THE ECONOMIC & BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA

Summer Study Abroad Program: August 6 – 22, 2016

THE PROGRAM
Come join us for this exciting two-week long learning excursion to South Africa. This GSU Faculty-Led program will explore the economy and business environment in South Africa. An important feature of the program is that it allows for significant interactions with South African university students. This allows our students to share their ideas and to gain an appreciation of South African perspectives. Time is split between the Pretoria-Johannesburg Area and Cape Town. Sites visits include the Apartheid Museum, Sun City, Lesidi Cultural Village, Soweto Township, the Mandela House, Robben Island, Cape of Good Hope and many more. In addition, we will spend a night in a game park and go on safari!

ELIGIBILITY
The program is open to undergraduate and graduate students who meet all academic requirements of the Georgia State University J. Mack Robinson College of Business. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Tribal Meetings will arrange accommodation for the participants. Students will stay in a comfortable, double-occupancy housing facility. The facility is at the University of Pretoria Student Center housing. The facility includes top of line technology, athletic facilities, and a wide range of dining and support services.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION
Students with documented disabilities who may need accommodations during their study abroad experience should discuss these needs with the Program Director and the Office of Disability Services at the time of application.

Tentative Itinerary

Day 1: Morning—Apartheid Museum (Johannesburg)
Afternoon—Soweto Township

Day 2: Morning—Tour of Pretoria
Afternoon—University of Pretoria Meet and Greet—All Participants (i.e. students, lectures, business and government discussants)

Day 3: Morning—Lecture—University of Pretoria;
Afternoon—Site Visit: Coca-Cola South Africa

Day 4: Morning—Lecture—University of Pretoria
Afternoon—Site Visit: Eskom SA Limited (GA Power-Southern Company)

Day 5: Morning and Afternoon—Department of Trade and Industry, Pretoria; Afternoon: Coca-Cola South Africa

Day 6: Morning—Site Visit: Kimberly-Clark Corp. SA
Afternoon—Lesedi Cultural Village

Day 7: Palanesburg Game Park

Day 8: Company Visit (Financial, insurance, IT or other important sectors)

Day 9: Cape Town

Day 10: Robben Island Museum (The Mandela Legacy)

Day 11: Visit to a South African Winery

Day 12: Travel back to Atlanta (around August 18)

Day TBA: Debriefing & Presentation Meeting

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 14, 2016

CONTACT INFORMATION

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6 SEMESTER HOURS
CREDITS AND COURSES
Participants who successfully complete the program’s Study Abroad with Peers in South Africa: Economy & Business in Emerging Markets courses will receive (6) semester hours of course credit at Georgia State University. Undergraduate students should register for course IB4410/EC4620 and graduate students should register for IB8410/EC8620. Students from other institutions should follow their institution’s regulations concerning transfer credits.

APPLICATION INFORMATION
All students must complete an interview with the Program Director before being formally accepted into the program.

Students interested in applying should find this program’s listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application. Transient Students: please see the Transients Student section under the Explore & Apply tab.

International students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas must contact the Office of International Students and Scholar Services at (404) 413-2070 to discuss possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.

COST
Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at $4,500, PLUS regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a $250 fee in addition to the program cost.

FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS
Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Study Abroad Scholarship/Georgia State University Foundation Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and select the Scholarships & Financial Aid tab or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 for more information.

Because program size is limited, early application is strongly advised. Individual interviews will be scheduled with students upon receipt of application.

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Program Cost Includes
- Round-trip airfare
- Hotel accommodations, double occupancy
- Daily continental breakfast
- Travel between cities & local transit
- Selected city orientations
- Group cultural events
- One additional group dinner
- Health/Evacuation/Repatriation medical insurance

Program Cost Does Not Include
- Georgia State tuition and fees
- Passport fees
- Additional meals
- Excess baggage charges and tips
- Personal expenses
- Public transportation

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
January 15th, 2016: $1,000 Deposit with application
March 31st, 2016: $3,500 Remaining balance
(All payments are non-refundable upon receipt)

Program Deposit Payments: Participants will pay program deposits by logging into PAWS. Please contact your Program Director to confirm that a Program Deposit Account has been established for this purpose before you attempt to make a payment in PAWS.

Program Payments and Remaining Program Balance: Other than the initial program deposit, all program payments—along with the remaining program balance—will be billed directly to your student account. Please refer to the Academic/Registration calendar for the tuition and fees deadline.