

## Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

**Program Title:** Narrative, Power & Reckoning – South Africa

**Locations:** Durban, Johannesburg, Cape Town

**Dates:** May 8-29, 2024

**Program Description:** This May Experience program will take students to South Africa to examine how the country has been working through a process of transitional justice, reconciliation, and storytelling since the end of Apartheid in 1994. The experience will include a three day orientation and site visits in Johannesburg as well as stays in both Durban and Cape Town. While in Durban, students will be living in pairs in home stays in the township of Cato Manor to gain a deeper cultural understanding of the country they are being hosted in as well as the true realities of Apartheid from those who lived it. While on the ground, students will take part in various lectures, site visits, and de-brief sessions that will tie the themes of transitional justice, reconciliation, and storytelling together as they relate to Apartheid in South Africa.

### Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations for Participation

Below is a list of academic, environmental and physical expectations and requirements for participation in this study away program. The list captures most, but not all, requirements. If you have questions about the expectations and requirements, please check with the study away office or the program directors. Students requiring a physical or academic accommodation should contact the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR) no less than 4 months prior to the start date of the program.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Frequency
	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Course work in a foreign language	Never
Course work in English	Always
Laptop Required	Never
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Recommended
Traditional Classroom	Sometimes
Group Work	Never
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Journals, small essay
Interactions with local residents	Always
Field Work/Research	Never

STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Frequency
	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Foreign Language Environment	Sometimes
Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	Mostly flat, some hills
Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Urban and some rural/remote
Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Colder (fall weather)
Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	Low risk
Is tap water safe to drink	Bottled water recommended
Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Petty theft; other areas have slightly more risk.
Cultural Dress Code	Modest clothing in some cultural sights
Curfew	Sometimes

Internship/ Volunteer Work	Never
Other	

Motion Sickness	Van transportation; bumpy roads. Ferry boat.
Other	addressed.

PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Frequency Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage	Always
Carrying equipment or program supplies	Never
Standing 60+ minutes	Most of the time
Ability to walk up one or more flights of stairs (elevators may not be available)	Yes
Hiking (easy to strenuous; frequency; miles)	Easy
Walking 3+ miles per day	Always
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)	Sometimes
Other	

HEALTH & DIET	Frequency Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available at all meals	Always
Food Allergy Accommodations	Always
Group Meals	Mostly
Cooking for oneself	Never
Host family prepares meals	Yes
Healthcare easily accessible	Yes
Quality of Healthcare	Excellent
Other	

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Frequency Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Host Family	Four nights in Durban
Roommate	Always
Shared Apartment	Never
Dormitory	Never
Camping	Never
Hotel	Hostel and Hotel
Cell phone signal available	Always
Internet signal available	Always
Refrigerator Access	Available
Air Conditioning	Sometimes
Other	

WATER ACTIVITIES	Frequency Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Swimming	Optional; beach access in Durban and Capetown
Snorkeling	No
SCUBA	No
Boat, canoes or other water activities	Sometimes
Sea sickness	Possibly
Other	

Center for Disease Control Recommendations:  
<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/south-africa>