STUDY ABROAD UGANDA-RWANDA
MAY-JUNE 2016

GEG 103 – THE DEVELOPING WORLD

AND

HUM 107: CULTURES OF AFRICA

On Campus Courses: March 14th to May 15th 2016
Travel to East Africa: May 21st to June 9th 2016
This is a unique opportunity to study abroad in Uganda and Rwanda, two countries on a continent that has led the world in economic growth over the last decade. This interdisciplinary study abroad experience will enrich your understanding of this rapidly changing part of the world. You will gain a firsthand introduction to the diverse environments, social issues, economic changes, and cultural traditions of Uganda and Rwanda. New perspectives on this region of the African continent will be gained in a variety of settings: including cities, agricultural areas, world renowned national parks, universities, and museums. Interaction with local experts and scholars will occur throughout the program. The field program will be preceded by an interdisciplinary study and introduction to the history, geography, and culture of Uganda and Rwanda in particular and East Africa in general.
Program Overview

- **Instructors:** Mukila Maitha and Dr. Richard Johnson

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- **Dates of Program:**

  - **Class meetings at Harper College:** will be conducted prior to the program between March 14th and May 15th to fulfill GEG 103 (Geography of the Developing World) or HUM 107 (Cultures of Africa) studies and requirements.

  - **Field Program in East Africa:** May 21st through June 8th, 2016.
Program Sites – Rwanda

Kigali

- Founded under German colonial rule in 1907
- Set on a series of ridges
- Population: est. 1.1 million
- Severely damaged during the violence of the 1994 genocide
- Now considered one of Africa’s cleanest cities

Activities:
- Field Seminar (history, neighborhoods, social stratification)
- Kigali Genocide Museum
Program Sites – Rwanda

- **Murambi Genocide Museum**
  - Former technical school
  - Approximately 45,000 killed in April 1994
  - Highlights:
    - Visit to the Murambi Genocide Memorial
Butare

- Former seat of the German and Belgian colonial governments
- Small Town. Estimated population 77,000
- Home to the National University of Rwanda and the National Museum of Rwanda
- Sometimes referred to as Huye.

Highlights:
- Lectures on Ugandan Culture, History, and Geography
- National Museum of Rwanda
- Umuganda
- King’s Palace Museum, Nyanza
Program Sites – Uganda

- **Bwindi Impenetrable Forest**
  - Premier Ugandan forest national park
  - Focused on Mountain Gorilla conservation
  - Former home to hunter/gatherers
  - Highlights:
    - Conservation issues
    - Interaction with the Batwa community
Program Sites – Uganda

- Queen Elizabeth National Park
  - Uganda’s most popular park
  - Established in 1954
  - Lies within the East Africa’s Western Rift Valley – the Albertine Rift
  - About 794 sq miles
  - Highlights:
    - The study of East African biodiversity
    - The study of human wildlife interactions
    - Geology of the East African Rift Valley
Program Sites – Uganda

- **Mbarara**
  - Important transportation hub in Western Uganda
  - Market town and milk processing center for the surrounding region
  - Population 83,000
  - Home town of Mbarara University of Science and Technology (founded 1989)
  - Highlights:
    - Environmental service learning
Program Sites – Uganda

- Kampala - Makerere
  - 1st established as a technical school in 1922
  - Became the University of East Africa in 1963
  - Student body about 33,000.
  - Many post-colonial African leaders studied here
  - Important focal point for pre-Amin literary activity
  - Key Activities:
    - Lectures on Ugandan culture, history, and geography
    - Campus tour
Kampala

- Grew as the capital of the Buganda Kingdom
- 7 prominent areas ("hills"), some of which are of significant importance to the Baganda people.
- Population: est. 1.7 million
- Urban poverty and income inequality are visible issues
- Tropical humid climate
- Activities:
  - Field Seminar (history, neighborhoods, social stratification)
  - Traditional culture experience (Ndere Cultural Center)
## Estimated Cost

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Note: Excludes personal spending and some meals, estimated at $500
To Apply


2. For assistance with the application process (forms/financial support) contact either:
   - Dr. Richard Johnson (847-925-6429 or rjohnson@harpercollege.edu)
   - Kimberly Cozzi (at 847-925-6367 or kcozzi@harpercollege.edu)

3. For questions about the program contact the course instructors