

PAID 450 East Africa

Jterm2020 Course Eval

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Q4 - The course I took was

| # | Field | Choice Count |
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| 12 | Paideia 450: People and Parks: Pastoralism and Conservation in East Africa | 9 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---|-----------------------|---------|---------|-------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | The course I took was | 12.00 | 12.00 | 12.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 9 |

Q32 - Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements pertaining to the portion of the program Prior to Departure

| # | Field | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree | Total |
|---|---|-------------------|----------|----------------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | The application process was straightforward and clear. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| 2 | I received sufficient information from the Center for Global Learning to navigate the process from acceptance to my actual departure. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| 3 | The Center for Global Learning pre-departure orientation (the large group session in Valders 206) prepared me for my off-campus course (leave blank if you participated in a domestic program). | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 9 |
| 4 | The pre-departure session(s) conducted by my program leader(s) prepared me for my off-campus course. | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 9 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---|---|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | The application process was straightforward and clear. | 4.00 | 5.00 | 4.33 | 0.47 | 0.22 | 9 |
| 2 | I received sufficient information from the Center for Global Learning to navigate the process from acceptance to my actual departure. | 4.00 | 5.00 | 4.33 | 0.47 | 0.22 | 9 |
| 3 | The Center for Global Learning pre-departure orientation (the large group session in Valders 206) prepared me for my off-campus course (leave blank if you participated in a domestic program). | 3.00 | 5.00 | 3.89 | 0.74 | 0.54 | 9 |
| 4 | The pre-departure session(s) conducted by my program leader(s) prepared me for my off-campus course. | 3.00 | 5.00 | 4.33 | 0.67 | 0.44 | 9 |

Q37 - Please reflect on the pre-departure preparations. Are there topics that were not covered in your pre-departure preparations that you would have liked the CGL staff/program leaders to cover?

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none

I think it would be good for the program leaders to share a little bit more about the Maasai culture beforehand.

It would have been useful to begin learning Kiswahili and Kimaasai in the semester before leaving, but I understand that there is already a lot to cover in the meetings.

Everything was covered pretty effectively. It's tough considering everyone was going to such different places with different concerns, but thats part of what the individual group meetings were for.

This year a handout was added to the packet about taking photos abroad. I think the issue of taking and posting photos from countries in the Global South is extremely important to talk about, and our students should be well educated on the white savior complex before going to a majorly non-white country. This should have been covered in more than just a hand-out but should have been discussed in the large pre-departure meeting, and also made a discussion point in each trip's individual pre-departure meetings. I also wish the CGL and my program leaders would have made a greater effort to make us aware of LGBT issues abroad. Specifically, I was a little surprised that my program leaders waited until the last pre-departure meeting to inform us that any form of LGBTQ+ behavior and identity is illegal in Tanzania. I wish I had been informed of this earlier, and been given advice on how to deal with this while in Tanzania. I felt like it was treated as something to just not bring up in conversation, but it is much more difficult than that when it is something that is a part of your life and your identity.

The pre-departure preparations were very thorough and I felt comfortable and ready for my trip. If I did have additional questions, there were people available to answer them.

Everything was sufficient

Q38 - With respect to packing, what do you wish you had brought with you? What do you wish you had left behind?

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I packed pretty well. It was helpful that we got to meet with a group from last year's trip for tips on packing for our specific trip.

I had everything I needed, but I could have left things like clothes pins, clothes lines, and extra locks behind.

I packed what I needed and nothing more.

I wish I had brought lotion with me, my skin got dry. However, I brought a clothes line and clothes pins which I never used once.

I think I brought everything I needed and nothing extra.

I felt that I almost packed perfectly. I used almost everything I had with me. The only thing that I brought that did not get used was my clothes line and clothes pins. I was very prepared in my packing and had everything I needed.

I wish I brought quick dry shirts that were plain and another pair of pants to wear in the national parks.

I wish I left behind a few extra shirts I brought.

I wish that I had packed my speaker. Other than that I think that I packed pretty much perfectly.

Q39 - Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements pertaining to the Off-Campus Program

| # | Field | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree | Total |
|---|---|-------------------|----------|----------------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | There was a strong connection between the course content and the program location(s). | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 9 |
| 2 | The amount of time allocated to structured "class time," group experiential learning, and free time was balanced. | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 9 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---|---|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | There was a strong connection between the course content and the program location(s). | 4.00 | 5.00 | 4.89 | 0.31 | 0.10 | 9 |
| 2 | The amount of time allocated to structured "class time," group experiential learning, and free time was balanced. | 3.00 | 5.00 | 4.00 | 0.47 | 0.22 | 9 |

Q40 - Please provide further comment on your answers above, as desired.

