COMMUNITY LEARNING in Cape Town

Achieving sustainable development goals through community-engaged internships
SIBA

Xhosa word meaning “TOGETHER, AS ONE”
A Transformational Living and Learning Experience

Since 2005, Marquette’s Community Learning in Cape Town program has helped students gain new perspectives, as they immerse themselves in South African culture through a semester of study at the University of the Western Cape paired with a community-based internship and intentional residential community.

At the southern tip of the African continent, Cape Town, South Africa, is a vibrant, international city in a country with a rich, complex history. You will witness firsthand how South Africa is rebuilding itself after decades of apartheid. Cape Town’s diverse socioeconomic communities will become your classroom and their invested leaders with whom you will partner will be your teachers. Together, as one — the Xhosa word is “Sibanye”— you will answer the call to build a better world for people and our planet: reducing inequalities, building sustainable cities and communities, and supporting peace, justice and strong institutions.

SNAPSHOT
Community Learning in Cape Town program
Cape Town, South Africa
1 Semester
4–5 classes
Internship 2 days a week
HOW TO APPLY

Apply at marquette.edu/south-africa.

Academic and application requirements:
- Enrollment in accredited U.S. college or university
- Undergraduate student, any major
- Sophomore standing or higher, preferred
- 2.75 GPA or higher, preferred

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Complete program costs can be found at marquette.edu/south-africa. In addition to tuition, expenses include airfare, transportation and accommodations, medical insurance and incidentals. Marquette students can apply Marquette scholarships and federal and state financial aid to the program. Students from other institutions should consult their study abroad office about financial aid transfer policies.

Marquette reserves the right to modify or cancel the program as may be required by unforeseen circumstances.
CUSTOMIZE YOUR COURSE WORK

The Community Learning in Cape Town program is open to all majors. Throughout the semester, you will take four to five courses, two of which are designed specifically for our students:

- Bridging the Racial Divide (3 credits)
- Race, Class, Gender, and Local Communities (3 credits)

You may choose your other two or three elective courses from the University of the Western Cape’s offerings, which include education, health sciences, humanities, business and finance, natural sciences and social sciences courses.

COMMUNITY-ENGAGED LEARNING

In Cape Town you will be asked to use what you learn for the greater good. You will work to address global challenges as you partner with a community-based organization that is committed to improving and strengthening their communities and their country by providing services for people whose voices are not heard. Two days a week throughout your semester, you will serve alongside these dedicated community leaders and directly contribute to the ongoing transformation of South Africa by working in an internship focused on:

- Education
- Health
- Social services
- Restorative justice
- Sustainable business and economic development
- Community activism

UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE

Founded in 1960, UWC is a major research and teaching institution, heralded as one of the first South African universities to formally oppose apartheid.

It is committed to academic excellence, cultural diversity and building an equitable and dynamic society.

Marquette is one of a select group of U.S. institutions partnering with the university.

More than 200 DEGREE PROGRAMS

22,000 STUDENTS
CAPE TOWN

Offering powerful literary and artistic voices, traditional music, delicious foods, diverse architecture and an abundance of spectacular wildlife unique to South Africa, Cape Town will undoubtedly provide you with plenty of life-changing experiences.

IN YOUR FREE TIME

Visit important South African historical and cultural sites:

- Table Mountain
- Historic District Six in the city’s center
- Robben Island where Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners were incarcerated during apartheid
STUDENT HOUSING

During your semester in South Africa, you will live in the Kimberley House in the Observatory neighborhood of Cape Town. K-House, as your home away from home is affectionately named, accommodates up to 19 fellow students who share your passion for working toward a more sustainable future.

A full-time resident director is on-site to provide ongoing support and guide you through your academic and community-based internship experiences. And a local graduate student from the University of the Western Cape will live and work as a hall director at K-House. As part of predeparture and on-site orientation, you will be advised of additional safety resources available to you.

“This program changed me fundamentally. Before arriving, I was rather confused about my own career path, as well as who I was as a person. While abroad, I had a multitude of experiences that allowed me to change my perspective on life, take chances, and also form lasting relationships. I will forever thank this program for showing me my passion. It was an incredible experience.”

—Jonathan Jean-Baptiste, Spring 2018