

Study Abroad in South Africa
Maymester Course 2012
ECON 4620
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Initially designed as a companion experience to the **Economy of South Africa Course (Econ 4610)**, the Study Abroad in South Africa Maymester Course is now a stand-alone class which provides an overview of South Africa. Emphasis is placed on crucial historical, political and economic developments that helped to shaped present-day South Africa. The course will address South Africa's current socio-economic challenges, such as unemployment, poverty, crime and the AIDS epidemic.

This class consists of a series of lectures, site visits and cultural experiences. Lectures will be presented both in Atlanta and in South Africa. In South Africa, lectures will be provided by professors from the University of Pretoria, government official from the Department of Trade and Industry, the Reserve Bank.

PREREQUISITE:

Economics 2105 (Principles of Macroeconomics) or equivalent

Economics 2106 (Principles of Microeconomics) or equivalent

MATERIALS:

Required Text:

A Concise History of South Africa, Robert Ross

Supplemental Readings:

Chapters 1, 25 and 29 in Africa South of the Sahara, Robert Stock. **(To be placed on uLearn by April 1st)**

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The goal of this course is to familiarize students with the forces that have influenced present day South African. The course attempts to introduce students to contemporary economic and political challenges confronting South Africa. In addition, the course will provide students with a historical and cultural perspective of South Africa, its people and institutions.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Identify major events in South African history
2. Explain the influence of *Apartheid* on the South African economy
3. Describe the goals and objectives of “*Broad Base Black Economic Empowerment*”
4. Summarize the impact of HIV/AIDS on South Africa
5. Comment on the rich racial, ethnic and cultural diversity of the country
6. Compare and contrast two distinct regions of South Africa—Gauteng Province and the Western Cape.

EVALUATING PROCEDURE:

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| 1. Term Paper | 50% |
| 2. Pre-Trip Exam | 30% |
| based on <u>A Concise History of South Africa</u> | |
| 3. Dossier | 20% |

TERM PAPER ASSIGNMENT:

A formal term paper (i.e., typed with endnotes or footnotes and bibliography) is required. The term paper should be double spaced and 10 to 12 pages in length. Topics focusing on some aspect of South African economic development are encouraged. However, other topics can be explored if a compelling case can be made to the instructor. All topics must be approved by the instructor. Papers are due on the last day of classes of the Maymester. **Early submission is encouraged.**

PRE-TRIP EXAM:

A pre-trip exam will be handed out during our pre-departure briefing in early April. It will be due on the first day of class of the Maymester.

READING AND CLASS SCHEDULE:

Prior to class: A Concise History of South Africa, **Robert Ross**

Week One: **Stock--** Introduction
Chapter 1-- The Map of Africa
Chapter 25-- Africa in the World Economy
Chapter 29-- South Africa in the
Postapartheid era

Week Two: South Africa—Pretoria and Johannesburg

Week Three: South Africa—Cape Town, Stellenbosch and the Cape of Good
Hope

Week Four: Wrap Up Sessions
Dossier Due