



South Africa:
**History, Politics
and Society**

HIST 322.6/422.6
(6-credit units)
May 18 - 26, 2020

APPLY BY
January 15, 2020

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**JOHANNESBURG &
SURROUNDING AREAS,
SOUTH AFRICA**

Overview

Your 5 weeks in South Africa will introduce you to a dynamic, complex society that has experienced dramatic change over the past two decades. A prolonged struggle of the majority of South Africans for freedom and an end to apartheid culminated in 1994 in the first truly democratic election. South Africa has taken great strides to move past the legacy of apartheid toward a new vision of South Africa as a 'rainbow nation'. Still, poverty, inequitable development, and HIV/AIDS are among many continuing challenges.

Course Description

This course introduces students to the history and politics of South Africa. The intensive experience will give students the opportunity to learn about culture and society in South Africa. Through site visits, guest lectures, and formal and informal meetings with South Africans of all ages, races and socio-economic backgrounds, students will begin to develop an understanding of the diverse nature of South African society and the historical issues that shaped it. Experiential learning will form an important part of this program, but it will also expose students to the vibrant and exciting intellectual culture at South African universities

Program Highlights

The program is divided into six units, each focussing on a different set of issues. The list below provides only a sampling of the planned field excursions (subject to change)

1. **Human Origins in South Africa**
 - a. *Highlights:* visits to Wits Origins Centre; Sterkfontein Caves and fossil site
2. **Apartheid and resistance**
 - a. *Highlights:* visit to Pretoria – Voortrekker monument, Union (Parliament) Building; Soweto City tour; Mandela House; Apartheid Museum
3. **Industry, Migration and Culture**
 - a. *Highlights:* visits to Gold Reef City; mining hostel: Newtown Worker's Museum
4. **Education Then and Now**
 - a. *Highlights:* visits to several types of schools
5. **Rural South Africa – Bantustans, Sun City and Game Parks**
 - a. *Highlights:* visits to Sun City; Lesedi Heritage Museum; Pilanesberg Game Park
6. **Contemporary Transitions and Reconstruction**
 - a. *Highlights:* visits to Constitutional Court; traditional healers' market; Baragwanath Hospital; Queer Johannesburg tour

Prerequisites:

The program will appeal in particular to History majors and International Studies students. Others with the prerequisites (60 c.u. of University study & permission of the instructor) are equally welcome to apply!

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Cost:

The College of Arts and Science has generously provided \$200 per student taking the course for credit and \$100 for those auditing (if applicable) to help reduce the program fee for each student. The program fee below reflects the reduced amount.

- a) **UofS tuition:** approx. \$1275 (individual registration and payment)
- b) **Program fee:** approx. \$7415 (less \$200 grant from A&S) equals **\$7215**, which includes:
 - a. Flights, accommodation; entrance fees to sites, on-site transportation, many meals
- c) **Other costs:** personal expenses (souvenirs), textbooks or other course materials, possible medical insurance

Financial Assistance:

All students accepted to participate in the program, and are taking the course for credit, will receive the [\\$1000 Global Engagement Scholarship](#) to help offset costs related to studying abroad. The study abroad coordinator will submit the group application. Students do not need to apply themselves.

NOTE: Students must be taking the course for credit towards a degree to be eligible.

Other possible funding opportunities include:

- Department of History Study Abroad Award - \$1000
- Gail Appel Study Abroad Awards - \$1000
- James Barney Smythe International Study Abroad Scholarship - \$1000 - \$2000

Eligible UofS students may apply for additional funding. For further information please visit: <http://artsandscience.usask.ca/undergraduate/scholarships.php>
<https://students.usask.ca/academics/study-abroad/awards.php>

Payment Schedule:

A \$500 non-refundable deposit is due upon acceptance into the program likely within a week after the deadline but no later than January 31st.

The remainder of the program fee is due at the end of **February 2020**, but we can also spread the payment out over a couple months if needed (details will be specified in the acceptance letter). Program fee payments may be made by money order or cheque only, payable to the University of Saskatchewan.

Applications:

Application forms are available online from the Study Abroad Website:

<https://students.usask.ca/academics/study-abroad/term-taughtabroad.php#Process>

For more information and to submit applications, contact:

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