

**Welcome to the UGA Summer Study Abroad in Southern Africa**  
*International Issues in Conservation*  
WILD 5200/7200 (6 credits)

*This is a sample syllabus intended as a general guide only and deviations may be necessary (a final syllabus will be included in the course-book or available by contacting the office)*

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Course Objectives

To familiarize students with issues in International Wildlife Management, and to provide a firsthand understanding of the natural history of the bushveld in eastern Botswana and South Africa. Also, to familiarize students with mammal, avian and reptile biology, including anatomy and physiology, behavior, ecology, evolution, and conservation. This amazing 28 days study abroad provides a firsthand understanding of the natural history of the bushveld of eastern Botswana and northern South Africa leading into an introduction to wildlife conservation. This course offers many opportunities and challenges when traveling to a foreign country. We will have at least 10 pre-trip lectures to familiarize students with place, culture, and the natural history of the study area. These pre-trip lectures are mandatory and will include homework assignments, quizzes, and exams just as any university course.

Course Credit

Credit is offered for 6 semester hours at the undergraduate level (5200) or graduate level (7200) in WILD (Wildlife Management).

Graduate and Honors Option Credit

Honors students with 60 or more academic credit hours (including AP, IB, and joint enrollment credit hours) and a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA may take courses at the 6000-level. (Honors students with less than 60 hours may still register for 6271 courses if they will have 60 or more hours completed by the end of the semester prior to studying abroad.) Please follow these steps:

1. Download and complete the Graduate Course Application form ([https://honors.uga.edu/forms/current\\_students/courses\\_and\\_adv/GraduateCourseApplication.pdf](https://honors.uga.edu/forms/current_students/courses_and_adv/GraduateCourseApplication.pdf)). Bring this form to the Discover Abroad office, and we will verify your GPA and credit hours. The Lead Instructor of the program and the head of the department of the prefix for which you are registering

- (e.g., Anthropology for ANTH 6271, Geography for GEOG 6271, etc) must sign this form.
2. Return the completed form to Moore College. The Honors program will verify the information on the form and add your name to the access list for the graduate-level course, thus allowing you to register. You need to complete one form for each separate course you are requesting for Honors credit.
  3. There are additional requirements for graduate credit. See "Additional Course Assignment for Graduate Credit and Honors Option" below. Questions about graduate course credit may be directed to the Honors Program ([honors@uga.edu](mailto:honors@uga.edu)), Tel: 706.542.6938.

Honors students may alternatively obtain honors credit for 4271 with an Honors Option. Please follow these steps:

1. Download and complete the Honors Option Application form (the instructor must sign this) ([https://honors.uga.edu/forms/current\\_students/courses\\_and\\_adv/honors\\_option\\_app.pdf](https://honors.uga.edu/forms/current_students/courses_and_adv/honors_option_app.pdf))
2. Submit Part I of the form to Moore College for Honors program approval prior to the start of your study abroad course. You need to complete one form for each course.
3. There are additional requirements for Honors Option credit. See "Additional Course Assignment for Graduate Credit and Honors Option Credit" below.
4. Complete Part II of the Honors Option form at the end of your course after submitting your additional Honors requirement to your professor. Your instructor must sign off on Part II and submit the form to the Honors program ([honors@uga.edu](mailto:honors@uga.edu)) for approval, Fax: 706.542.6993.

#### Attendance and Participation

Punctual attendance at all scheduled program–related activities is required, including group meetings, discussions, field excursions, as well as lectures and any other scheduled activities. Participation in educational field activities (such as hiking, snorkeling, swimming, etc.) is voluntary and at the discretion of the student; however, should you wish not to participate you must inform the instructor and an alternate education non-field activity will be assigned. An excused absence or decision not to participate in one or any of these field activities will not affect your course grade. During the field studies, no student may leave the group without the consent of the faculty supervisor. Unless an absence is approved by one of the instructors, students will lose 10% of their final grade for each day or part-day they fail to participate. Unexcused absences or chronic late arrival to program activities may be grounds for dismissal from the program (refer to the *Program Manual* for further details).

#### Late and Missed Assignments

Because of the nature of this course and the tight schedule, assignments are not accepted late without prior approval from the instructor.

#### Academic Honesty

All academic work must meet the standards contained in the University's Culture of Honesty policy ([www.uga.edu/honesty](http://www.uga.edu/honesty)). All students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any academic work. The penalties for academic dishonesty include (but are not limited to) award of a failing grade for the course, suspension, notification placed on the student's transcript of their having been found guilty of cheating, and expulsion from the university, and ignorance is not an acceptable defense. Academic dishonesty will be reported to the University Academic Policy Panel.

#### Special Accommodations

Any student(s) who require special accommodation(s) or other requirements in this course must contact the instructor within one week of the UGA on-campus orientation and register with UGA Disability Resource Center ([www.drc.uga.edu](http://www.drc.uga.edu)). Some activities include moderate exercise, such as hiking and snorkeling.

#### Required Texts

1. Sinclair, Ian, Birds of Southern Africa. Princeton University Press. (paperback).
2. Stuart, Chris, Field Guide to Mammals of Southern Africa. Random House Struik. (paperback). 2007.
3. Optional: Gill, Frank B. 2006. Ornithology. Third Edition. E.H. Freeman and Co.

#### Course Requirements

Your grade will be based on a total of 300 points, split between one pre-trip lecture exam (100 points), a field trip journal (100 points) and one final lecture exam (100 points).

#### Grade Assessment

Final grades will be assigned as follows:

A	93 –100 percent
A-	89.5 – 92.9 percent
B+	87 – 89.4 percent
B	83 – 86.9 percent
B-	79.5 – 82.9 percent
C+	77 – 79.4 percent
C	73 – 76.0 percent
C-	69.5 – 72.9 percent
D	59.5 - 69.4 percent
F	below 59.4 percent

#### Course Itinerary

##### **Pre-Trip Lectures:**

Preparation/Equipment Supply List/Documents and releases  
Introduction to Botswana and South Africa, History of Botswana and South Africa  
Trees/Biomes  
Herpetology  
Mammals  
Ornithology  
Biogeography