Study-Serve South Africa
ASU’s International Community Development Initiative
Tall mountain ranges separate fertile coastal plains from high interior plateaus. The grassland and desert of the plateaus hide pockets of mineral wealth, particularly in gold and diamonds.

Climate is variable depending on location. Temperatures during summer (mid-October to mid-February) range from 77-97 degrees. Winter (May-July) temperatures range between 63-79 degrees. The average annual rainfall is 18 inches -- a relatively dry climate famous for its sunshine.

11 official languages spoken in South Africa, including English. Each of the 9 provinces has 2-3 main languages.

Predominantly Christian, Muslim, Hindu, and tribal African religions.

Black Africans comprise more than 3/4 of the population, and whites, coloureds (people of mixed race), and Asians (mainly Indians) make up the remainder. Among the black population there are numerous ethnic groups.

Until the 1990s, whites dominated the non-white majority population under the political system of racial segregation known as apartheid. Apartheid ended in the early 1990s, but South Africa is still recovering from the racial inequalities in political power, opportunity, and lifestyle. The end of apartheid led to a total reorganization of the government, which since 1994 has been a nonracial democracy based on majority rule.

The country has three capitals: Cape Town is the legislative capital; Pretoria, the executive capital; and Bloemfontein, the judicial capital.
Opportunities in South Africa!

• Study abroad opportunities – full semester/year
• Service-learning courses – full semester
• Service-based internships – 2 to 4 months
• Community-based research – varies

Open to most juniors and seniors...see handout for details.
About the University of Zululand

• Located in Ezikhaweni, in the province of Kwa-Zulu Natal, approximately 90 miles north of Durban. Beautiful rural setting -- nearest town is Empangeni.

• Designated as the only comprehensive institution of higher learning north of the uThukela River and plans are launched to add career-focused programs to its curriculum. “Restructureed for Relevance” is their motto.

• On the academic front the University of Zululand offers excellent facilities for a wide range of studies within the faculties of: Arts, Commerce, Administration and Law, Education, and Science and Agriculture.

• UniZulu pursues an agenda for scholarly investigation in response to social problems, with community service being systematically integrated into the formal curriculum. The University strives to produce graduates with high-level knowledge and skills and who have been educated for citizenship and for active participation in society.

• [http://www.uzulu.ac.za/](http://www.uzulu.ac.za/)
Service Opportunities with University of Zululand

Service-based internships and community-based research opportunities are available with the following NGO’s…

• HOPE – support and resources for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS

• Swana School – school for children with intellectual disabilities

• Zululand Chamber of Commerce – incubator for small non/for profit businesses

• Zululand Mental Health – mental health support and resources for adults/children -- many of whom are infected with HIV/AIDS

For more information about this NGO’s, please see the supplementary document with full descriptions.
About Empangeni, South Africa

- Located in the KwaZulu-Natal province with a population of approximately 16,500.

- Situated in the hilly countryside of the Uthungulu District. Overlooks a flat coastal plain and the major harbor town of Richard’s Bay.

- Climate is sub-tropical with an average temperature of 82 degrees in summer and 57 degrees in winter.

- Sugar cane is a major industry of the surrounding region.
About the University of the Free State

- Situated in the heart of the central region of South Africa in Bloemfontein in the province of the Free State. Suburban-urban setting with a vibrant downtown area.

- 16,000 students on the main campus, with an additional 3,000 using distance education.

- Six faculties offer a full range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs. The University is an important centre for research and has close ties with a number of universities on the continent as well as around the world. Faculties include: The Humanities, Law, Natural and Agricultural Sciences, Economic and Management Sciences, Health Sciences, and Theology.

- Recognized as a leader in the transformation process in South African higher education - a view endorsed by former President Nelson Mandela, who has lauded the University for its transformation and language policies.

- http://www.uovs.ac.za/
Service Opportunities with the University of the Free State

Service-learning courses, service-based internships, and community-based research opportunities are available with many NGO’s. A few examples include:

• **Boyden Observatory** -- maintains an educational science center for the public, works with local schools to introduce youth to astronomy/science.

• **Free State Care in Action** – services/resources for homeless, elderly outreach

• **Mangaung-Free State** – health care clinic and services/resources for severely impoverish community

• **Lebone Land** – support/resources/housing/education for children infected and affected by HIV/AIDS

• **REACH** -- afterschool care, outreach, arts/sports/recreation, computer training for vulnerable youth

For more information about this NGO’s, please see the supplementary document with full descriptions.
Service-learning courses are available in the following academic departments at the University of the Free State…

Accounting
Afro-Asiatic Studies
Agricultural Management/Agricultural Economics
Anthropology
Architecture (Unit for Earth Construction)
Biotechnology (Division of Consumer Science)
Business Management
Community Health & Sociology
Drama & Theatre Arts
Economics
Education
Fine Arts
Governance & Political Transformation
Health Sciences
Human & Societal Dynamics
Human Movement Sciences
Industrial Psychology
Law
Music
Nursing
Nutrition & Dietetics
Occupational Therapy
Physiotherapy
Plant Sciences
Practical Theology
Psychology
Remedial Education
Sign Language / Language Practice
Social Work
Soil Sciences
Soil, Crop & Climate Sciences
Theology (Missiology)
Urban & Regional Planning

For a complete list of course names, please see the supplementary document.
About Bloemfontein, South Africa

• Situated within the Free State province and home to nearly 370,000 residents.

• Serves as the seat for the Supreme Court of Appeal and is the judicial capital for South Africa.

• Known as the City of Roses due to the abundance of these flowers and the annual rose festival held there.

• Prime sports include rugby, soccer, and cricket.

• A continental climate, with hot summer days, frequent afternoon thunderstorms and cooler, dry winters, often with frosts.