

Office of International Programs

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WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA – Fall or Spring Sem.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Spring Semester: October 1 (Early Acceptance: April 1 of prior year)

Fall Semester: February 15 (Early Acceptance: November 1 of prior year)

WHO?

- You must be a sophomore, junior or senior with at least a 3.0 GPA.
- Almost all Valpo students can study abroad in Namibia without delaying graduation IF they plan carefully with their academic advisor.

WHAT?

- One semester of study, either fall or spring, in a program administered by the Center for Global Education (CGE) at Augsburg College. The theme is “Nation Building, Globalization and Decolonizing the Mind: Southern Africa Perspectives.” Course offerings include:

Political and Social Change in Namibia: A Comparative Perspective	4 CR
Racism and Resistance in Southern Africa and the U.S.	4 CR
The Development Process—Southern Africa	4 CR
And one of the following:	
Religion and Social Change in Southern Africa	4 CR
The Internship	4 CR
Independent Study (Interdisciplinary)	4 CR

- Independent study can also be arranged with a VU faculty. Contact your advisor for details.
- The program starts with orientation in Johannesburg, South Africa and then moves to Windhoek, Namibia. The students return to South Africa (Cape Town) at the end of the semester.
- In addition to short trips to various parts of the country, the Namibia program includes three homestays in Namibia and South Africa: one in Soweto, South Africa, one in Windhoek, and one in a rural Namibian community. The cost for most of these activities is included in the program fee.
- A limited number of internships will be available to provide students with the opportunity to gain hands-on work experience in a development agency. Please contact the CGE if you would like to know more about internship opportunities.

WHERE?

- Windhoek, the country's capital, is a beautiful, modern city of approximately 250,000 residents, located in central Namibia. Its climate is dry but pleasant, with an average high temperature ranging from 68 to 86 degrees.
- Students live in a dormitory-style house with other students from North America and Namibia, sharing daily responsibilities and exploring what it means to be a living/learning community. The semester also includes three brief homestays.

HOW?

- You must apply for the program through the Office of International Programs (OIP). www.valpo.edu/studyabroad
- You should consult with your academic advisor *and* the OIP *as early as possible*. Freshman year is not too early to begin your inquiries about study abroad. Careful planning will insure your classes taken in Namibia will be used for graduation requirements.

HOW MUCH?

- *Air fare*: Students can expect to spend \$1700 - \$1900 round-trip between Chicago and South Africa/Namibia. Many of the discount flights described in newspapers are not useful for a semester abroad, because of the conditions attached. The CGE asks that you participate in group travel provided by the program as they make every effort to book the lowest priced, most-convenient air tickets for the group.
- *Tuition, Room, Board and General Fees*: Students pay the tuition, room, board, and general fees they would pay in Valparaiso. All VU study abroad programs are considered "in-residence," so all financial aid (except work-study and some "on-campus" aid) applies.
- *Spending Money*: Since most program activities are covered by the other fees, the need for spending money in Namibia is minimal. Estimated costs for individual travel and other miscellaneous expenses are \$1000 - \$1200. The cost of books was estimated to be \$200 or less.

CONTACTS

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