

Study Abroad In Africa

Why Study Abroad in Africa?

Studying abroad can be a wonderful opportunity for personal and intellectual enrichment – and programs in Africa are no exception! Emory College Study Abroad programs in Africa fit perfectly with a major or minor in African Studies, giving you a chance to develop geographically focused international expertise and to experience first-hand the fascinating diversity of Africa's 55 nations. Study abroad combined with the African Studies major/minor provides you with essential background and foundational skills for graduate work in the humanities and social sciences, as well as careers with NGOs, government and policy organizations, or the private sector in Africa. Many programs incorporate study and internships in health or development, making your experience in Africa one that prepares you for careers in global health or medicine with vital cultural contexts for future work overseas.

Students with a particular interest in development should consider the summer Undergraduate Program in Global Research and Development (UPGRADE). This opportunity provides students essential field-work and leadership skills in relation to a specific track of development. Students may choose one of two locations offered in Uganda.

Both courses and language study abroad can count toward your major (9 courses) or minor (5 courses) – one preparatory course and a semester abroad put you well on your way to the major or minor!

FAQ for Study Abroad in Africa

What classes do I need to take before going abroad?

You must take one course about Africa to be eligible to study abroad on an African program.

How many courses taken abroad can count toward my major?

Typically two classes taken during study abroad count toward the major/minor, pending approval by the DUS.

Are there opportunities for independent research while studying abroad?

As long as the student receives departmental approval from a faculty advisor for a directed reading or independent research course, such classes will receive a varying number of credit hours. Many study abroad programs in Africa encourage and facilitate independent study projects. Some programs, such as the SIT Mali, SIT Uganda, SIT Rwanda, SIT Morocco actually require that the student enroll in a class devoted to the pursuit of an independent project as part of the core curriculum.

Financial Aid

Semester/Year Programs: Your Financial Aid, scholarships and grants are automatically carried over while you study abroad. Work Study Students are eligible for stipends as well. Many program providers also offer need-based and merit-based scholarships.

Summer Programs: Please contact the Office of Financial Aid to see what options are available to help supplement the costs. Emory College Study Abroad offers the Wendy Lowenstein-Sandler Grant for first-time travelers.

Scholarships

- Benjamin Gilman Scholarship for Pell Grant Recipients
- Fund for Education Abroad Scholarship
- SIT, CIEE, Duke OTS & SFS have a variety of scholarships available to students
- NSEP Boren Scholarship
- Diversity Abroad Database

Be on the lookout for our annual Semester Study Abroad Fair and our Summer Study Abroad Fair!

Student Experiences

While I was in Senegal, I managed to experience a presidential election, hang out at a Pular wedding lasting 8 hours, and climb inside of the largest baobab in Western Senegal (there's a bat colony inside!). It was absolutely a worthwhile experience and I would recommend it to anyone who wants something different than the typical Western European study abroad experience.

-Emily Chapman,
CIEE Dakar: Language and Culture Program



This picture was taken during my homestay in HaMakuya, Limpopo, South Africa.

-Rachael Westmoreland,
Duke OTS South Africa

Semester/Year Study Abroad Programs

Ghana:

CIEE Ghana: Arts and Sciences

SIT Ghana: Social Transformation and Cultural Expression

Morocco:

SIT Morocco: Multiculturalism and Human Rights

Al Alkhowayn University

Rwanda:

SIT Rwanda: Post-Genocide Restoration and Peace Building

Senegal:

CIEE Dakar: Language and Culture Program

South Africa:

University of Cape Town

Duke OTS South Africa

Tanzania:

SIT Tanzania: Wildlife Conservation and Political Ecology

SFS Tanzania: Wildlife Management Studies

Uganda:

SIT Uganda: Development Studies

SIT Uganda: Post Conflict Transformation and Community Building

Summer Study Abroad Programs

Botswana & Namibia: Emory Environmental Field Studies in Africa Program

Morocco: Arabic Language and North African Studies Program

Uganda: Undergraduate Program in Global Research and Development (UPGRADE)

Student Experiences



During my village stay, my host mom taught me how to carry a baby on my back. I was so nervous that I was going to drop him because she only used a small sheet to tie him around me. However, it was surprisingly comfortable

and easy, and my little host brother fell right to sleep while I walked around the village. All of the neighbors thought it was so funny that I was carrying my host brother like the Malian women do. I loved the village stay; it was so fun to try something different. It was definitely one of the best things I did while abroad.

-Tess Komarek, SIT Mali*

My time living and studying abroad in Rwanda was one of the defining moments of my life. SIT's Rwanda program was intellectually, emotionally, psychologically, socially, and physically challenging in ways that forced me to grow as a student, a person, and a member of the global community. Mine was a deeply humbling experience that moved me from a theoretical, classroom understanding of the world's problems to a realistic and shocking conception of how complex those problems truly are. If you let it, this experience will change your life, your outlook, and your dreams.

- Laura Withers, SIT Rwanda



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