

Program Description

This program provides a closely guided introduction to history, conservation and development initiatives, and Kiswahili language in Tanzania. UI professors with extensive experience in Tanzania will take students there for four weeks during May and June. Instruction will focus on modern Tanzanian history, on its national language, Kiswahili, and on the history and environment of Iringa Region. The course will be based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's vibrant commercial capital and East Africa's most populous city. Students will live in a residential suburb of Dar es Salaam, and will be able to use their Kiswahili skills while becoming familiar with everyday neighborhood life. Students will also make an extended visit to the rural, highland region of Iringa in Tanzania's southwest. The program will earn 3.s.h. credit.

Dates

Proposed dates for this course are Monday, May 24th to Saturday, June 19th.

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Next Steps

The application deadline is April 1. Late applications will be considered on a space-available basis.

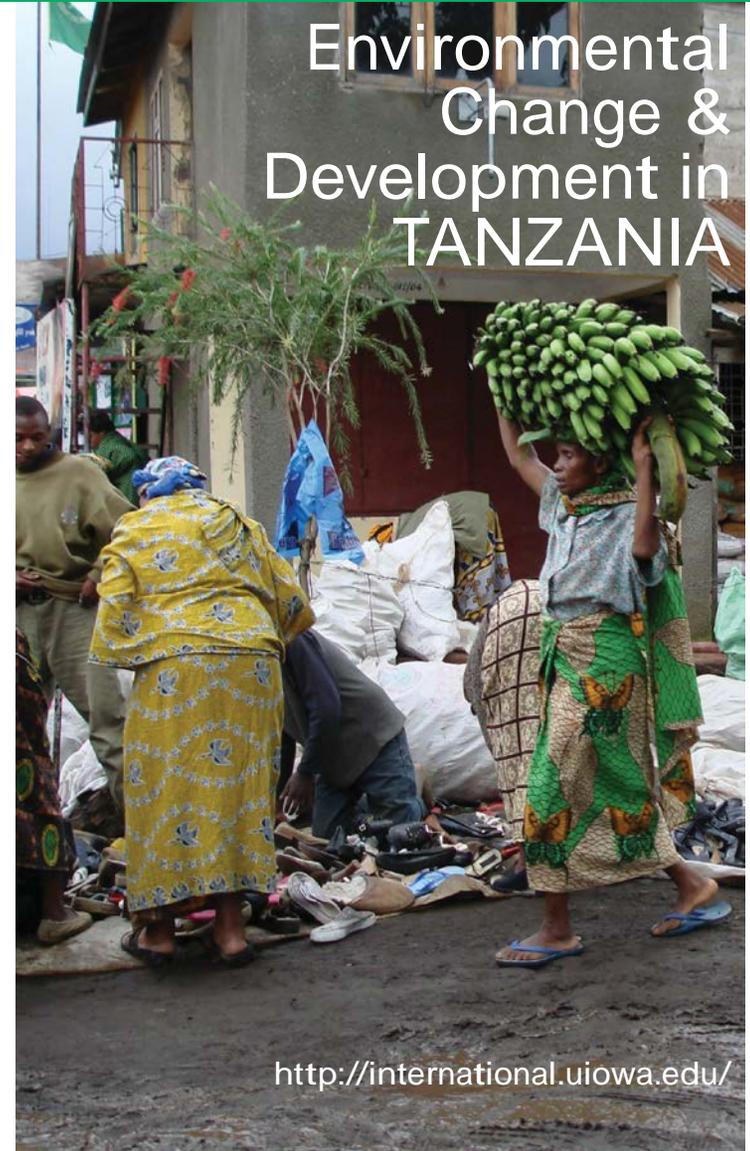
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Dar es Salaam and Iringa

Dar es Salaam, a sprawling port city of more than three million people, is a fascinating mixture of ancient Swahili culture, cultural influences from Arabia and India, and a youth culture shaped by international media. It is a city best understood by exploring the places where its people engage in their everyday lives, from boisterous street markets and evangelical churches to the meditative spaces of mosques and tearooms. The Kiswahili spoken in Dar es Salaam captures this range of cultural influences.

This program will also feature a trip to Iringa, a rural region in southwestern Tanzania. By contrast with Dar es Salaam's tropical climate and urban exuberance, Iringa is a cool highland region of farming villages and small towns. This trip will offer an introduction to the region's history and rural life, and to development issues and initiatives in rural Tanzania. Activities in this region will be located primarily in the vicinity of the City of Iringa and in the District of Njombe. Around Iringa Town, students will visit important historical sites (including the museum devoted to the life of Mkwawa, the most prominent Tanzanian leader of resistance against colonial invasion) and the well-known paleolithic site at Isimila. Students will also have an opportunity to visit Iringa's two new universities. In Njombe,



students will again visit historical sites (including several places which were important in the Maji Maji war of 1905-07), and will gain an introduction to several projects devoted to conservation and economic development. Be ready to get your shoes muddy, because we will also visit not only some of the district's new secondary schools and hospitals, but also its farming villages.

Academic Program

This program will combine instruction in Kiswahili language, and in the study of history, environmental change and development in Tanzania. Completion of the program will be worth 3 s.h. of course credit. The program will offer opportunity for students who have already begun their study of Kiswahili to improve their skills, particularly through conversation in real-life, everyday situations. For students who have no knowledge of Kiswahili, the program will offer a crash course in survival Kiswahili. Kiswahili, which is the national language of Tanzania, is spoken not only in Dar es Salaam, but also in Iringa. Instruction in history, environmental change and development will be tailored to give students appreciation for the places which they will visit both in and around Dar es Salaam and also in Iringa Region. Students will be expected to complete required readings, to write brief essays or journal entries, and make active and consistent effort to use Kiswahili, whether they are beginners or advanced students. Activities outside class, such as visits to major museums, will be an integral part of the academic experience.

Cost

The program fee will be determined soon. The fee will include accommodation and meals in Dar es Salaam and

Iringa, group transport (including travel by road between Dar es Salaam and Iringa), and instructional materials. Students will be expected to cover some additional expenses, including all drinks, occasional meals in restaurants, commuter bus fares, and admission to a small number of museums and other sites. Students should expect to spend about \$400 for these expenses. Airfare is expected to be an additional \$1800.

Accommodations

Accommodation in Dar es Salaam will be located in a pleasant and leafy residential suburb called Segelea. Students will stay in a house belonging to program instructors, or in nearby houses belonging to neighbors. These residences are comfortable and secure. Meals will be at the instructors' house, and will include a variety of common Tanzanian dishes including the staple dish Ugali. Most dietary restrictions, including meat-free diets, can be accommodated.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

In general, financial aid received to attend the University of Iowa may be applied toward the cost of studying abroad. Aid eligibility is adjusted to reflect the total cost of participating in the program. Students are encouraged to apply for need-and merit-based scholarships awarded by the Office for Study Abroad. Information is available at: <http://international.uiowa.edu/study-abroad/funding/>

Eligibility

Students must be in good academic standing.