

Sample Faculty-Led Itinerary

Development Studies

Throughout this course, students will be able to form concrete linkages between their classroom studies, theories, models and policies with real world practice of international development. Students will examine and reflect on the challenges and complex realities of international development in the developing world and explore courses of action that alleviate such challenges. Through thoughtful discussions and lectures with guest speakers, students will experience firsthand the framework and various approaches towards the sustainable development goals and national development aspirations. Visits to community-based organisations will introduce students to the impact of grassroots organizations and their contribution to improving quality of life through a wide array of development initiatives. Through these initiatives, students will be able to examine and compare the social challenges faced by different communities in Uganda. Opportunities to interact with expatriates and professionals in Uganda will also form an integral part of this course – including cultural activities, safari trip and “survival language” lessons.

Learning Outcomes

1. Global citizenship and leadership
 - Days 10, 12, 5
2. Centering world perspectives in the classroom
 - Days 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 13
3. Local exploration and connection
 - Days 2, 6, 7, 8, 11, 4
4. Developing one's sense of self
 - Days 9, 13, 4
5. Personal and professional development
 - Days 4, 10, 9
6. Intercultural competence and mutual respect
 - Days 2, 3, 4, 6, 9



Day One – Arrival

- Arrival at Entebbe International Airport with private shuttle to Kampala

Day Two – Orientation

- AM - Orientation
- PM - Tour of Kampala including Kabaka's Palace for an examination of the Buganda kingdom and Uganda's political history, and the Gaddafi National Mosque. Celebrate the start to the program with a group welcome dinner

Day Three – Sustainable Development Goals

- AM - Meeting with local NGO to discuss how the UN's Sustainable Development Goals are supported – lessons from Millennium Development Goals
- PM – Language Lesson and Ugandan cooking class

Day Four – Embassy visit

- AM - Visit to the Embassy in Kampala to learn how the government views their role in international development
- PM - Free time (Independent Exploration)

Day Five – Community directed healthcare

- AM - Class time with guest speakers and local leaders
- PM - Site visit to a grassroots healthcare organization to explore the importance of community-directed development efforts and the obstacles they face as local stakeholders

Day Six – Local ceremony

- Experience a full day engagement ceremony - a unique opportunity to observe a longstanding Ugandan tradition and rich cultural practice

Day Seven – Ugandan coffee cooperative

- AM - Depart for Queen Elizabeth National Park. En route, stop at a coffee farming cooperative to learn about Uganda's role in the global coffee trade and how the co-op model supports community-directed development

- PM - Arrival in Queen Elizabeth National Park and check into hotel

Day Eight – Safari

- Guided Safari in Queen Elizabeth National Park for once-in-a-lifetime view of Uganda’s famed wildlife

Day Nine – Return to Kampala

- AM - Check out of hotel and depart for Kampala
- PM - Free time (Independent Exploration)

Day Ten – Development and the arts

- AM - Tour of a non-profit arts trust focused on the creation and exploration of contemporary art in Uganda and discussion of how art contributes to development and national identity
- PM - Roundtable Q&A with expats working in the development sector in Uganda to share professional strategies and lessons learned

Day Eleven – Waterfall hike

- AM - Hike and picnic at Ssezibwa Falls
- PM - Class time

Day Twelve – Innovation and youth leadership

- AM - Meeting with youth from a local non-profit addressing gender inequality to learn about youth leadership within the local lens
- PM - Tour of the Social Innovation Museum and discussion of how social entrepreneurship effects change locally and globally

Day Thirteen – Education and farewell dinner

- AM - Visit to a local university to explore challenges to the Ugandan higher education system and opportunities for overcoming these difficulties
- PM - Reflection activity to process takeaways and group farewell dinner

Day Fourteen – Departure

- Depart for the airport in private shuttle