

Summer 2013

Southern Africa: Agriculture and Food Processing Tour

ABOUT

This study abroad program is tailored for providing undergraduate and graduate students the experience of agricultural practices, food processing industry, and daily life and culture of Mozambique and South Africa. This will prepare them to better integrate into the rapidly globalizing world economy, and also allow them to identify challenges facing agriculture and food processing sectors in developing countries such as Mozambique. Students will be challenged to devise creative ways to address these challenges by combining the unique facets and strengths of neighboring South Africa with the technological and financial wherewithal of the U.S. The class will give students a first-hand experience of the contrasting agriculture practices and food sector, the challenges faced, and opportunities for partnership that benefit Mozambique, South Africa and the United States. Students will also be exposed to University life to understand the education and research systems in Mozambique and South Africa. The trip will include visits to the countryside, agricultural farms, project sites of non-profit organization World Vision, and food processing facilities, such as flour mills, bakery and a pasta company.

TRAVEL DATES

Summer 2013 (May24 -June 9); 17 days

COURSE

GRSC 691: Agriculture and Food Processing in Southern Africa

FACULTY LEADERS

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Course Objectives

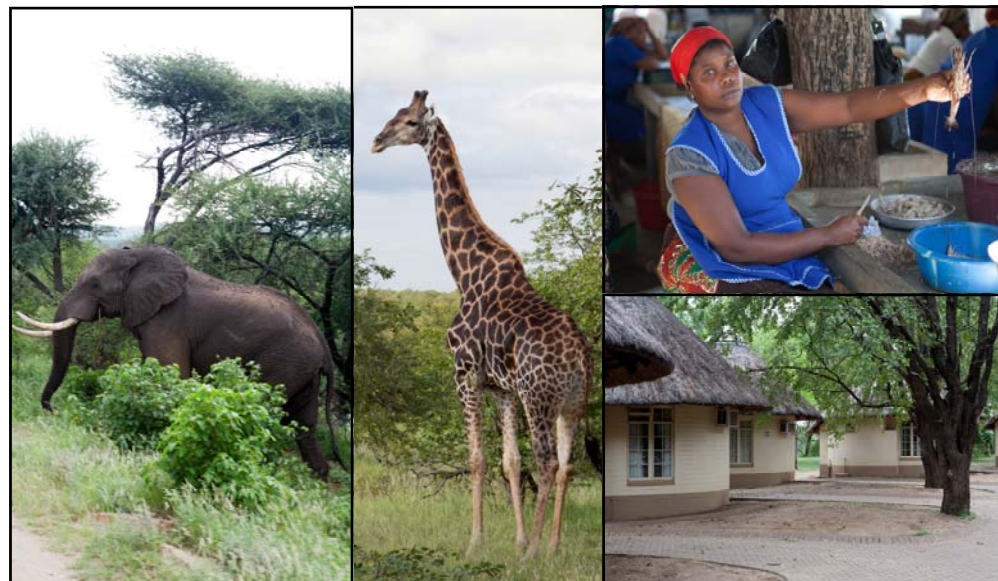
- Study the fundamentals of agriculture and food processing in Mozambique and South Africa
- Learn about the challenges faced by Mozambique in agriculture and value-addition
- Study the contrasting nature of the farm and food sector in neighboring South African and opportunities for partnerships that benefit Mozambique, South Africa and the U.S.; and
- Experience university life and gain knowledge of the agricultural education and research system in Mozambique and South Africa

Eligibility and Pre-requisites

Students will need a min. GPA of 2.5. Compulsory attendance required in three 2-hour pre-visit orientation seminars on culture, history, politics and geography of Mozambique and South Africa in Spring 2013. Participation required in one post-visit 3 hour seminar for tour-related presentations.

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Highlights (South Africa = SA; Mozambique = MZ)

- Visit and stay at Kruger National Park (SA)
- Visit and stay at the University of Limpopo, Mankweng (SA)
- Visit and stay at University of Pretoria (SA)
- Visit agricultural farms, grain storage facility, food processing facilities and a dairy plant (SA)
- Visit and stay at Universidade Eduardo Mondlane (UEM), Maputo (MZ)
- Visit to US Embassy in Maputo and meet with Agricultural Attaché (MZ)
- Visit academic and research units in UEM, Institute of Small and Medium Scale Food Industries, and Science and Technology park (MZ)
- Visit flour milling facility, and baking and pasta company (MZ)
- Visit country side, agricultural farms and project sites of non-profits such as World Vision, Gates Foundation and/ or Technoserve (MZ)

Facebook Page “**KSU Southern Africa Study Abroad Class Summer 2013**”.

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Cost

- Program fees (international air travel, domestic travel, accommodation and meals); Tuition and fees for 3 credits, plus DCE fees; Anticipated additional expenses include passport and visa fees.
- Scholarships up to \$4,000 available from USDA grant, College of Agriculture and Department of Grain Science

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