

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

Program: Narrative, Power & Reckoning- South Africa
Dates: May 13-June 3, 2020

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

Course Description: Narrative shapes how we understand past and identity, creating power and scapegoating certain groups. Exploring places of recent conflict in the Global South allows us to hear and experience stories, mediation, and commemoration that address historical harms. MayX ONLY. 2 credits.

Program Description: 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.

	Frequency						
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Optional	Recommended	Required
Course work in a foreign language	X						
Course work in English							X
Use of laptop			X				
Use of smart device		X					
Traditional Classroom			X				
Indoor Course Work			X				
Outdoor Course Work				X			
Group Work	X						
Presentations	X						
Interactions with local residents				X			
Field Work	X						
Internship	X						
Research	X						
Comments: The topics of the course could be triggering to some individuals as we discuss apartheid and social injustices.							

	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:					

	Frequency				
PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Daily
Lifting luggage			X		
Carrying luggage upstairs			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:					

	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 live in pairs with a host family for 5 days during the program.					

	Frequency				
WATER ACTIVITIES	Never	Seldom	Often	Optional	Required
Swimming	X				
Snorkeling	X				
SCUBA	X				
Boating (speed boat)	X				
Rowing	X				
Comments:					
Center for Disease Control Recommendations: Center for Disease Control Recommendations: Recommended Vaccines for South Africa: MMR, Hep A/B,Typhoid, Malaria					