

Students should also plan to bring at least \$500 or more for personal spending; for advice on this, applicants should speak to former participants if possible (contact ASI at UGA for this information). An orientation booklet will be sent to each successful applicant.

Travel:

Students will be expected to travel to East Africa and return on the scheduled dates. No provision for earlier departures or late returns will be made on the tickets unless the student is involved in another study abroad program and is outside of the United States. A letter of request endorsed by the student's department or study abroad office is required in such cases.

Preparation for the Trip

There will be virtual orientation meetings prior to departure and a full day orientation on the first full day of the program in Tanzania. Students are encouraged to research Tanzania on the internet and come to the meetings with questions. Information packets will also be sent to each participant prior to the first orientation meeting. These packets will contain travel, health, cultural, and social information. Students are encouraged to email the UGA African Studies Study Abroad office with questions regarding the trip prior to departure (gpa@uga.edu). Answering pertinent questions will enhance preparations for study, travel, and living in Tanzania. Additional information will be distributed at future meetings. Passports and visa to Tanzania must be obtained four weeks before departure.



2006 GPA students at Kaole site.

Students intending to participate in this program are encouraged to discuss their participation with faculty with exposure to East Africa.

Areas of Concentration

- 1) Conversational and interviewing skills
- 2) Reading for comprehension
- 3) Journal writing of daily activities
- 4) Periodic writing exercises
- 5) Term Project — participants will select a topic for research in the community, interview community members, make oral progress report each week in a classroom setting, and present research results during the last week of the program. Reports will be graded and by a part of the newsletter published after the program.

Just a reminder: The GPA Intensive Swahili Program is a rigorous, but very rewarding. It consists of up to five or six hours of daily, intensive language instruction and community tours to practice oral skills. Past experience shows that, by the end of the program, students are able to hold conversation with native speakers without much difficulty. Research projects conducted by the students in the community are presented in Swahili at the end of the program.



Ngorongoro crater, Tanzania

University of Georgia Group Projects Abroad (GPA) 2007

Intensive Advanced Swahili

Dates: June 15-August 3, 2007

Cost: U.S. Department of Edu. Funded

Fees: \$900 (UGA Student Fees)

Application Deadline: January 31, 2007



2006 GPA Students

For more information contact:

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GPA IN TANZANIA

Motivated and adventurous students from any discipline have the opportunity to delve into intensive and advanced Kiswahili studies in Tanzania, where students visit communities, families, and businesses activities that result in to research for a paper in Kiswahili. Moreover, students will discover that the best classroom is the one with no walls. Students will see and participate in things both ordinary and extraordinary, an opportunity for experience, such as learning Kiswahili by speaking with the locals.

Description

The Intensive Advanced Swahili Group Project Abroad (hereafter Swahili GPA) for the summer of 2007 will be held in Tanzania from June 15 to August 3. The GPA Intensive Swahili Program is an eight-week program involving five to six hours of daily intensive language instruction and interactions.

The Swahili GPA in East Africa is part of the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and coordinated by the Association of African Studies Programs (AASP) and the African Language Teachers Association (ALTA) in the U.S.

The 2007, in-country (Tanzania) director for GPA is Dr. Lioba Moshi, University of Georgia. The program will be situated at the MS Training Center for Development Cooperation, Arusha Tanzania. Home department will be the Department of Kiswahili at the MS-TCDC center in Arusha. The evaluation of the program will be done by the Department of Foreign Language and Linguistics at Tumaini University, Makumira College, Tanzania. Credit for the course will be assigned and transferred to the participant's home institution by UGA no later than August 31, 2007.

The program will include travels to Museums, the Rwanda UN Tribunal, cultural center, University of Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar, Bagamoyo, National Parks, and non-governmental organizations in Arusha.

The program is funded by the USDE to provide for instruction in intensive/advanced Kiswahili language and culture. Students will have no time to pursue personal

projects related to their own educational programs. During the various excursions, students will be given time to make contact with local Tanzanian officials and scholars to discuss matters related to their future research plans. MS Training Center funds non-governmental organization programs that students can use for additional contacts and future research projects conceptualizations.

The University of Georgia will remain the institution of record for the 2007 GPA program. All communications and questions about the program should be directed to Dr. Lioba Moshi at UGA. Because Dr. Moshi will be in Tanzania with another program prior to the arrival of the GPA participants; there will be a full day in-country orientation at the MS Training center upon arrival. Pre-departure orientation will be conducted before June 1st.

Faculty/Staff Contact Information

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Application Process & Eligibility

All interested and eligible students are invited to apply not later than January 31, 2007. Application forms can be obtained from the African Studies Institute at UGA (321 Holmes/Hunter Academic Bldg., Athens, GA 30602) or from its website: www.uga.edu/afstu. Go to the site, select the "Study Abroad" icon, select "Tanzania", then "GPA".

Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

I. A participant must:

- be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- be a junior/senior/graduate student or faculty in an institution of higher education and should have completed 4 semesters of Swahili or the equivalent. A special consideration may be given to students with 3 semesters.

- have a commitment to a career in modern foreign languages or area studies;
- be enrolled in a Swahili class (directed studies included) at the time of application.

II. The following will be considered in the application process:

- overall previous academic performance and promise; applicant's statement of purpose;
- applicant's level of Swahili oral proficiency; (to be determined by a phone interview by a GPA committee member)
- Career commitment to the study of Africa and
- African Studies development in the United States.

** Students who have spent 6 or more months in East Africa are not eligible.*

Selection Committee:

Oversight committee members of the Association of African Studies Programs (AASP) and African Language Teachers Association (ALTA) will conduct a Swahili phone interview with potential applicants. The committee will determine the final list of candidates and possible alternates.

Cost

The Fulbright-Hays funding provides the summer, seven week fellowship.

The fellowship provides for:

- Round trip from the U.S. to Dar es Salaam,
- Local program related transportation in Tanzania,
- Maintenance for housing and food,
- Educational materials, and
- Health insurance (covers emergency health care & evacuation).

The fellowship does not cover the following expenses:

- \$900 fee to be paid to the University of Georgia,
- Transportation from home institution to the U.S. port of departure and return,
- Passport and visa fees,
- Inoculations and other health care related to travel,
- Personal travel done on one's own time and initiative in East Africa.