

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY - FALL 2021

COLGATE IN SOUTH AFRICA

**Director:**

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Tentative Program Dates:

July to November 2021

**Learn about the 2021-22 Colgate Study Groups and
Talk With the Faculty Directors at the Study Group
Fair on Wednesday, October 7th, 2020, 4:00–5:00:**

[https://www.colgate.edu/academics/off-campus-study/
campus-opportunities/virtual-study-group-fair](https://www.colgate.edu/academics/off-campus-study/campus-opportunities/virtual-study-group-fair)

For more information about the program:

Please contact Prof. Thomson at sthomson@colgate.edu

Information Sessions will be held on:

Tuesday, October 13 at 11:30am at <https://colgate.zoom.us/j/98308570872>
and

Thursday, October 15 at 7:00pm at <https://colgate.zoom.us/j/8395976219>

Colgate University's

South Africa Study Group at the University of Cape Town (UCT), is located in one of Africa's global cities, and is one of the top research and academic universities in the world. This program offers students an opportunity to take courses toward their major while becoming immersed in the rich culture and history of the city of Cape Town and the Western Cape region of South Africa.

Courses taken on this study group satisfy the Core Global Engagements requirement.



The South Africa Study Group is open to up to 18 students, who will be able to take two upper-level electives in their discipline and two required courses that uses Cape Town as our laboratory. All classes are in English.

Goals:

- [1] To take courses within a broad range of disciplines at a world class research university;
- [2] To introduce students to Cape Town through study of material culture and colonial history;
- [3] To understand the violence democratic transitions, race politics, and economic liberalization, using Cape Town as a case study;
- [4] To meet students from around the world and broaden their social and cultural perspectives in a different society



Professor Susan Thomson will lead the group, teaching one course in partnership with UCT's Centre for African Studies (CAS). Students must enroll in Professor Thomson's PCON 318 course, entitled Everyday Violence and will take a Colgate-listed course from CAS-affiliated faculty on critical issues in African Studies with a focus on South Africa (ALST 250: Representations of Africa). These two courses will be linked, sharing 10 half-day excursions around Cape Town to extend our classroom learning, including Cape Point, District Six, Kirstenbosch Gardens, Robben Island, Solms Delta winery in nearby Stellenbosch, whale watching in Hermanus, and historical walking tours in Cape Town's many neighborhoods, to name a few. We will also study wild animal conservation with an overnight trip to a local game reserve to learn about rhino conservation and cheetah rehabilitation.

Description of the Courses in the Program:

Two of the four courses will be for credit in the student's major or minor field of study, chosen from UCT's course catalogue.

Prerequisites:

This is an interdisciplinary program, and all current sophomores and juniors are encouraged to apply for admission. All participants must have completed the requisite introductory sequences for their major prior to participating, and ideally will have some intermediate or advanced elective experience to prepare for the research component. Up to 18 Colgate students will be admitted to the program this year. This program requires no foreign language skills. An introductory course in Afrikaans is recommended. The University of Cape Town requires a 3.0 GPA to enroll in the university as a study abroad student.

Living Arrangements:

Students will reside in student housing near UCT, and you are responsible for your own meals. Your accommodation will have a small kitchen and there are many inexpensive dining options near and on campus. Residences are located on campus, and are conveniently located by cafeterias, grocery stores, athletic facilities, and banks. Downtown Cape Town is easily reached via UCT's shuttle known as the Jammie, at no cost as an enrolled UCT student.

Safety and Security:

Cape Town is considered a medium risk destination. Petty theft is the most common crime. Female students may experience verbal sexual harassment. Director's rules for your safety will be explained during pre-departure meetings. Some rules, such as drug use, are subject to a zero-tolerance behavior

policy. Colgate's Code of Conduct applies during your semester abroad in Cape Town.

Costs in Cape Town:

Costs will not exceed what students pay at Colgate. Students will be billed Colgate tuition and the cost of their Cape Town housing plus housing on overnight excursions. Cape Town housing will be less costly than Colgate housing for the semester. Students will be responsible for their airfare, student visa, and food. Living expenses are generally low in South Africa, so students can expect to spend less than what they spend at Colgate for the semester (not including any other personal travel while abroad). For details of student expenses on this exchange program, please see the student cost estimate sheet on the Off-Campus Study website.

Passports and Visas:

You must confirm that your passport is valid through August 2022. All students participating on the Fall 2021 South Africa Study Group will be required to obtain a student visa. With participation on this study group comes the responsibility of understanding and complying with South African visa requirements. All students must also be travel to the South African consulate in person to obtain the visa. All US citizens must obtain an FBI report, and must apply for the report soon after the start of the Spring 2021 semester. If you will not be traveling on a U.S. passport it is imperative that you contact an adviser in Off-Campus Study and International Student Services, 101 McGregor, to learn as much as you can about the visa requirements. For some students there are significant requirements to be met that take time, advance planning, and incur costs.

Calendar and Deadline:

The fall semester at UCT is expected to begin in mid July and goes until mid November; orientation will begin approximately August 1. Colgate students will need to remain on-campus in South Africa until their exams are finished, returning to Colgate in time for the spring semester. The study group application will open on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, and will close on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. All applications are on the Colgate University Off-Campus Study website and are submitted online at offcampusstudy.colgate.edu. Only finalists in the selection process will be interviewed. Interviews will be arranged by e-mail in November/December, and admissions decisions will take place late December/early January.