Travel and expenses

The course will take place during Winter Break every alternate year

Application deadline: September 15

Maximum number of BSCI undergraduate seats available: 17

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BSCI 40378-South African Field Biology Course



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South African Field Biology and Conservation

This course is an adventure into savanna ecology, and the phenomenal diversity of the Cape floral kingdom, designed to introduce students to many major issues in the field. Students will learn how to apply modern field-observation techniques to generate and test problem-solving hypotheses. Students will also learn about the threats to the biological diversity of savanna and fynbos ecosystems resulting from human activities

Who can take this course?

This course is ideal for undergraduate students from a broad range of backgrounds. All will participate in a field project.

Field Experience: the Classroom

The course emphasizes the use of field work to address real-world ecology. Students will be responsible for:

- The design and collection of data in field projects under the supervision of participating faculty
- Conducting data analysis and presenting results and conclusions to their classmates
- Provide a written poster on their projects conducted in South Africa – these will be submitted to the Kent State University undergraduate symposium

For more information, visit:

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Course highlights

Along with the lifetime experience of travel in South Africa, students will be given the opportunity to learn about and participate in:

- Savanna characteristics, biodiversity, and biogeography
- Geography and climate of South Africa
- Diversity of plants and animals in one of Africa's largest wildlife reserves, the Kruger National Park
- See what is being done to rehabilitate endangered savanna wildlife
- Discover the phenomenal diversity of the Cape Floral Kingdom, where 18,000 plant species live
- Observe one of the northernmost populations of penguins