

The Macalester-Pomona-Swarthmore Consortium
Program at the University of Cape Town

“GLOBALIZATION, THE ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY: SOUTH AFRICA”

Spring Semester
(January–June)

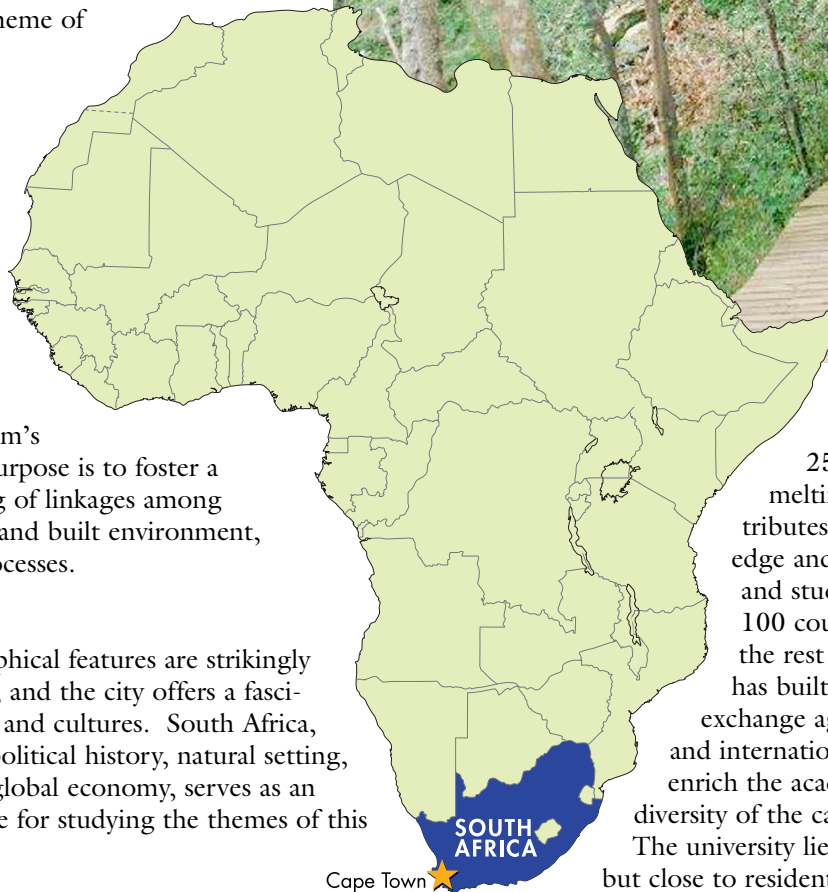
The Macalester-Pomona-Swarthmore Consortium Program offers its students a unique combination of classroom and field-based study on the theme of “Globalization, the Environment and Society.” The University of Cape Town (UCT), in partnership with faculty at the three liberal arts colleges, provides an opportunity for hands-on learning in an intimate, well-supported program. The program’s overall educational purpose is to foster a deeper understanding of linkages among people, their natural and built environment, and globalization processes.

Cape Town

Cape Town’s geographical features are strikingly beautiful and diverse, and the city offers a fascinating mix of people and cultures. South Africa, because of its socio-political history, natural setting, and situation in the global economy, serves as an extraordinary crucible for studying the themes of this program.

The University

The University of Cape Town is a large public research university. Founded in 1829, it is the oldest university in South Africa, the second oldest on the continent, and has now established itself as the leading teaching and research institution in Africa. UCT has a vibrant, cosmopolitan



community of more than 25,000 students. It is a cultural melting pot where each person contributes their unique blend of knowledge and thinking. The faculty, staff, and students come from more than 100 countries—within Africa and from the rest of the world. The university has built links, partnerships, and exchange agreements with leading African and international institutions that further enrich the academic, social, and cultural diversity of the campus.

The university lies on the outskirts of the city, but close to residential areas, shops, cafes, etc.

Situated on the lower slopes of Table Mountain, UCT is justifiably renowned for its striking beauty and handsome architecture. The academic program is housed in the Department of Environmental & Geographical Science, and student support services are provided by on-site staff and by the UCT International Academic Programmes Office.

Academic Program

The program includes the following academic components:

Pre-departure reading (no credit). All participants are expected to complete the readings provided by the consortium in preparation for the semester. The program provides a list of suggested readings.

Core Seminar: Globalization, the Environment and Society (4 semester credits or 1 course credit). This required core course is organized in two parts, and conducted in January and February before regular UCT courses begin. The first part is taught by the Consortium Visiting Professor from one of the three colleges, who will be in residence during this period. The second part is taught by a local faculty member, with guest presentations by other local academics and practitioners. The seminar includes field trips, and educational activities related to selected sub-themes.

UCT university courses (4 semester credits or 1 course credit for 3000- and 4000-level courses). Program participants enroll in two direct-enrollment UCT courses, one of which supports the overall theme of the program.

Directed Study Project (4 semester credits or 1 course credit). Students engage in a directed study project on a pre-approved topic in consultation with the program's academic staff. Each student works under the supervision of an on-site project advisor, submits a well-documented paper (15-25 pages) and presents a 15-minute oral report.



Credit

Each participating college in the U.S. will post academic credit on their transcripts based on UCT transcripts. All students must carry a full-time course load as determined by their individual colleges. Each college will handle grades and transcripts in a way consistent with each college's study abroad policies and guidelines.

Program Dates

The program begins in early January and ends in mid-June.

Housing

Consortium students will be housed in self-catered houses in the general vicinity of UCT.

Co-Curricular Opportunities

There are numerous community service opportunities available through

the program and the university. The program includes formal and informal contact with South African students. Students may participate in UCT's sports, clubs, and student organizations.

Program Fee

Consortium partner institutions set their own fees for this program according to their institutional policies on tuition and financial aid for study abroad. The program includes tuition, housing, local transportation for program-sponsored activities, and all on-site academic support and administrative fees.

Eligibility

Applicants should meet UCT's and the program's 3.0 GPA eligibility requirement, have junior status and demonstrate in the application essay interest and purpose in the program.

Application Procedures

Applications are available from each college's study abroad office. Consult with your study abroad office for more information on the application process and deadlines.

For Further Information

Please contact your College study abroad office and faculty liaisons.

NOTE: The Consortium may be obliged to alter program features as described in this flyer.

