



APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The K-State Study
Abroad application,
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Summer Application Due
February 15, 2009



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Summer 2009
**BOTSWANA &
SOUTH AFRICA**

Office of International Programs

Study Abroad Program

PROGRAM

This program is a study of the natural history, ecology, and conservation of grassland and savanna ecosystems, with a focus on Africa. Topics include savanna/grassland origin and distribution, biodiversity, vegetation ecology, wildlife populations, plant-animal interactions, human-environment interactions, and current conservation issues including climate change, natural resource management, land use and cover change, fire ecology, wildlife conservation, invasive species, and sustainable use. The course will include introductory orientation sessions during the spring semester, 2 weeks of lecture, readings, and discussion on campus, and 3 weeks of travel and field study in Botswana and South Africa.

FACULTY LEADER

Dr. Hartnett has 25 years of university teaching experience in Biology, Ecology, Botany, and has conducted ecological research in southern African since 2000. He taught Savanna Ecology and Ecological Impact Assessment at the University of Botswana in 2002 as a Fulbright Senior Scholar and Visiting Professor. Dr. Hartnett has written over eighty publications including journal articles, book chapters, books, and papers. He has traveled in Botswana, South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe, and Zambia. He has led several research trips to southern Africa with K-State students.

DATES

Begins May 31, 2009

Ends June 21, 2009

CREDIT

Three hours of undergraduate or graduate credit for BIOL 697

Ecology of African Savannas

ELIGIBILITY

Students will have a minimum GPA of 3.0, instructor permission, and previous enrollment in BIOL 529 or BIOL 697 (African Ecology & Conservation)

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Students will gain an understanding of a) key current ecological concepts and theory and their application to grassland and savanna ecosystems, b) the global ecological and economic importance of grassland/savanna ecosystems, c) the natural history of savannas and their diverse flora and fauna, d) the current environmental conservation issues and challenges facing Africa and the developing world, and e) an understanding of the culture and people of southern Africa and their relation to their environment. In addition, students will gain valuable international experience; interact with African students, faculty, and village residents; and learn about a unique culture and people whose livelihoods are directly tied to the sustainable use of savanna/grassland ecosystems.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Class lectures and discussions of readings and field tours
- Field trips to semi-arid grasslands, mesic grasslands, Acacia savannas, shrub savannas, and Mopane savanna woodlands
- Group projects on plant biodiversity patterns and plant-animal interactions
- Guest lectures at the University of Botswana by Dr. M. Setshogo and M. Ditlogo, and guest lectures at the Okavango Research Centre by Dr. Susan Ringrose and Dr. C. Bonyongo
- Tours of several conservation sites and research centers (e.g. Veld Products Research and Development, Khama Rhino Sanctuary, Mokolodi Nature Reserve, Madikwe Game Reserve, Nata Sanctuary, Moremi National Park)

COST

Program Fees: \$1,790 (accommodations, in-country transportation, admission to cultural sites, study abroad fee, and international medical insurance. *Airfare will be fully covered by the K-State Institute for Grassland Studies, Division of Biology.)

Tuition and Fees: Estimated tuition and fees for one 3-credit undergraduate course. Division of Continuing Education (DCE) Fee: \$21.50

Anticipated Additional Expenses: Meals, books, immunizations, and personal expenses.

Payment Options

Check (checks should be made out to Kansas State University. If you submit a check, please be sure the following information is listed on the check: student name, program name, location, name of instructor who is teaching the course, and K-State student ID number)

Credit Card (A 2.9% credit card service fee will be added to all payments made with a credit card)

Cash

Payment for program fees should be made to Office of International Programs, Study Abroad Program, 304 Fairchild Hall.

K-State tuition and DCE fee will be billed to student iSIS accounts.

Payment Schedule for Program Fees:

\$800 due with Application

\$495 due on March 1, 2009

\$495 due on March 15, 2009