URBAN AGRICULTURE: FOOD, INEQUALITY, AND SUSTAINABILITY IN SOUTH AFRICA
JULY 11—AUGUST 3, 2015

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Led by Dr. Tamara Johnson of the Department of Global, International & Area Studies, this program focuses on the political, economic, and social aspects of food production, distribution, and consumption in the Western Cape region of South Africa. This 25 day program engages students in local Cape Town and Stellenbosch area organizations dedicated to providing food access for economically vulnerable populations.

Food is universal—it is something that we all understand. For many of us, food can mean sustenance, livelihood, heritage, comfort, or celebration. Food is, necessarily, a fundamental aspect of our daily experience. Yet according to estimates made by the FAO in 2013, a total of 842 million people (1 person in 8 globally) were suffering from chronic hunger. In South Africa, more than half of the population does not have regular access to enough food, according to a study released by the Human Sciences Research Council (2013). Food insecurity is a legacy, in part, of Apartheid, South Africa’s state sponsored system of racialized segregation, oppression, and control of land and labor. Since the end of Apartheid in 1994, South Africa continues to experience high poverty rates, unemployment, inequality in the delivery of social services, and steep increases in food prices. This program will explore the challenges of providing access to affordable healthy food to urban residents in the Western Cape. We will examine the ways in which food insecurity influences and is influenced by history, geography, sociology, health, education, and economics.

ACADEMICS

This program offers credit for the following course:

INTL 3000: Urban Agriculture: Food, Inequality, and Sustainability in South Africa (3 credit hours)
COSTS
The final program cost will be determined during the Fall 2014 semester. Please see the program's website for final cost information and inclusions.

The program fee tentatively includes:

- Instructional costs for three credit hours
- Accommodations
- Two group dinners
- Local transportation costs to program activities
- Admission fees to program activities and select cultural events
- International insurance provided by HTH Worldwide

The following is not included in the tentative program cost and will be paid by the student individually and in addition to the program cost:

- International airfare
- Meals not indicated above as part of the program
- Passport expenses
- Vaccination expenses
- Personal expenses

*Program cost is based on tariffs, costs, and exchange rates at the time of publication and is subject to change based on these factors.

FINANCIAL AID
Financial aid for which you qualify may be applied toward this program to meet your education abroad expenses. Please see your financial aid advisor or the Office of Education Abroad for more information.

APPLY
For application information, please visit the program's website at www.edabroad.uncc.edu.

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