

# NAMIBIA

A GVSU FACULTY-LED PROGRAM



## Namibia: African History, Cultures and the Environment Open to: All majors

### TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

**EXTENDED Application Deadline (2018 Program): March 19, 2018**

**Windhoek, Namibia** — The country of Namibia boasts a well maintained infrastructure serving a large tourism industry catering to predominantly European and German markets. But what makes Namibia attractive is its wide variety of landscapes and ecosystems, ranging from woodlands and African savanna to true deserts with the world's tallest sand dunes. Across this diverse region, numerous ethnic groups have maintained many of their traditions and many continue to live as their ancestors did hundreds of years ago such as the Himba and the San people.

In Namibia, students can experience a sense of solitude and serenity under the vast, open expanses of its stunning landscapes where the "deafening" silence is all encompassing. This unique program gives students an insight into the fascinating diversity of Africa's ecosystems and wildlife, cultures and complex history. Students will spend 3 weeks at the University of Namibia (UNAM) in Windhoek, after which they will go on to enjoy 2 weeks of adventure, traveling and camping across diverse ecosystems; visiting conservation sites, historic sites and wildlife conservation projects. The final week of the program will be spent at the UNAM campus.

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### Highlights:

- Tour of historic sites in the city of Windhoek, visit to black township of Katutura, open-air market, Independence Memorial Museum and Namibia Genocide Memorials
- Travel to Damaraland, visit Damara Living Museum, track desert elephants, and visit African villages
- Visit a Cheetah Conservation and wildlife management education center in Otjiwarongo
- Visit Etosha National Park (one of the greatest game parks in Africa), Safari tour/drive through and learn about ecotourism and community wildlife conservation
- Travel to the Sand Dunes of Soussusvlei, Sesriem Canyon and Namib-Naukluft
- Optional adventure excursions including dune surfing, sea kayaking and whale watching

### WHEN CAN I GO?

April 29– June 22, 2018

(6 weeks)

To apply for this program, log on to [www.gvsu.edu/oasis](http://www.gvsu.edu/oasis) to begin your online application.

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

### **WHERE WILL I LIVE?**

Program participants will reside in campus lodge, hotels and secure camping sites.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?**

Applicants must have completed their sophomore year before the onset of the program. Must be adaptable and willing to camp. 2.0 GPA required.

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### **HOW DO I APPLY?**

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### **WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?**

Students will register for a total of 6 credits:

**HST 380/AAA 333:** African History, Cultures & Environment (3 credits)

Course fulfills General Education World Perspectives requirement AND

**HTM 368:** Geotourism (3 credits)

Course fulfills General Education Issues requirement: Sustainability

Language of instruction: English

### **HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?**

The approximate fee for this program is \$4,576.

#### **Includes**

- Round-trip airfare
- Housing
- Camping equipment
- Some meals
- Field trips
- All ground transportation

#### **Other Expenses**

- Tuition (\$3,150)
- Vaccinations and personal expenses (\$350)
- Additional meals (\$300)
- Passport/photos (\$140)
- ISIC card - optional (\$28)

**Total Estimated Cost: Total Projected Cost: \$8,544**

### **FINANCIAL AID**

To contact the Financial Aid office, email [finaid@gvsu.edu](mailto: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.

### **Charles and Susan Baker-Clark Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM)**

**Scholarship:** The purpose of this scholarship is to assist HTM students with the cost of their study abroad program. **APPLY NOW:** <https://gvsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/9434>

**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](http://www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships) for additional information on grants and scholarships.

## **WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?**

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