



THE GLOBAL IMMERSION PROGRAMME

DESTINATION: SOUTH AFRICA



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LEARNING**

INSPIRING GREATNESS

The Global Immersion Programme



Our intention through the Global Immersion Programme is for you to have a life changing experience through exposing you to our country's culture. By immersing you in our diverse programme, you will have a unique opportunity to hone your talents, develop critical skills and acquire the knowledge required to make a truly measurable impact on return to your home country. We look forward to welcoming you to the programme.

SIMON TANKARD CEO: UKZN EXTENDED LEARNING

The Global Immersion Programme at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban offers international students the opportunity to visit an area rich in cultural diversity and history for an intensive study programme between June/July.

KwaZulu-Natal has a rich cultural heritage. Khoisan-speaking hunter-gatherers, who lived in the region until the 19th century, left one of the most spectacular legacies of rock painting to be found anywhere in the world. The African population is largely Zulu speaking, with a recorded history dating back to the African kingdoms of the late 18th century, including that of Shaka, the legendary Zulu King. Iron-age sites suggest that their ancestors settled in the region as early as the second or third centuries AD. Today, the region has a sophisticated

economy, with modern communication, education and health infrastructure, and provides a microcosm of the changes which post-apartheid South Africa is experiencing in business and in the fields of government, agriculture, health, housing and education.

A multi-cultural experience

- Study at one of South Africa's leading universities under the tuition of experts
- Engage in a multi-cultural experience, with opportunities to participate in community projects
- Obtain insight into the social, political and economic challenges of the region
- Enjoy leisure activities such as visits to a game park and trails in the wilderness
- Visit sites of historical interest
- Learn basic isiZulu.



Leisure activities

Durban, Westville and Pietermaritzburg, where the University's main teaching centres are located, are modern cities with hotels, restaurants, libraries, museums, cinemas, music and jazz venues, art galleries and golf courses of international standard. The sites of the major battles of the Anglo-Boer war (1899-1902) are easily accessible from Durban

or Pietermaritzburg. There are also a number of nature reserves and wilderness areas where visitors can view game in unspoilt surroundings. The coast offers fishing, surfing and bathing.

Tours

Visits to at least two sites of historical and environmental interest are included in the programme, and visits to other places of interest are part of individual courses.



The Amphitheatre, Drakensberg.



Rhinos can be seen at a number of nearby game and nature reserves.

Academic Programme



Zulu Language and Culture

The language part of the course focuses on communication. The students are gradually taken through simple, everyday situations for which they are taught vocabulary and grammatical structures. The course is intensive and interactive. The cultural aspect of the course will focus on the Zulu cultural traditions and heritage, which include the Zulu belief system and customs.

Credits: 16

Assessment: weekly tests; final examination

Gender and Education

This course is informed by a commitment to gender equality. It introduces students to feminism and examines how the concept of gender is realised in a South African setting. It explores how gender operates in education (particularly in school settings), both within the hidden and overt curriculum, and aims to get students to reflect on and compare their own practices and institutional locations. It

provides a broad understanding of gender and educational inequalities, but specifically focuses on South African education and gender transformation. It highlights key areas of concern in this country and includes a focus on gender and sexual violence, gender and early childhood, masculinities and schooling, HIV, gender and educational interventions.

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EXCURSIONS

Two weekend excursions are included in the composite fee:

Giants Castle Nature Reserve:

Situated in the Drakensberg mountains, it is the site of one of the last San settlements in KwaZulu-Natal. Rock paintings provide evidence of San history up to the end of the 19th century.

Hluhluwe-Mfolozi Game Reserve:

Students will have an opportunity to view a wide variety of African wildlife. Of course, it is not guaranteed that all of the Big Five (elephant, rhinoceros, lion, leopard and African buffalo) will make an appearance, but the reserve has a very wide variety of indigenous animals and birds.



The KZN Midlands is a popular destination for hikers.





Fees

The cost of the full programme will be determined based on the requirements. The fee will include accommodation, tuition fees, course materials and travel excursions.

Accommodation

Accommodation is provided by the University, they are comfortable, furnished single bedsitting rooms. All facilities are situated close to campus lecture venues and the University library, you will have secure access to all entrances.

All accommodation is self-catering and transport to and from campus is provided.

