

Summer Semester Abroad at the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits)

Johannesburg, South Africa - approximately July 7 to August 31, 2025

The Summer Semester Abroad is designed to allow third and fourth year Queen's students the opportunity to live and study in Johannesburg with an integrated program of courses and experiential learning. Based at the University of Witwatersrand - one of the world's leading universities - the program involves taking two 7-week courses alongside actively engagement with South African culture and society under the guidance of a local South African instructor.

Students are invited to choose two of the 4000-level courses offered by the School of Social Sciences (https://www.wits.ac.za/socialsciences/). Upon successful completion with the additional activities outlined above, these will transfer to Queen's as DEVS 380/6.0.

Graduating students considering the Masters program in Global Development Studies at Queen's are invited to choose two of the 7000-level courses offered by the School of Social Sciences. Upon successful completion with the additional activities outlined above, these may transfer to Queen's as an equivalent to DEVS 862/3.0.

COSTS: Students are responsible for all costs including tuition, travel, and living expenses. These would include flights to Johannesburg (approximately \$1,800); Meals/Food (approximately \$1,000); WITS Accommodations (approximately \$1,800) and any applicable health and travel insurance.

Applications due December 15, 2024

Prerequisite - A 300L Africa-focused course, or permission of the DEVS Department

Johannesburg is the economic and cultural heart of South Africa and a gateway to southern Africa as a region. Extending over hundreds of kilometers of peri-urban space, the city encompasses 15 million people and is a magnet for migration from around the continent and further afield. Yet even as it embodies many of Africa's greatest development aspirations, Johannesburg also faces daunting challenges which are addressed in the courses offered within this program.

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