



Malawi, South Africa

Development and NGOs: Internships in Malawi

INFO SESSIONS: Jan 21, 2019, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, Room 201 International Center; Jan 31, 4:30-5:30 pm, 105 Geography Building

Semester(s) Available:
Summer 2019:
Dates abroad: 05/17/2019 - 07/06/2019 (tentative)

Minimum Credits:
Six (6) for Summer 2019

Program Application Deadline(s):
March 1, 2019 for Summer 2019

Scholarship Information:
<http://bit.ly/EAscholarships>

Courses:
ANR493
GEO490
SSC493
SSC496
WS493

Requirements:
Minimum GPA 2.50
Standing - Status - Sophomore minimum

Tuition is not included for most programs. See program's webpage for details.

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This program offers a unique, exciting, and 'life-transforming' opportunity for serious students to receive academic credit while participating in an immersive, 7-week international internship with a non-governmental organization (NGO) in Malawi, a small vibrant country with warm welcoming people in southeast Africa. The goal is for students from any discipline to understand and critique development processes through the lens of an NGO in a structured manner. It is jointly organized through the College of Social Science, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the Center for Gender in Global Context. Students participate in an exciting field excursion and orientation during the first week in-country, followed by six weeks in a full-time internship with an NGO that match each student's interests. While taking courses with significant Africa content is preferred, the program exposes students to the culture, development context, and issues to be expected in Malawi through required attendance in several pre-departure academic program sessions during the Spring preceding the summer trip in order to cover any course deficiencies.

In Africa, thousands of NGOs work on development projects agriculture, environment, gender, health, livelihoods, governance, human rights, and others. Both the underlying development processes and the roles of NGOs to effect positive change are complex and need deeper understanding. In examining these projects, we further found that gender relations often determine who has access to critical resources. By studying complex issues such as women's access to land and other natural resources, healthcare, household divisions of labor, and national and international economic development policies, students will gain a holistic understanding of the cultural and societal forces that can constrain, and in some cases, empower families as they attempt to improve their well-being in Malawi and beyond.

NOTE: Once applications are submitted to the internship provider, withdrawal penalties will apply. Please contact the Office for Education Abroad with questions regarding withdrawal as penalty schedules for internships abroad may be different than other program types.

More details about this program can be found at...
<http://osa.isp.msu.edu/Programs/malawiintern.html>

This flyer is intended to provide an overview of this Education Abroad program. Interested students should visit the program's Web page (URL indicated above) for further details such as specific course and cost information. Program fees, dates, and arrangements are subject to change, due to unforeseen considerations.

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