

**HOLY CROSS**  
**Summer Study Abroad, Summer 2010**  
**Education in Post-Apartheid South Africa: Policy and Practice**

The Summer Program in South Africa will be held from mid-May (just after last exams at Holy Cross) to mid-June.

**DESCRIPTION:** This course will offer students with a commitment to and an interest in education, an opportunity to engage in an experience that falls firmly within the mission of Holy Cross students: 'men and women for others.' It embraces the tradition of research-based service learning and provides students of education the opportunity to expand their experiences and frames of reference beyond their own schooling, through experiencing a diverse range of teaching/educational contexts and realities, and a community service placement. Cultural excursions will also be conducted during the weekends to the Apartheid Museum, the Cultural Museum of South Africa, Soweto Township (historical sites include Nelson Mandela's home, Regina Mundi Church, Hector Peterson Memorial), HIV&AIDS after-school center, an African Rural Market Center and a Game Park.

**CURRICULUM:** This one-month program has three components:

**Research** on an educational topic relevant to US urban and South African schools conducted independently by each student, and supported by a series of interdisciplinary lectures by local experts from the University of Pretoria, Department of Education. The research topics are: Aids and Education, English Language Learners, Special Education, Literacy, or a topic of your choice.

**Three weeks of field-based experience** in three different types of schools in Tshwane (Pretoria), South Africa, working one-on-one with teachers within your subject area for 4 days of each week. The fifth day will be spent visiting various 'specialist' schools in Guateng.

**One week of community service** in one of the poorest, most remote villages in South Africa, Ngileni, in the Eastern Cape under the auspices of the Bulungula Incubator Project. During the day students will help at the small elementary school and during the afternoons students will work with the various community projects.

**CREDIT:** The program will count as one Holy Cross course credit.

**COSTS:** The cost of the program is expected to range **between \$6000 and \$6500**. This includes registration and administrative fees, round-trip airfare, tuition, housing, all meals, and course-related excursions. Limited financial aid is available.

**GENERAL APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Application forms are available in the Study Abroad Office, Smith Hall 212. Completed applications, including registration form, academic reference, personal essay\*, unofficial transcript with fall grades, and proof of health insurance, are due in the Study Abroad Office no later than **Friday, December 4, 2009**. Faculty letters of recommendation are due on Friday, December 11, 2009. Completed Health Clearance Forms are due on Wednesday, January 20, 2010.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact Prof. Bev Bell ([bbell@holycross.edu](mailto:bbell@holycross.edu)) or call Study Abroad at (508) 793-3082.

\*In a 2-page personal statement, discuss why you are attracted to this program (in particular, the educational field based experience and community service part of it). What particular aspect of working in schools in South Africa relates to your research or career interests and what experiences have you had working in schools and disadvantaged communities in the US or elsewhere?