

SOUTH AFRICA

A GVSU FACULTY-LED PROGRAM



South Africa: Biology Open to: All Majors

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

*** **PLEASE NOTE:** This program will next be offered summer 2019. The information on this page is for the 2017 program. Updated 2019 program information will be available summer 2018. Program details may be similar, but are subject to change. ***

Hoedspruit (Kruger National Park), South Africa— This three-week program provides students with field-based international experiences in natural resource and sustainability issues including an appreciation of the relationships between South African ecology, culture, and physical environment. The program is designed to teach students about the functioning of the Greater Kruger National Park Ecosystem including the natural history and management of wildlife and vegetation. Students will also gain first-hand knowledge of African history and culture as it pertains to natural resource management. Students will be housed at the Southern African Wildlife College and will interact with faculty, staff, and local students through lectures, discussions, field trips, and safaris.

WHEN CAN I GO?

May 4 - May 25, 2017
(3 weeks)

WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Students will live in Rondavels (traditional African round houses) or safari tents

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

This program is open to all majors, but does require a minimum 2.0 GPA.
GVSU is happy to extend this opportunity to [non-GVSU students](#).

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for this program, log on to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application.

** 2019 Program application will open late summer 2018 **

APPLICATION DEADLINE (2019 Program): February 1, 2019

Non-GVSU Students are welcome to apply. Please view [Non-GVSU Student Information](#)

WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?

Students will register for a total of 6 credits:

NRM 407: Natural Resources and Society (3 credits)

BIO 417: International Field Biology (3 credits)

Language of instruction: English

***ISSUES FRIENDLY**

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

The approximate fee for this program is Program Fee: \$5,258.

Includes

- Round-trip fare
- Housing
- All in-country meals
- Field trips
- All transportation while in SA

Other Expenses

- GVSU Tuition - 6 credits (\$3,036)
- Personal expenses (\$250)
- Additional Meals (\$50)
- Passport fees (\$140)
- ISIC Card (Optional) (\$28)

Total Estimated Cost: Total Projected Cost (Program Fee + Other Expenses) = \$8,762

FINANCIAL AID

To contact the Financial Aid office, email finaid@gvsu.edu with “**Study Abroad**” in the Subject line. Include your **G Number** and **Total Projected Cost** of the program in the e-mail.

Non-GVSU Students: Non-GVSU students admitted for study abroad are not eligible for Financial Aid from GVSU. Check with your home school's study abroad and financial aid offices for details on applying for financial aid from your home school toward study abroad program costs.

[Financial Aid FAQs](#)

GRANTS

FACULTY-LED PROGRAM GRANT (Up to \$1,500): All degree-seeking students who apply to their faculty-led program by the priority deadline are automatically considered for a grant of up to \$1,500 from the Padnos International Center. Students must have a current FAFSA on file to be eligible. No application required.

James F. and Virginia L. Goode Global Programs Scholarship: The purpose of the scholarship is to reduce the financial pressure on students and their families and make a Grand Valley education accessible to students from all backgrounds. This need-based scholarship will ensure that financial need does not become a barrier to intellectual and personal growth for students planning to study abroad.

MyScholarships: <https://gvsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/10186>

Visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships for additional information on grants and scholarships.

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