

Study Abroad 2017-2018

EcoLife - University of Pretoria



Academic Programs

Wildlife Conservation:

Courses focus on wildlife management techniques, sustainable resource utilization, ecosystem & biodiversity conservation, reserve & resort management, capture & care of wild animals.

Vets-in-the-Wild:

Courses focus on wildlife veterinary science, wildlife diseases and medicine, capture & care of wild animals, breeding of rare species, wildlife rehabilitation, ecosystems & biodiversity conservation.

All programs require strenuous physical activity

Application Deadlines

Final: April 1

Apply early, programs fill quickly

Elegibility

2.5 GPA

Housing

Camping in huts, tents, or chalets.

Program Fees

Fees cover: Tuition, accommodation, meals, transportation, course materials, camping equipment, permits, entry fees, and group activities.

Wildlife Conservation: \$4980

Vets-in-the-Wild: \$4980

Other UI Fees

\$150 Non-Refundable UI Application Fee

Tentative Dates

Vets-in-the-Wild

Summer: (Pick one)

June 4-25

July 9-30

June 11-July 2

July 16-Aug 6

June 25-July 16

July 23-Aug 13

July 2-23

July 30-Aug 20

Winter:

Nov 26-Dec 11

Nov 29-Dec 30

Wildlife Conservation

Summer: May 20-June 10

Winter: Dec 28-Jan 18

SOUTH AFRICA

Learn more about this program by visiting our website:

<http://uidaho-sa.terradotta.com/?go=ecolife>

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With ten faculties and 550 academic programs, the University of Pretoria is the biggest residential university in South Africa. Today, it provides training for 50,000 students. Ecolife Expeditions is an extension program of the Centre for Wildlife Management at the University of Pretoria, and has been conducting short-term field study programs for international students since 1999. Two study programs are currently presented, the Wildlife Conservation program, and the Vets-in-the-Wild program. Aimed at students of biology, conservation, eco-tourism, environmental science, natural resources, park management, wildlife management, veterinary science, zoology, wildlife rehabilitation or a related field, these study programs offer an exciting, hands-on, in-depth, and educational experience, taking students behind-the-scenes in the wildlife field in Southern Africa. The expeditions are in the form of a camping safari, and the duration is around 3 weeks. Students interact with rangers, veterinarians, and researchers working in the field, giving them insight into life, successes, and problems associated with conservation in Africa today.

This field-based course becomes increasingly more “hands on” as the group becomes accustomed to the challenges and rigors of traveling in the bush. The activities are practical and designed to expose participants to various facets of the African experience. One day students may identify plants and learn about their uses; the next they might take part in an erosion prevention project or visit a local school. Students might take two or three trips to the same lion kill in order to watch the incredible succession of animals work over the carcass, or spend an evening with some Zulu villagers to learn the art of tribal dancing and story-telling. By the end of the program, students will have an appreciation for the complexity and interconnectedness of life in Africa and will have a clearer understanding of the issues and realities facing African wildlife today.

Program Visits

Here are some of the places you might visit on these programs:

- Rhino and Lion Park
- Blyde Canyon Reserve: Swadini Resort
- Shangana Village, Hazyview, Mpumalanga Province
- Kruger National Park
- Onderstepoort & DeWildt Wild Cheetah and Wild Dog Breeding Centre
- Imbambala – Loskop Dam Game Reserve
- Lory Park Zoo & Owl Sanctuary
- Johannesburg Zoo
- Mokopane Breeding Centre

About the Location

Located on the southern end of the continent, South Africa and Swaziland represent one of the truly great wildlife viewing areas in the world. Students will have the opportunity to explore a wide variety of ecosystems and learn about the complex social, economic, and political pressures facing them. South Africa and Swaziland are also interesting from an anthropological perspective—there you will find archeological sites dating back to prehistoric man, rock art from the San bushman, Dutch settlers, and Zulu tribal villages. Almost around every corner students will discover something new and different, making it an ideal learning environment.



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