Education Abroad



South Africa

Cross-cultural Teaching Abroad in South Africa

Semester(s) Available: Summer 2020: Dates abroad: 07/01/2020 - 08/05/2020 (tentative)

Minimum Credits: Six (6) for Summer 2020

Program Application Deadline(s): March 1, 2020 for Summer 2020

Scholarship Information: http://bit.ly/EAscholarships

Courses: TE815 TE890

Requirements: Minimum GPA 2.50

Major - Completed BA or BS in MSU Teacher Prep Other - Scheduled to begin MSU Internship Program in September

Cost:

Program Fee: \$2,870.00 Estimated Additional Cost: \$3,070.00 (Summer 2019)**

Tuition is not included for most programs. See program's webpage for details.

** IMPORTANT: This is last year's program fee and should be used as an estimate only when calculating costs for this program. The current program fee will be posted as soon as it is finalized.

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The year 1990 was significant because of the changes in the political landscape in South Africa. During the past two decades, South Africa has had to grapple with many difficult and unprecedented political, educational and economic pressures. In particular the provision of education for all children has resulted in huge increases in enrollment, with the corresponding challenges of finances, equity, teacher preparation, access to higher education, and job creation, among other issues. Many of these issues are relevant to educators in the United States and other countries. This program will provide a valuable opportunity to teach in a diverse and changing educational system that will broaden the experience and outlook of those preparing for a career in education.

This program is independent in nature, as there are usually only one or two students participating, and because of the teaching placement. Participants will be paired with a collaborating South African teacher in the same academic field and level as the student. After a period of classroom observation, the student will develop lessons and co-teach with the cooperating teacher, and finally teach classes independently under the supervision of the cooperating teacher. Each student will be able to participate in a wide variety of school and community activities during the placement at a school. The students will live with a South African teacher's family or with a family within the school community, to obtain a first-hand understanding of the communities in which they live and teach. Regular meetings with the instructors will serve to interpret and expand on the practical knowledge learned in the classroom, and relate it to previous knowledge of the U.S. educational system.

Highlights include:

Staying in Cape Town, a culturally diverse city situated on the south-western tip of Africa...

Lectures and discussions by South African educators...

Observation and interaction in a variety of educational settings, both urban and rural...

Travel to sites of historical, cultural and ecological importance...

More details about this program can be found at... http://osa.isp.msu.edu/Programs/safricapreintern.html



