

BOSTON COLLEGE

Africa



Office of International Programs



Serengeti National Park

Welcome to Africa

Comprised of more than fifty countries exhibiting a variety of languages, histories, cultural traditions, and sceneries, Africa is the world's second largest continent with over 900 million inhabitants. For study abroad students seeking "the route less traveled," this continent offers unparalleled opportunities for new knowledge and exploration. Studying in Africa is a profound experience, allowing sojourners to perceive our global community from the angle of the developing world.

Boston College students wishing to spend a semester or year in Africa can study at one of four universities in three countries. The BC program in Morocco immerses students into North African culture in the small town of Ifrane. Boston College also has two programs in South Africa—one in Cape Town, and the other in Grahamstown in the southeast region. Another program in Arusha, Tanzania allows students to study in East Africa. Students in all locations are enrolled at institutions that offer a wide selection of courses.



Cape Town

IFRANE, MOROCCO

A diverse country which has long been a major political, commercial, and cultural crossroads for African, Arab, and Mediterranean societies, Morocco's rich history is evident in the peaceful mingling of different ethnicities, faiths, dialects, and cuisines. Situated in the Middle Atlas Mountains in a region known for its beautiful forests, lakes, and waterfalls, Ifrane is a small town not far from the historic city of Fez.

The Program 
www.aui.ma

Al Akhawayn University is a private institution modeled on the American system. Its English-language curriculum allows students to be fully immersed in an African university. Courses include history, social sciences, business, communication, mathematics, computer science, natural sciences, and Islamic civilization. This program is well-suited for students who want to study Arabic language and North African culture. BC students reside in dormitories.

Program Highlights

- Low faculty-student ratio and small classes
- Multiple-level Arabic language courses
- Early start program in Rabat with a homestay

SOUTH AFRICA

Situated on Africa's southern tip, South Africa is the continent's most developed country. Known as the "Rainbow Nation," its population encompasses a diversity of African, South Asian, and European inhabitants and includes ethnic groups such as Zulu, Xhosa, Basotho, Dutch, and British. Despite its past political oppression and strife, South Africa has undergone significant changes since the early 1990s.

CAPE TOWN

With a population of over three million, Cape Town is South Africa's second largest city. Its beautiful landscape is dominated by Table Mountain, which overlooks the city. The fast pace and bright lights of a great urban center juxtapose with the pristine coastlines and magnificent countryside to create a vibrant locale.



The Program

www.uct.ac.za

The University of Cape Town, South Africa's oldest university, was designated as a "whites only" institution during the apartheid period but was later transformed to reflect South Africa's diverse population. The university has approximately 23,000 students from over 100 countries and offers programs in all major disciplines. Of particular interest to study abroad students are courses focusing on the African continent. BC students reside in off-campus housing.

Program Highlights

- On-site coordinator who organizes activities
- Tours of the Cape Peninsula and Robben Island
- Community service opportunities

GRAHAMSTOWN

Established in 1812 and situated eighty miles from Port Elizabeth on the eastern frontier of the Cape Colony, Grahamstown is a small and ethnically diverse city that offers both the amenities of a large city and the quaintness of a small town. A cultural and political center, Grahamstown annually hosts Africa's largest arts festival and the National Festival of Science, Engineering and Technology.

The Program

www.ru.ac.za

A historically white university founded in 1904, Rhodes University is now a multiracial institution of 6000 students. Instruction is based on the British tutorial system emphasizing close, one-to-one contact between students and professors. Rhodes has courses across the disciplines, including African music, English, environmental science, the arts, and social and natural sciences. Students live in on-campus residence halls.

Program Highlights

- On-site coordinator who organizes activities
- A quarter of student body from 57 countries
- Service placements in hospitals, schools, shelters, and day care centers

Courtesy of Kathleen Farrell



ARUSHA, TANZANIA

Home to Mount Kilimanjaro, the Serengeti, and Lake Victoria, Tanzania has a rich history and geography and a growing tourist industry. A modern, multicultural city situated in northern Tanzania, Arusha has a population of approximately 250,000 inhabitants. With a sizable international community engaged in diplomatic affairs, the city hosts the United Nations International Criminal Court for Rwanda and the headquarters of the East Africa Community.

The Program

www.arcadia.edu/abroad/

Based at the Arcadia University Center for East African Studies, the program focuses on human rights education and East African studies. Participants study alongside international and East African students and take a required peace, conflict, and security course; Kiswahili language; and courses in political science, sociology, law, development, or art and culture. The program features guest speakers from major African governmental and non-governmental organizations. BC students live on campus in Arcadia housing.

Program Highlights

- Focus on regional organizations and human rights
- On-site coordinator and organized activities
- Internship and service learning placements

For more detailed information about these BC study abroad programs, visit the OIP web site at www.bc.edu/international.

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