

Furman University Study Away Program: Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations

Program: Southern Africa
Dates: Spring Semester

Request accommodations through the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR)

Program Description: This program explores key issues in Southern Africa; taught on campus and in Southern Africa. When not on campus, students will travel to South Africa, Namibia and Botswana for approximately 8 weeks in the middle of the semester. Students will take four Furman-taught courses, focused on such topics as cultural factors contributing to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in this region of the world, mineral resources and the environmental and human impacts of mineral extraction, the importance of mineral resources to the economy of the region, the diversity of flora and fauna in Africa, the value of biodiversity and natural capital for human health and wellbeing, and a variety of topics related to the history, politics, economics and culture of the region. Mddical care is not easily accessible for much of the time we are traveling.

	Frequency						
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Optional	Recommended	Required
Course work in a foreign language	X						
Course work in English				X			X
Use of laptop	X						
Use of smart device			X			X	
Traditional Classroom		X					X
Indoor Course Work			X				X
Outdoor Course Work			X				X
Group Work			X				X
Presentations			X				X
Interactions with local residents			X				X
Field Work			X				X
Internship	X						
Research			X				X
Comments: Students will not have access to traditional classroom while in Southern Africa.							

	Frequency				
STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Foreign Language Environment			X		
Mountainous			X		
Tropical		X			
Desert			X		
Urban			X		
Rural			X		
High Elevation			X		
Dusty			X		
Air Pollution			X		
Recent Terrorism	X				
Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness			X		
Earthquakes			X		
Other Natural Disaster			X		
Comments: Drought/water shortages					

	Frequency				
PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Daily
Lifting luggage				X	
Carrying luggage				X	
Carrying equipment				X	
Carrying groceries		X			
Standing 30+ minutes			X		
Walking 1+ miles			X		
Hiking (easy)			X		
Hiking (strenuous)			X		
Sitting 5+ hours				X	
Use of public transportation		X			
Flat terrain			X		
Hilly terrain			X		
Stairs			X		
Comments:					

	Frequency				
HEALTH & DIET	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Vegetarian Options				X	
Vegan Options	X				
Food Allergy Accommodations				X	
Group Meals				X	
Cooking for oneself		X			
Host family prepares meals			X		
Healthcare easily accessible			X		
Comments: Students will stay with host families on 3 separate occasions for a few days at a time and will eat meals with them. On safari, food options will be limited.					

	Frequency				
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Always
Host Family			X		
Roommate					X
Shared Apartment		X			
Dormitory			X		
Camping			X		
Hotel			X		
Cell phone signal available			X		
Internet signal available			X		
Comments: Students will stay with host families on 3 separate occasions for a few days at a time. Other housing with be a mix of hotels, dormitory-style living conditions, and camping in platform tents on safari.					

	Frequency				
WATER ACTIVITIES	Never	Seldom	Often	Optional	Required
Swimming		X	X		
Snorkeling	X		X		
SCUBA	X		X		
Boating (speed boat)		X	X		
Rowing	X		X		
Comments: Studetns participate in a 10-day safari in which they will live in tents and eat all meals as a group. During the safari, we will be					

Center for Disease Control Recommendations: Make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines before every trip. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and your yearly flu shot. The CDC recommends getting vaccines for Hepatits A and Typhoid. Malaria medication is also recommended. Mddical care is not easily accessible for much of the time we are traveling.