

The following courses are offered in South Africa:

Introduction to Sociology: SOCI 1010 *(No Prerequisites)*

South Africa is perfect to study Sociology. The rich cultural heritage along with the history of conflict brings many sociological ideas to light for students. Being able to study the concepts of sociology while experiencing the South African culture and history will give insight into how sociology is applied throughout the world. This, while also experiencing firsthand the concepts of sociology such as cultural relativism, ethnocentrism, and diversity.

This course offers fieldwork as well as classroom instruction to give a hands on experience. Excursions may include cultural sites such as Bo-Kaap, Dorp Street, Franschoek, the South African Jewish Museum, Castle of Good Hope, Kaapse Stories, Lwandle Migrant Labour Museum, Woodstock Street Art, and the Cape Town Diamond Museum as well as visits to the local beaches, farmer's markets, craft markets, and a safari trip.

For more information about this course please [see the course syllabus](#).

World Literature since 1650: ENGL 2320

Prerequisites: ENGL 1010 and 1020

In this course, students will learn about historical figures and adventurers who played a primary role in the exploration of the continent of Africa, the effects of that exploration, and literary works that were inspired by those events. Specifically, we will discuss the historical and cultural contexts of colonialism, imperialism, governmental oppression, racial conflicts, and gender issues. While in Cape Town, students will visit sites of literary and historical importance that will directly relate to the assigned reading. Tours and guest lectures at The District 6, Iziko, Robben Island, and Slave Lodge Museums will enable students to gain historical and cultural perspectives about issues ranging from slavery to Apartheid. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to engage in service learning while volunteering at a local after school program. This service learning opportunity will serve as a catalyst for discussion and analysis of numerous social issues, such as access to education, social injustices, and wealth disparity. All excursions and opportunities will enable students to form a critical context through which to examine and understand the many ways that authors use literature to address issues that are relevant in the modern world, both in South Africa and beyond.

For more information about this course please [see the course syllabus](#).

Survey of Mathematics – Exploring South Africa: MATH 1010

Prerequisites: High school algebra I and algebra II and ACT math and reading score of at least 19 or equivalent math and reading placement scores

Cape Town, South Africa presents a great cultural environment for students to learn about mathematics and its applications in everyday life. This course provides a general survey of mathematical topics that are useful in our contemporary world. Opportunities will be provided to show students how mathematics can be applied to their lives in interesting, enjoyable, and meaningful ways.

While learning finance topics, students will complete a finance project that allows them to choose a job they would like to have in Cape Town, simulate the purchase of a home there and calculate their

mortgage payments and other associated payments for their South African home. While studying statistics, students will construct graphs as they relate to data collected in Africa. The Geometry project that the students will complete requires them to calculate various geometric quantities as they relate to popular floor plans for living spaces in Africa. Students will use the metric system and convert U.S. dollars to South African currency, the Rand, for all assignments and projects.

In addition to participating in the typical excursions that make South Africa such a rich cultural experience, students will immerse themselves in a service-learning experience that will bring them closer to the people of South Africa. Each class will either take place while on an excursion or outdoors close to where we will be staying. Outdoor mathematics is a natural way to connect mathematics to other subjects and help students see that mathematics is not just something that happens only in the classroom and textbooks.

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