

Ecotourism in Tanzania



Global Salve Short-Term



Apply By:
January 17, 2025

July 6-19, 2025
Min: 10 Max: 16

Faculty Leaders:
Dr. Missy Varao & Dr.
Teresa Starzecki

During this 2-week Ecotourism program, Salve Regina students will be hosted by the School for International Training (SIT) at their Tanzania site. The program will focus on providing students with a comprehensive understanding of the business principles and practices of ecotourism within the context of Tanzania's diverse ecosystems. Excursions include a hike to the crater and game drive on the safari at Ngorongoro Park, learn about the impact of ecotourism on agriculture & livestock keeping at Kibosho village, discuss the intersection of culture and agriculture in Mto wa Mbu village, visit Materuni Waterfall, one of the most well-known features of Tanzania, observe sustainable beekeeping at the Northern Tanzania Beekeeping Company, and more! There will also be a variety of guest lectures both at site visits and excursions, an Arusha city tour, and visits to various non-governmental organizations (NGO).

Academics

3- credit MGT-399 "Ecotourism" course taught by Dr. Varao and Dr. Starzecki

- Fulfills elective credits in Business Administration, Economics, Hospitality and Tourism Management, and potentially other majors and minors.
- *All course fulfillments are subject to approval by an advisor.*

Eligibility Requirements

- Open to first year through senior year students.
- Good disciplinary, financial and academic standing at the time of program departure.
- 2.7 or higher GPA



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How to Apply

Complete an online application and submit all required materials on the [ViaTRM](#) portal by the program deadline. Application will open by October 1.

Materials include:

- 250 word essay on your study abroad goals
- Faculty reference
- Photo of passport or self-disclosure of passport application
- Headshot

Academic Focus

This immersive experience will prepare students to become responsible and informed professionals in the business world through experiential learning opportunities related to ecotourism. Key topics include Africa's biodiversity, conservation challenges, community, government, indigenous, and NGO involvement, ecotourism and policy management, and wildlife and nature. Students will explore the rich and diverse ecosystems throughout Tanzania through visits to national parks, game reserves, and mountainous regions. Additional discussion topics will include examination of environmental challenges faced by Africa including poaching, habitat destruction, and climate change, as caused by tourism development and tourist behavior, as well as ethical considerations and responsible behavior when interacting with wildlife. Students will explore community-based conservation projects that emphasize the importance of integrating local communities in ecotourism initiatives. There will be opportunities for students to conduct research on topics related to ecotourism as it relates economic impacts, marketing efforts, operations, and more.

Course Expectations

A mandatory pre-departure meeting will be held in the spring to inform students of program content and requirements. Expect a rewarding curriculum that includes classroom lectures and local excursions. You'll be expected to actively participate in all activities, complete assignments on time, and engage respectfully with a new culture.

Eligibility Requirements

- Open to all students (first year through senior)
- Min GPA 2.7
- Availability of academic credits to fulfill degree requirements
- Good disciplinary, financial and academic standing
- Participation in mandatory pre-departure orientation

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Program Fee: \$8800-\$9200

Confirmed Nov. 1

Deposit: \$1200 due to Business Office by **Jan. 31, 2025**. Payments can be made to Business Office over the phone at (401) 341-2900 or by mailing a check.

Final Payment: due by **May 2, 2025**. The Business Office will generate an invoice for the remainder of the program fee in the spring.

Included in Program Fee

- 3 Salve Credits over the summer
- Roundtrip airfare Boston to Tanzania
- Airport transfers
- Ground transportation in Tanzania
- Housing accommodation in Tanzania
- All meals
- Excursion and entrance fees
- International travel & health insurance

Not Included in Program Fee

- Transportation to and from Boston for group flight
- Passport fee (\$135) - if applicable
- Student visa - if applicable
- Course textbooks - if applicable
- Vaccines - if applicable
- Personal expenses (recreation, personal items/services)



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Group Flight

Participants will be booked onto a roundtrip group flight. The CGEF is unable to book seats for participants on flights other than the round-trip group flight.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Please consult with your Financial Aid Counselor regarding any questions about financial aid and study abroad. Generally, only parent plus loans are applicable to short-term study abroad programs.

Salve Regina study abroad scholarships are reserved for full-time semester and year-long programs. Research your external scholarship options at: <http://www.salve.edu/study-abroad/study-abroad-scholarships>.

Pell-grant eligible students are encouraged to apply for the Gilman Scholarship for study abroad programs of any length. For more information:

<https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/>