

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

INTD 3203.06 UGANDA SUMMER PROGRAMME

April 24th -- May 23rd 2006

Dalhousie University is offering a summer programme in association with Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST). A maximum of 18 students will be accepted for this course and will receive academic credit upon successful completion of the course requirements. Participants will be based in Mbarara in south-west Uganda, and have the opportunity to attend lectures and interact with students at MUST. The main focus of the programme will involve placements with various NGOs and institutions in the Mbarara area, allowing students to investigate the theory and practice of development through experiential learning.

En route, a brief stopover will be made in Dubai, the self-styled “crossroads of the new global economy.” On arrival in Uganda, students will attend lectures and workshops at MUST, as well as spend time with students of the Development Studies programme at the University. After the placements in the Mbarara area, the programme will end with a few days’ travel visiting Lake Bunyonyi, including a day trip to Kigali in Rwanda, and ending at Bujagali Falls, Jinja, not far from the source of the River Nile.

The programme will give students a unique opportunity to learn in a cross-cultural context. Over the course of the month in the field, participants will have an opportunity to meet local students, professors, development practitioners as well as community leaders and local people. Various social and recreational opportunities will be provided throughout, including a visit to Queen Elizabeth National Park, Uganda’s foremost game park. Students will be required to keep a journal, make individual presentations and complete a research project/ paper in order to fulfill the requirements of the course. Dalhousie University will grant one full academic credit at the third year level to the students who successfully complete coursework and meet the academic requirements.

INTD 2001/2002 is required as a prerequisite. Priority will be given to IDS majors, but the programme will be open to students from other disciplines. The instructor, Owen Willis, who has traveled widely in Uganda and has over 25 years experience of living in East Africa, will accompany participants while in the country and provide ongoing supervision. Prior to departure, the selected students will need to take part in a number of information sessions that will provide information about how to prepare and what to expect on assignment in Uganda.

Uganda, once described by Winston Churchill as “the pearl of Africa,” has much to offer the visitor, and those students not continuing on the Kenya Study Tour may wish to consider staying on in the country or visiting neighbouring countries at their own expense once the programme is over.

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APRIL

24 Monday	Halifax- Toronto - London
25 Tuesday	London - Dubai
26 Wednesday	Dubai
27 Thursday	Dubai
28 Friday	Dubai- Entebbe - Mbarara
29 Saturday	Mbarara
30 Sunday	Mbarara

MAY

1 Monday	MUST workshop
2 Tuesday	MUST orientation
3 Wednesday	Placements begin
4 Thursday	Placement
5 Friday	Placement
6 Saturday	Mbarara
7 Sunday	Mbarara
8 Monday	Placement
9 Tuesday	Placement
10 Wednesday	Placement
11 Thursday	Placement
12 Friday	Placement
13 Saturday	Queen Elizabeth National Park
14 Sunday	Queen Elizabeth National Park
15 Monday	Placement
16 Tuesday	Placements conclude
17 Wednesday	MUST -- presentations
18 Thursday	to Lake Bunyonyi
19 Friday	Lake Bunyonyi (Edirisa)
20 Saturday	Lake Bunyonyi (Batwa)
21 Sunday	Kigali (Genocide Memorial)
22 Monday	to River Nile, Jinja
23 Tuesday	a.m. Programme ends [Whitewater rafting – optional]
24 Wednesday	Departure to Entebbe or Kenya

UGANDA SUMMER PROGRAMME 2006 -- INFORMATION

COSTS:

Programme fee: \$2000 (includes Ugandan visa, ground transportation, accommodation, half-board food, administration, contribution to MUST/Dal Scholarship Fund)

Academic credit: \$1000 (approx.)

Air ticket/insurance from Halifax: \$2000 (approx.)

Personal spending money should be budgeted for.

Not included: immunizations, bottled drinks.

APPLICATION:

Please complete a two-page (maximum) memo outlining why you would like to be selected for the programme. Include personal and academic background (Email, telephone, birthdate, student number, GPA, programme of study, year, INTD courses etc.) and details of your previous travel experience. Also, explain why you believe you can relate well in a group setting and travel successfully in developing countries. Please outline your particular development interests.

All students will be required to agree to a Code of Conduct. Please bear in mind that, at times, African conditions can be basic, and travel demanding. Travel in Africa also demands flexibility. To confirm all applications, a non-refundable deposit of \$250 will be due by December 9th. If you are applying for both the Kenya and Uganda programmes only one application is necessary, though the non-refundable deposit will be \$500.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: November 18th, 2005

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