

HIV/AIDS PREVENTION IN TANZANIA

The HIV/AIDS Prevention in Tanzania Program runs for two weeks from January 5 – January 21, 2010. The program is designed to provide SU students of any academic discipline the opportunity to learn about the HIV/AIDS epidemic as a driving force in global health. Students learn about the challenges of HIV/AIDS in Tanzania and the unique African strategies for addressing these challenges. Under the auspices of the Global Service Corps based in Arusha, students receive an intensive week of training on HIV/AIDS in Tanzania and local prevention strategies, Tanzanian culture, and basic Swahili. During the second week of the program, working with young Tanzanian college-age students, participants teach HIV/AIDS prevention classes in a train-the-trainer program in small villages near Arusha. Participants in these classes are local villagers who are expected to learn about HIV/AIDS prevention and to train others in the village.



CLASSES: HIV/AIDS Prevention in Africa is open to students from any academic discipline. Students earn 3 credits at either the undergraduate or graduate level through the following courses.

NURS 580: Special Topics: HIV/AIDS in Africa – A graduate level course only for graduate Nursing students exploring the complexities of HIV/AIDS in Africa including epidemiology, prevention and treatment as well as the influence of politics, economics and culture in addressing HIV/AIDS issues.

NURS 415: Special Topics: HIV/AIDS in Africa – An undergraduate level course that explores the complexities of HIV/AIDS in Africa and the many factors that impact on the distribution of the disease and its prevention and treatment. There are no prerequisites. May be taken for 1 or 3 undergraduate credits.

EXCURSIONS: Participants travel to Kenya where they spend the night before continuing by bus the next day across the vast open spaces of East Africa to Arusha, Tanzania at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro. Site visits are planned by Global Service Corps to various government and non-government agencies providing services to those affected by HIV/AIDS. A highlight of the trip is a weekend safari to Lake Manyara National Park and the Ngorogoro Crater.

HOUSING: During the first week, participants are housed in a small hostel where they meet travelers from around the globe. The second week, each participant is paired with a Tanzanian family and truly experiences their culture and way of life.

COST: Approximately \$5000. Final cost will be determined in fall 2009. These costs include all SU tuition and fees, international airfare, visa costs, international health insurance, AMREF Flying Doctors emergency support, and other incidental expenses. Not included: passport fees (if required), required immunizations for travel to Tanzania (est. \$250).

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT INFORMATION: An initial deposit of \$250 is due at the time of application. This deposit is part of the total advertised cost of the program. Once a student is academically admitted by the faculty director, the initial non-refundable deposit is due to the Cashier's Office. The student will be automatically enrolled into the study abroad course. The University Billing Office will then bill each registered student for the total cost of the study abroad program (less the deposit amount) through the regular university billing system. Standard University deadlines for withdrawals do not apply to study abroad programs. ***Once the published Application Deadline occurs, the accepted student is responsible for the entire amount of the study abroad program charge.***

APPLICATION INFORMATION: Application forms are available at the Center for International Education or from the faculty director. Completed application forms are currently being accepted by the faculty director or by the Center for International Education. In addition to the application, interested students must submit the following:

- 1) An unofficial SU transcript demonstrating a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75;
- 2) A 300 word essay responding to the question "Why do you want to participate on the HIV/AIDS Prevention in Tanzania program?"
- 3) A completed faculty recommendation form from a faculty member who knows the student well.

Admission is competitive and enrollment is limited. Students will be admitted on a rolling basis until the program is full. The application deadline is October 1, 2009. For more information, see the program website at www.salisbury.edu/intled/studyabroad/winter/tanzania. All questions concerning the program should be addressed to the program director:

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