

# MARIST IN SOUTH AFRICA

May 25 - June 17, 2010



## History and Politics

### THE PROGRAM

This two and one-half week program will consist of a combination of pre-departure lectures, readings, and on-site lectures/activities in diverse sectors of South African society. Lectures and excursions will expose students to South African culture, economy and politics. The three-credit program will include visits to historical, cultural, and commercial sites. The goal of the program is to experience firsthand how a developing economy, undergoing a process of post-apartheid reconstruction and development, is emerging. Included with the program is a three-day service learning component based in one of the townships.

The African National Congress (ANC), South Africa's first democratically elected government in 1994, advocates a fully inclusive society with equal rights to all regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation and political affiliation. However, great economic and social challenges remain, including addressing past economic inequalities between black and white Africans, fighting HIV/AIDS (with one of the highest infection rates in the world), and dealing with millions of children orphaned by the disease. Besides widespread unemployment, poverty, and sickness, over seven-million individuals lack suitable housing, and struggle to survive without basic sanitation and clean water. Since most current troubles are legacies from the apartheid era (1948 – 1990), it is necessary to understand British and Dutch colonization, the reign of the Nationalist Party, and the historic struggle of black Africans against white oppression, to comprehend the scale of the challenges facing modern South Africa.

South Africa presents a fascinating study of an economy dominated by a handful of giant conglomerates in business, insurance, and the financial services industry. The South African economy is transparent and a good example of a developing country parting with its past of racial oppression and international isolation, as it moves from a mining-based economy to a service economy, especially in tourism, finance and telecommunications.

### THE COURSE

Three (3) credits will be offered for the course. Students can choose one course from the following:

#### Undergraduate

- CSCU 292L-150 ST: South African Culture
- HIST 295L-150 Modern South African History and Culture
- POSC 260L-150 Comparative Politics of Africa

#### Graduate

- MPA 616L-160 Global Issues in Public Administration

### PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Academic details will be provided by the Program Director, Prof Edward Summers. Students interested in the program will need to meet with Prof Summers to discuss the program and to receive permission to enroll. A second full-time Marist instructor/chaperone will also accompany the group to assist with logistics.

### ACADEMIC

The academic portion of the program will be conducted by Prof Edward Summers. Pre-departure orientations will be scheduled during Spring Semester at Marist College. Students are required to participate in all aspects of the program and to complete required exercises for a final grade. Course requirements will include a journal of daily activities and a focused term paper. For more about course requirements, please arrange a meeting with Prof Summers.

Students are required to attend orientation/class sessions during Spring Semester 2010. Dates to be announced.

### PROGRAM ITINERARY\*

The program will center around Cape Town, Durban, the KwaZulu Natal Province, and Johannesburg/Pretoria. Students will have the opportunity to explore each area's rich history, centers of commerce, mining and government. Day trips will include the wine growing region of Stellenbosch, nature reserves such as the Cape of Good Hope, African townships, visits to local businesses, a Zulu village, Hluhluwe Umfolozi National Park, and a safari.

### HOUSING

Students will stay in budget hotels (double or triple occupancy).

### MEALS

Breakfast is provided on the program. All other meals will be the responsibility of the student. Students are encouraged to explore the culinary offerings available in each city.

*\*The MIP reserves the right to make changes to the scheduled itinerary. Any changes will be discussed during orientation.*



Cool in the classroom, Langa Township

## PROGRAM COST OF \$4,500.00 INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip Airfare (NYC-Cape Town/Johannesburg-NYC)
- Airport Transfer in South Africa
- Program Transportation in South Africa
- Accommodations (double or triple occupancy)
- 1 meal per day (breakfast)
- Site visits (entrance fees to designated venues)
- Health Insurance

## COSTS NOT INCLUDED:

- 3-credits Marist tuition
- 2 meals per day
- Personal expenses, transportation and excursions
- Passport and visa (if required)
- Taxes and surcharges (airline, airport and departure)
- US Airport Transfer
- Gratuities

## SPACE IS LIMITED!!

## PROGRAM NOTES

- Graduating Seniors: Please note that students participating in a Spring Attachment course will be able to participate in the May Commencement Ceremony. Your actual graduation date upon which your degree is conferred will be August 31, as your Spring Attachment coursework will not be completed until after the May 31 conferral date. Your diploma will be mailed to you in early September.
- Fluctuating exchange rates, airline and other fees may lead to cost changes.
- Program fees are based on a minimum number of participants in the program.
- Refund Policy: Please speak with the Coordinator for specific information on Marist International Programs short-term program refund policy prior to making any payments for the program. Your \$300 non-refundable deposit indicates your acceptance of the Refund Policy.
- Applicants should demonstrate flexibility and a sincere desire to increase their understanding of South African culture and society, and should possess the emotional strength to adjust to a foreign environment.
- Marist International Programs reserves the right to modify or cancel the program as dictated by current economic and/or political situations. This may include changes to the scheduled itinerary or program dates.
- All fees will be refunded if a program is cancelled.
- Information in this brochure is subject to change.



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## PROGRAM TUITION

This Spring Attachment course can be taken as part of your 2010 Spring Semester course load. If you decide to take this course in addition to your regular full-time course load (16 credits maximum), you will be responsible for any additional per-credit charge (\$585.00 per undergraduate credit). Tuition is not included in the program cost.

All payments, including the \$300 non-refundable deposit, should be made in Student Financial Services, Donnelly 200. Student Financial Services can accept payments by cash or check. If you wish to pay by credit card (Discover, MasterCard or American Express only), you must do so online at <http://www.marist.edu/financialaid/payment.html>. A 2% convenience fee is assessed for all credit card transactions.



## PROGRAM REGISTRATION PAYMENTS AND DEADLINES

November 20, 2009	\$300.00 Deposit (non-refundable) SPRING ADD/DROP
January 25, 2010	LATE SPRING ADD/DROP

Students are required to pay all fees and costs for the program if course is added during Late Spring 2009 Add/Drop.

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Program cost is included with the Spring Tuition bill and is payable by the Spring Bill due date which is early January.

TuitionPay offers a Spring only monthly payment plan option. Contact 1.800.635.0120 or visit their website at [www.tuitionpay.com](http://www.tuitionpay.com) for additional information. Spring plans can be spread over four (4) months, and can be set up in November with first payment due in December.

Alternative loans: visit our website at <http://www.marist.edu/financialaid> for information on alternative loans.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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