

Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

Program Title: From the South to South Africa: Civil Rights Across the Atlantic

Locations: Durban, Johannesburg, Cape Town

Dates: May 14-May 17 on campus; May 18-June 4 overseas

Program Description: Join us for a transformative MayX experience that delves into the power of restorative practices, grassroots community organizing, and healthy discourse in fostering a sense of belonging. This program is designed to enrich your interpersonal skills through an immersive journey of exploration and self-reflection, comparing and contrasting the Civil Rights movements in the southern United States and 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	Sometimes
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Journals, small essay
Interactions with local residents	Always
Field Work/Research	Never
Internship/ Volunteer Work	Never
Other	

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 or boiled 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
Motion Sickness	Van transportation; bumpy roads. Ferry boat.
Other	Additional safety measures will be 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	Sometimes
Healthcare easily accessible	Yes
Quality of Healthcare	Excellent
Other	

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Frequency Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional
Host Family	Never
Roommate	Always
Shared Apartment	Sometimes
Dormitory	Never
Camping	Never
Hotel	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>