COLLEGE INFORMATION

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Department of Biology
Courses are taught by UF faculty

PROGRAM

This program will focus on plant systematics and research methods in plant biology, using the plants of southern Africa as examples. The research methods will be generalizable beyond this region, but the plant systematics component will focus specifically on the climate, ecology, and flora of southern Africa. We will also learn about traditional uses of plants in this region, including visiting local markets where medicinal plants are sold. While the focus of the course is on plants, we will also encounter lots of African wildlife and large mammals, and will learn about the history and culture of South Africa and Swaziland.

LOCATION

This program will take place at Kruger National Park, South Africa; Savannah Research Center, Mbuluzi, Swaziland; and St. Lucia Wetlands complex, South Africa.

EXCURSIONS

Excursions will include game trips and field work in Kruger National Park and around the Savanna Research Center, and hiking and cultural activities around the St. Lucia Wetlands Complex. We will visit a large market in Manzini, Swaziland, where traditional medicinal plants are sold.

HOUSING

You will stay at a biological field station at Kruger National Park, the Savannah Research Center in Mbuluzi, Swaziland, and Monzi Safaris in St. Lucia, South Africa.

COURSE INFORMATION

African Plant Evolution
(3 UF GPA credits)
Research Methods in Plant Biology
(3 UF GPA credits)

Total Number of Credits Offered: 6
APPLICATION INFORMATION

2018 Application Deadline: March 15, 2018
Please apply online at: www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas

ELIGIBILITY | REQUIREMENTS

- Undergraduates only
- Open to all majors
- 3.0 GPA
- Students in good standing
- Interview & Essay

2018 PRICING

Undergraduate Program Fee: TBA

A $350 nonrefundable deposit toward the total cost of the program is due at the time of application. The remaining fees are due no later than 45 days prior to departure. If you receive financial aid, you can defer payment until it disburses. Deferment decisions will be based on the amount of aid to be received.

WHAT’S INCLUDED

- Tuition for 6 UF GPA credits, lodging, food, internal transportation in South Africa/Swaziland, international health insurance, and emergency medical assistance.

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED

- Round-trip airfare to South Africa, additional personal travel, and personal expenses.

FINANCIAL AID

Most financial aid that you would receive on campus during the summer can be applied toward the cost of this study abroad program; however, all financial aid eligibility is determined by Student Financial Affairs. You must speak with your financial aid advisor to determine what aid can be applied to the cost of this program, including scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS

UFIC offers summer scholarships for qualified students. This year’s summer scholarship deadline is February 9, 2018.

Apply online at: www.ufic.ufl.edu/sas/scholarships.html