AFRICAN STUDIES

In The College of Global Studies, Arcadia University

Global Perspectives…Personal Attention…Real-World Integrative Learning Experiences

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Degree/Concentrations

Certificate of African Studies

Related Fields of Study at Arcadia
International Studies, Sociology

About the Certificate in African Studies

- Specialized study abroad in South Africa, Tanzania, Great Britain, France
- Two options: (1) two semesters, or one semester and a summer: (2) one semester
- Interdisciplinary studies in the humanities, social sciences and sciences
- Concentrations ranging from area studies to law and political science
- 20-credit certificate from Arcadia University

The African Studies certificate program is offered through The College of Global Studies. Drawing on the extensive course offerings and resources of the College's overseas programs in South Africa, Tanzania, Great Britain and France, the program is designed for students who want to focus part of their undergraduate experience on African Studies. Students participate in one or two Arcadia study abroad programs.

This undergraduate academic certificate program offers an innovative way to learn about this very important region of the world.

The African Studies certificate program fulfills Arcadia's mission "to prepare students for life in a rapidly changing global society."

Program Structure: Students in the African Studies certificate program have the opportunity to engage in a wide range of learning experiences, including courses, research, and co- and extra-curricular activities. The program is interdisciplinary and global, centered on studies in the humanities, social sciences and sciences. Students also have the option of concentrating in specific areas ranging from area studies to law and political science.

There are two program options:

1. Students study in two different programs (two semesters, or a semester and a summer) of The College of Global Studies, and one must be in Tanzania or South Africa. Students are required to complete a minimum of 20 semester-hour credits, including the capstone research project.

2. Students study at the College's program in Tanzania or South Africa for at least one semester. Students are required to complete a minimum of 20 semester-hour credits, including the capstone research project. A total of 4 semester hours' credit of coursework in African Studies may be transferred into the certificate from the student's home institution.

Study Abroad locations: Students are encouraged to participate in programs at one or two of the following Arcadia centers – one of which must be in South Africa or Tanzania:

Tanzania—Arcadia Center for East African Studies

- Arcadia in Tanzania
- Capacity Building and Human Rights in Tanzania (summer)

South Africa—Arcadia Center for South African Studies

- University of Cape Town
- University of Stellenbosch
- University of the Western Cape
- Community Development Program (summer)
- Cape Town Summer Internship Program (summer)
- Nation-building and Development: Challenges for South Africa (summer)

Great Britain—Arcadia London Center

- Arcadia London Now/City University
- School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
- King's College, University of London
- London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London
- London Now (Summer)

France—American Graduate School of International Relations and Diplomacy

- Arcadia in Paris
- Intensive French and Politics: Economics, Diplomacy, and the European Union (summer)

Admissions Requirements: Any student who qualifies to study on a program through The College of Global Studies at Arcadia University is eligible to apply for the Certificate in African Studies. Application for the certificate is made to The College of Global Studies.

The African Studies undergraduate certificate is intended primarily for non-Arcadia University students from universities and colleges in the United States who participate in programs through The College of Global Studies. Arcadia University undergraduate students who participate in The College of Global Studies programs are eligible to receive the African Studies certificate, but they also might pursue the Arcadia University minor in International Studies.

Academic Advising: In consultation with the Arcadia Center's Program Manager and Academic Dean of Studies, students begin to design their academic programs during the application process for study abroad on The College of Global Studies programs. They complete the process in-country with an academic adviser from each of the two institutions where they study.

Transcript
Students receive an Arcadia University transcript for study on The College of Global Studies' programs. Credit from the program may be applied independently or transferred to the student's home institution according to the policy and procedures of that institution.

Requirements for the Certificate in African Studies

Students earn an Arcadia University Certificate in African Studies by completing the following requirements:

- Study through The College of Global Studies' programs in South Africa, Tanzania, Great Britain or France—either one to two semesters or a semester and summer program, one of which must be taken in South Africa or Tanzania.
- Coursework of least 20 semester hours of credit in interdisciplinary African Studies in humanities, social sciences and sciences. Credit must be earned on an Arcadia study abroad program.
- A cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher in courses and academic experiences.
- A capstone research project (a 5,000-6,000 word paper or presentation of equivalent work) on African Studies, for 4 semester hours of credit. The research project is supervised by a faculty member from The College of Global Studies program and by the Academic Dean of Studies.