University of Nevada, Reno Study Abroad Advisement Guide

STELLENBOSCH, SOUTH AFRICA (SUMMER)

How to Use This Guide

Be proactive and start planning early! This guide contains information about the courses offered in the Stellenbosch, South Africa program. Students studying in South Africa have access to an array of courses at Stellenbosch University and will be taking courses with locals as well as other international students from around the globe.

This guide, along with your Academic Advising Report and the USAC catalog, provides the tools you need to plan and apply for a program. Involve your major/minor advisor as you choose a program and prepare for your time abroad so you do not prolong graduation. Course descriptions, photos, and more detailed descriptions of the program are available at usac.unr.edu.

Top Reasons to Study Abroad

You will:
• gain new life experiences
• become more independent and flexible
• explore a new culture and live like a local
• broaden your worldview and find new perspectives
• make lifelong friends from around the world
• find out what is beyond your borders

This academic experience will enable you to:
• earn Stellenbosch University credit
• learn a language
• fulfill major and minor requirements
• learn from foreign experts in your field
• supplement your major by selecting courses not offered on campus

What’s the Next Step?

1. Meet with a study abroad peer advisor in the USAC office
2. Meet with your major/minor advisor to go over your long-term plans and your goals for study abroad
3. Consult the USAC catalog or website as you research your program options
4. Complete your application by the deadline
5. Apply for or renew your passport
6. Attend information sessions and workshops on topics such as financial aid, visas, and other useful information (ask the USAC office for more information).
7. Start packing!
Stellenbosch University – Areas of Study

Students may enroll in either their General Elective Program, where you will select two courses of interest, or enroll in one of three specialized academic tracks.

General Elective Program
Recent courses have included offerings in the following areas:
- Art & Media
- Botany
- Economics
- Chinese Studies
- History
- International Relations
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Marketing
- Philosophy
- Political Science

Specialized Track Programs
See detailed track options below
1. Learning, Sustainability, and Community Engagement (LSCE)
2. Doing Business in South Africa
3. Public Health

OPTION 1: GENERAL ELECTIVE PROGRAMME
2 US CREDITS / 4 ECTS CREDITS (PER ELECTIVE)

Students following the General programme will enroll in 3 courses during their period of study in Stellenbosch. Choose one course from each of the Elective groups. You are strongly encouraged to seek home university of your course choices before completing this application. Syllabi are available upon request from your USAC Program Advisor.

Elective 1

Course 1: Introduction to South Africa’s Political History
    mandatory course, all students must participate

Elective 2
    choose one from the following 5 electives

Course 2: Bio-Diversity: Plants for the People in the Western Cape

Course 3: Visual controversies in South Africa, Past and Present

Course 4: Challenges for Democratic Consolidation

Course 5: Growth, Unemployment and Inequality in South Africa: Past and Future Challenges

Course 6: Multilingualism and Intercultural Communication
### OPTION 1: GENERAL ELECTIVE PROGRAMME (Contd.)

**Elective 3**  
*choose one from the following 5 electives*

- **Course 7:** Marketing
- **Course 8:** Present Imperfect: Negotiating Identities in Literature and Film
- **Course 9:** HIV and Aids: A South African Perspective
- **Course 10:** Ethics, Science and Culture in Philosophical Perspective
- **Course 11:** China in Africa

### OPTION 2: LEARNING, SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT  
(7 US CREDITS / 14 ECTS CREDITS)

Students will enroll in two courses. Course 1 is a one week course and mandatory for all students; Course 2 is a three week course. Course 2 (Learning for Sustainable Community Development) carries a heavy academic and practical component and will demand a high level of participation from students during the 4 week duration.

- **Course 1:** Introduction to South Africa’s Political History (1 Week); 2 US credits/ 4 ECTS credits
- **Course 2:** Learning for Sustainable Community Engagement (3 Weeks); 5 US credits; 10 ECTS credits

Option 2 is a selection course; you will be requested to submit an essay, from which selections will be made. You will be given the essay prompt and additional instructions after this application has been reviewed by Stellenbosch University. After selection into Option 2 has been made, all applicants will be informed as to whether they are accepted to the LSCE summer programme. If you are not accepted into Option 2, you will automatically be moved into Option 1 and contacted to confirm whether you will still be participating.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Since students will be working with children, they are legally required to provide an up to date police clearance. A normal state clearance is accepted. Students may choose to submit an FBI clearance, but that is not required. Your police clearance does not need to be submitted with this application, but must be submitted prior to the start of the programme. Failure to submit a valid police clearance may result in your inability to participate; if this occurs, you will still be liable for all programs costs. Email your Program Advisor if you have any questions.
### OPTION 3: DOING BUSINESS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA  
(7 US CREDITS / 14 ECTS CREDITS)

**Students will enroll in two courses.** Course 1 is a one week course and mandatory for all students; Course 2 is a three week course. Note that while not a requirement, a Business Studies background is recommended for enrollment in this option.

- **Course 1:** Introduction to South Africa’s Political History (1 Week); 2 US credits/ 4 ECTS credits
- **Course 2:** Doing Business in Southern Africa (3 Weeks); 5 US credits; 10 ECTS credits

### OPTION 4: PUBLIC HEALTH  
(7 US CREDITS / 14 ECTS CREDITS)

**Students will enroll in two courses.** Course 1 is a one week course and mandatory for all students; Course 2 is a three week course.

- **Course 1:** Introduction to South Africa’s Political History (1 Week); 2 US credits/ 4 ECTS credits
- **Course 2:** Public Health (3 Weeks); 5 US credits; 10 ECTS credits

*Courses are subject to availability and approval of prerequisites, which are determined by Stellenbosch University.*