Evaluation and credit

Participating students will enrol at the University of KwaZulu-Natal and are required to submit assignments, write in-class tests and a final exam for each course. There are about 50 contact hours per course. A final grade will be calculated for each course and an official transcript will be sent to the home institution after completion of the programme. The University of KwaZulu-Natal awards 16 credits per course with a maximum of 32 (two courses) credits for the Global Immersion Programme session.





Medical health cover

The South African government requires that all international students take out private healthcare insurance. Students attending the Global Immersion Programme are required to take out cover in their home countries, which should provide cover for all medical costs incurred while under the care of a private physician, emergency room treatment, or treatment as an in-patient at a hospital. Should students require medical assistance, they will need to pay the hospital/doctor directly, and then claim from their medical insurance in their home country. It's advisable to get your insurance provider to confirm that you will be covered in South Africa. The University operates a free health clinic for students where attention can be given to minor health problems.



Climate

The weather in Durban during June and July is generally sunny and day time temperatures average around 22-24 degrees Celsius, although nights are usually colder. The weather can be much colder at some of the tour locations, but it is unusual for temperatures to drop below freezing point anywhere in KwaZulu-Natal at this time of the year.

An aerial night photograph of Durban, South Africa. The central focus is the Cathedral of St. George, a large, ornate building with a prominent dome, brightly lit with warm yellow lights. The surrounding city is a dense urban landscape with numerous high-rise buildings, some of which are also illuminated. The sky is a deep twilight blue. In the foreground, there are palm trees and streetlights, creating a bokeh effect. A semi-transparent teal box in the upper right corner contains text about the local currency.

Currency

The local currency is the South African Rand, and, with few exceptions, businesses do not accept foreign currencies and many do not accept travellers' cheque in foreign currencies. Most currencies and travellers' cheques can be exchanged at the larger branches of any bank, or at foreign exchange offices in airports and shopping centres. A few currencies (such as CFA Francs) cannot be exchanged in South Africa. Credit cards are widely accepted, but exercise a degree of caution when using your card – credit card fraud is not unknown here!

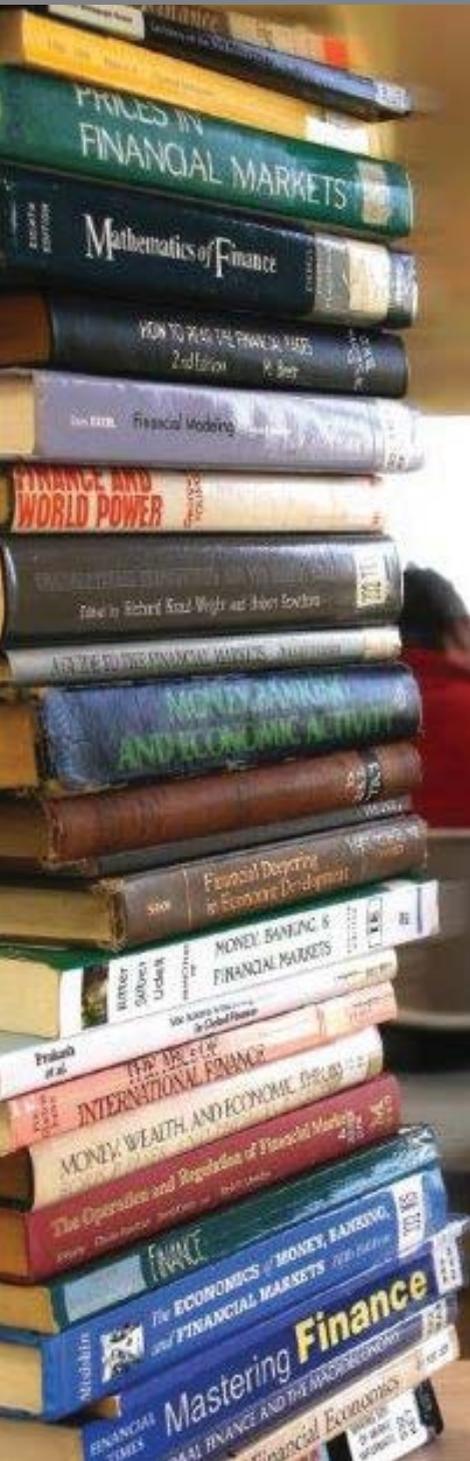
Durban city centre at night.



The Dolphin Show at uShaka Marine World is extremely popular.



The annual Comrades Marathon, run between Pietermaritzburg and Durban, is the world's largest ultramarathon.



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