, churches, and other resources in order to defray the cost of the trip. University financial aid is also available.