

Swahili language

and cross cultural orientation for study abroad programs



About MS TCDC



Situated in Usa River, Arusha, MS TCDC is a convening space, knowledge sharing and learning hub that attracts various interest groups – academia, civil society, youth, artists, activists, public servants - who are passionate in popular struggles for transformed, just, democratic and a sustainable world. The overall mission of MS TCDC is to facilitate learning aimed at contributing to improved leadership and democratic governance.

Study Abroad Programs

MS TCDC has since 2004 gained experience in delivering high level Swahili language and Culture orientation programs through cooperation with various universities and institutions inside and outside Tanzania. We take pride in the 11 years' experience of hosting university study abroad programmes in Tanzania. We have hosted a wide range of universities and enjoyed every bit of it. Our goal is to give the young university students life changing experience that will help them embrace the virtues of global citizenship.

Community Service/Service Learning/Internship

This is a unique opportunity for university students to get involved with communities to either apply knowledge or broaden their understanding through involvement in service to community and reflection. Its main purpose is to provide students with a community context to learn civil responsibility while at the same strengthening communities. This may entail students being placed with:

- **Child Welfare:** Schools, orphanages, adoption services, street children assistance
- **Community Services:** Farmers, youth groups projects, vocational

training centers, micro finance assistance, adult literacy programs, violence prevention programs, rehabilitation centres, primary & secondary schools.

- **Women:** Reproductive health programs, Maternal & infant/ children support, domestic violence programs.
- **HIV/AIDS:** Hospitals, home – based care programs, health & sex education, public health programs, mother to infant/child prevention.
- **MS TCDC:** Library services, IT support, marketing, course administration, front desk, maintenance, kitchen, kindergarten, laundry and accommodations.

Home-stays/ Students Internship & Sabbatical placements

MS TCDC is experienced in organizing home stays for a wide range of groups including volunteers, university students and professors on sabbatical leave. MS TCDC has over 30 families that are well experienced in hosting different groups. Our home stays policy guarantees quality and safety. MS TCDC has relationships with over 50 agencies within Tanzania where placement for volunteering & internships can be organized.

Swahili beginners

Tailor made Swahili beginner's course is intended for participants who require a basic introduction to the Swahili language in order to be equipped with necessary skills to enable them to function effectively at different situations.

Objective

To enhance participant's ability to converse with ease, using survival language in communities and at workplace in order to function at beginners high level.

Learning Outcome

At the end of the course, students should have acquired competence to:

1. Converse with ease in different situations.
2. Read, write and speak Swahili confidently.
3. Integrate Swahili language and its culture in appropriate context.

Duration: 4 to 8 weeks depending on needs of the group.



Swahili intermediate

This course is intended for participants who have completed the beginner's course or who in other ways have acquired a corresponding level of Swahili. It builds on foundation acquired at beginner's level. It focuses more on conversation practice to enhance communicative skills, expand vocabulary and enable the learner to use current Swahili in different situations.

Objective

To enhance participant's converse with ease and confidently exchange basic information in the community related to work, recreation and social situations in order to function at Intermediate high level.

Learning Outcome

At the end of the course, participants should have acquired competence to be able to:

1. Demonstrate advanced level competence in spoken & written standard Swahili in its appropriate cultural context.
2. Participate in more complex and technical debates and meetings using Swahili language.
3. Comprehend more complex Swahili registers.
4. Read, listen and understand news and other related information through mass media

Duration: 4 to 8 weeks depending on needs of the group.

Swahili advanced

This course is intended for participants who have completed intermediate course. It builds on foundation acquired at intermediate level. It focuses more on application of technical Swahili, various Swahili registers and enhances learners to participate in meetings and debates.

Objective

To enhance participants communicate with ease and confidence in a large number of situations informal and formal, on a variety of concrete topics related to work and leisure activities, as well as to current public events in order to function at Advanced high level.

Learning Outcome

At the end of the course, participants should have acquired competence to be able to:

1. Communicate using Swahili language at superior level in different scenarios.
2. Demonstrate broad understanding of cross cultural issues.
3. Participate in more complex and technical debates and meetings using Swahili language.
4. Develop their competence and understanding of global development issues and can function globally.

Duration: 4 to 8 weeks depending on needs of the group.

All Swahili & Cultural courses can have components of Tanzania Orientation Courses depending on the needs of the group.

Topics for Tanzania Orientation courses are:

Politics in Tanzania, Ethnic groups in Tanzania, Education System in Tanzania, Gender issues in Tanzania, Religion, Corruption, Environmental challenges, Agricultural activities, Community development issues, Public health services, HIV & AIDS and many more depending on the needs of the group.

Course fees:

Swahili beginners, Intermediate and advanced course:
\$ 70 per person per day

Accommodation:-

at TCDC: Full board \$ 81 single room, \$ 59 shared room per person per day
Home stays: \$25 per person per day
Hostel: \$ 25.5 per day
Lunch at TCDC: \$ 15 Main dining hall, \$ 5 hostel lunch / dinner

Study **Tour** Excursions

Taking advantage of being in East Africa, we usually arrange for excursion trips to the nearby National parks in the northern circuit and coastal trips which add value to the program. Coastal trip and trip to the National parks is optional

- National parks – Ngorongoro / Serengeti two nights - \$450 per person
(Transport/ accommodation/entrance fees)
- Coastal trip – three nights in Dar es Salaam & four nights in Zanzibar \$750
(Transport/ accommodation/entrance fees)





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