



Minnesota Studies in
International Development

KENYA

Fall Semester
Spring Semester



AFRICA & THE
MIDDLE EAST



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LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English



HOST INSTITUTION

Kenya Minnesota
Development Center



HOUSING

Homestay



ELIGIBILITY

2.5 GPA
Juniors and seniors



WEBSITE

[UMabroad.umn.edu/
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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

About MSID Kenya

Study international development in Kenya, a country of immense geographic and cultural diversity. Broaden your experience through an internship or research project and explore vital issues related to the environment, globalization, public health, and social justice.

Housing & Meals

Live with a host family during both the classroom phase and the internship/research phase.

A homestay is an integral component of the learning experience and often a highlight for participants. Your family provides not only housing and most meals, but is also an important connection to Kenyan culture.

Excursions

Your orientation upon arrival will take place in a national park. A five-day excursion to Mombasa is included in the classroom phase, during which you'll visit development agencies and cultural and historic sites. Other excursions around Nairobi may also be included.

Learning Outcomes

- Foster an understanding of the global context through classroom and experiential learning
- Cultivate awareness and appreciation for development issues through engagement with diverse communities
- Translate insights gained into enriched perspectives on concepts of social justice and sustainable development
- Strengthen communication skills through acquisition of local languages and cultural awareness
- Gain cross-cultural competencies through extended engagement at a local grassroots organization



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MSID Kenya

COURSEWORK

Delve into hands-on learning in Kenya. Spend seven weeks engaged in coursework in Nairobi, followed by six weeks working as an intern or conducting a research project. The semester wraps up with a one-week capstone seminar.

Semester Curriculum

Undergraduate credits: 16

Courses:

- *International Development: Critical Perspectives on Theory and Practice*
- *MSID Country Analysis*
- *Beginning, Intermediate, or Advanced Swahili*
- *Community Engagement in Kenya*

Select a track that focuses on an area of development and prepares you for your internship/research project. Available tracks include:

- *Arts and Cultural Studies*
- *Education and Literacy*
- *Entrepreneurship and Alternative Economies*
- *Public Health*
- *Social Services*
- *Sustainability and the Environment*

INTERNSHIPS

An internship with a development agency provides an unparalleled opportunity to understand the local community and the host agency's approach to development. See firsthand how the theory learned during the classroom phase plays out in reality.

RESEARCH

Students may select a research project at a development agency instead of an internship. Topics are designed in consultation with the agency and finalized after your arrival.

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Most financial aid may be applied to study abroad. In addition, University of Minnesota students are eligible for \$1.5 million in University of Minnesota study abroad scholarships. For more information about other financial resources, visit the Learning Abroad Center website.

STUDY ABROAD FITS YOUR DEGREE

Study abroad credits can count toward major, minor, liberal education, and second language requirements. Contact an adviser to find out how this program fits for you.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

"I'm in the public health track, and that's been helpful in terms of me understanding the health system here in Kenya. I've become really passionate about the topic."

— Christina

AN EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION ABROAD

Learning from experience is the core of Minnesota Studies in International Development (MSID). This program puts you in direct contact with local communities and their people in order to understand their social and economic realities. Explore the complex nature of international development and intercultural understanding through classes, field study, internships, and research. Students from a variety of disciplines—the social sciences, African studies, agriculture, forestry, environmental studies, business, education, public health, health sciences, and many others—will find MSID academically challenging and personally enriching.

