



“Program in International Understanding”

Syllabus

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Requirements:

1. Meet with me to pick up your passbook. I want to find out what you are interested in and also explain what a passbook is.
2. Participate in 10 events/activities. This can include specific events that are part of the South Africa & Kentucky focus (like the Fall Film Series), but it can also be self-directed activities.
 - a. For a complete list of the theme year events, watch the website www.as.uky.edu/southafrica
 - b. The events sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center are also relevant events. You can find that list here: <http://www.uky.edu/MLKCC/2009-2010.htm>
 - i. I am particularly excited about:

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness

A presentation by author/legal scholar Michelle Alexander

Wed., Oct. 27th

7:00pm

UK College of Law Courtroom

Civil Rights attorney/legal scholar Michelle Alexander presents a bold, powerful analysis of how and why mass incarceration is happening in the United States. She argues that we have not eliminated racial caste in America, simply re-designed it.
Co-sponsored by the College of Law, Political Science Dept. & African American Studies & Research Program.

- c. You can participate in the book club by reading one of the books and participating in the online discussion (or posting about it on your blog). Each book counts as one activity. There is a link here: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=129914997058477>
 - d. You could do an independent research project and work with me on it. Depending on its scope, it could count for more than one event.
3. Critically engage the events or activities.
- a. I would suggest starting a blog to follow your progress throughout the year. Make it particular to your interests—if you are a journalist, cover it like a journalist. If a scientist, ask science questions (broadly at least). Include things like: What happened at the event? What surprised you about the event? What interested you? What did you learn that you did not know before? How did the information/dance/presentation compare to what you already know about (Kentucky life, for example)? Where might you go if you wanted more information?
 - b. If a blog is not your thing, propose something different to me.
 - c. The best of the blogs will be linked to from our South Africa & Kentucky website, so hopefully you'll get an audience. You can tell your family and friends about it too. Make this a cool thing for yourself, rather than “just” another homework assignment.
 - d. Send me a link when you have written a blog post.
4. Eligible for a scholarship for the Cape Town Summer 2011 Internships Education Abroad
- a. Apply for the trip here: <http://abroad.ad.uky.edu/> (and see the next page for more info)
 - b. I will choose from among the Program participants who will get the scholarship (this is the incentive for putting effort into your blog posts). I'm hoping to raise enough funds to help with part of the trip for everybody. There are also need-based scholarships available through the Education Abroad office.
 - c. The budget will be official soon. Here is the guest house we'll probably stay at: <http://www.hillcrestmanor.co.za/>
 - d. Here are some websites for some of the NGOs we'll be working with:
 - i. primary science education <http://www.psp.org.za/>
 - ii. black slash, women's and children's rights <http://www.blacksash.org.za/>
 - iii. Environmental advocacy; Beyond expectation <http://www.beep.org.za/>

How to Apply to Education Abroad

1. Apply to your program on the [Education Abroad Website: http://abroad.ad.uky.edu/](http://abroad.ad.uky.edu/)

- On the homepage of the Education Abroad website, click on “Browse our Programs.”
- In the box entitled “Program Name,” type in the name of your program and click “Search.”
- Click on the blue link to be taken to your program’s homepage.
- Click “Add Program” to start your application.
- A pop up window will appear with the notification about \$50 application fee and deadlines. Click “OK”
- You will be asked if you are a registered user at UK. Click “Yes” and log in using your myUK ID and password.
- Click the term for when you would like to go abroad. You have now applied for your program!
- Complete Part 1 of your application by answering a list of questions. Please note that you have to provide an answer to the questions in order to proceed to Part 2 of your application.

2. Complete your application to [Education Abroad](#)

To complete Part 2 of your application:

- You will see a list of items that need to be completed. A checkmark will appear next to each item as it is complete. The items to complete are:
 - **Signature Documents:** Read and digitally “sign” the signature documents listed.
 - **Application Questionnaires:** Complete and submit each questionnaire listed. Important: the Statement of Academic Purpose is ONLY required if you are applying for the Education Abroad Scholarship.
 - **Faculty Nomination Form:** This is ONLY required if you are applying for the Education Abroad Scholarship.
- Once your application has been accepted a new box will appear in your application:
 - **Material Submissions:** These are documents that must be submitted to our office. You can bring in a paper copy of these items to the Education Abroad main office (located in 310 Bradley Hall) or scan and email them to EducationAbroad@uky.edu. These items can be turned in AFTER the deadlines listed below; just make sure that everything is turned in BEFORE you go abroad.
- You can always return to your application by logging into the Education Abroad website using your myUK username and password. This can be done by clicking “Login” in the upper right hand corner on the main Education Abroad homepage.
- You will be taken to your applicant homepage.
- Under “Applications Filed,” click on the blue link of your program. This will take you to your actual program application.

Deadlines for Summer and Fall: April 1st

Deadlines for Winter and Spring: November 1st

Deadlines for Education Abroad Scholarship Application: March 1st and/or October 1st

You will be charged a mandatory NON-REFUNDABLE \$50 application fee on the day your EA application is due (April 1st or November 1st). This will be charged to your Student Billing Account. In order to avoid being charged the \$50 application fee, you must withdraw your application to Education Abroad BEFORE the April 1st or November 1st deadline.

3. Attend a Pre-departure Orientation Session

This mandatory session is designed and delivered by Education Abroad Ambassadors. Topics discussed include: health and safety, travel and packing tips, money, budgeting, communication, culture shock, food, and transportation. You MUST attend a Pre-Departure Orientation session to receive a passing grade in ISP 599.

4. Get on the plane! Go Abroad!

5. Come back and stay involved

After you return, you will complete an online Program Evaluation (located on your Education Abroad application under "Application Questionnaires") and attend a Re-entry Session, providing an opportunity to network with other returnees. You MUST attend a Re-entry Session and complete an online Program Evaluation to receive a passing grade in ISP 599.

Still have questions? Contact Education Abroad Main Office (EducationAbroad@uky.edu) in 310 Bradley Hall (859-257-4067 ext 252)