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We could have used just a little more free time, especially at the beginning of the month.

There was very little free time on this trip, but I personally enjoyed staying busy most of the time. The only issue was many of our journals had to be written in a days time. This meant writing 3 or more journals in the days that were supposed to be our free time.

Due to the location, it is hard to have free time when students can do something other than talk to the guides or hang around TCDC, but I found that the KAN Festival was integral to learning about Tanzanian culture and understanding the Maasai's place within it. Any possibility of spending more time immersed in Tanzanian culture would be valuable.

We could have used a little more time to work on our journals.

I appreciate all of the time devoted to immersion, experiences, and learning. I do think a little more free time could be added to this course, especially in the first couple days when it seemed like we had no time to ourselves.

With this trip, it is hard to provide sufficient amount of free time. However, I personally loved the experiences and learning opportunities and preferred these to free time.

With respect to the amount of free time: I felt that the at beginning of the trip there was not enough free time because we were constantly on the move and at the end of the trip there was too much because we had several days at TCDC before we left. Restructuring this in the future would add to the strength of this course.

Q41 - Tell about an experience that enhanced your understanding of yourself or changed you.

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Experiencing the Maasai way of life- The simplicity and community was absolutely amazing and pushed me to think about how materialistic and self centered our culture is sometimes.

When we learned about the conflict between the Maasai and the government's conservation, I understood the deep impacts that capitalism has on every part of our culture and the world. I feel that now I consider other perspectives, such as indigenous perspectives, more in my everyday life and question my choices to see if they align with my values.

The church service in Mbarangati helped me feel intensely connected to a community of people that I had never met, and moved me in ways I didn't think possible. I felt so incredibly welcomed and honored, and I hope to treat people in such a way to the rest of my life. Additionally, it helped me understand how possible it is to connect with people from around the world.

Throughout the course I developed a strong relationship with two of our guides, and by the end of the trip I had had multiple deep conversations with them regarding controversial topics. Also, seeing how the Maasai live with their extended family and take care of one another. Finally, seeing how Tanzanians always greet one another and never leave anyone behind, which we witnessed when random strangers were stuck in the mud on the road and we always stopped to help. All of these contributed to my reflection of myself and my life. I realized how important people are to me, and how materialistic things can be fun in life and sometimes are beneficial, but by far people/relationships and time spent with others means far more to me than anything else. Coming home, this is something that I am a lot more aware of. This perspective has shown me what kind of friends I want to surround myself with and how I want to spend my time.

Any time we had the opportunity to talk with Leboy, Killing'ot, and Musa. They offered get insights to all of our questions.

Seeing the goat being butchered during Orpul was life changing in that it brought me in contact with my food supply in a way that I as an American am normally very far removed from. It made me appreciate and value my food in a way that I normally do not.

Q42 - Tell about an experience that enhanced your understanding of the location(s) where you studied.

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We listened to a talk by some of the national park staff and saw there side of conservation and how it clashes with The Maasai conservation.

When we went to Killing-ot's boma, he talked about the importance of biodiversity to the Maasai. After that, I really understood how the Maasai interact with the environment and how the conservation is naturally practiced by the Maasai. I understood that the loss of Maasai land was the main reason behind the overgrazing and erosion in their land.

We had a lecture at Tarangire National Park which provided some contrasting views to that of the Maasai we had been learning about. To me, this really displayed the conflict between people and organizations present in not only Tanzania but all over the world.

Traveling to the bomas, meeting the families that lived in these places, and seeing how they live and what they do really informed me of their life and their choices and morals. Experiencing these things first hand really made everything more understandable and relatable.

The opportunity to go from the bomas to the national parks. It really contrasted the different things we were learning about each area.

Conversations with our three guides were very interesting to learn about their experience with the culture that we were learning about.

The Orpul at Musa's boma was a very in depth cultural experience. I learned a lot about Maasai customs and rituals during this and I tried things that I have never tried before.

Q43 - Which program field trips, excursions, museum visits, etc. did you find particularly enriching.

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It was all very enriching.

I thought that the visits to Musa's and Killing-ot's bomas were very helpful. Tarangire and Ngorogoro showed me the contrast between the bomas and conservation land and about the conflict between the two. The KAN Festival also helped me understand Tanzanian culture as a whole.

My favorites were: the church service, the drive into Ngorongoro at sunrise, the oreteti tree hike, and the orpul.

The trip to the church at Elias's boma in Mbarangati.

Traveling to the personal bomas, seeing inside one of our guide's mother's homes, attending the Maasai church service, the organization for helping single women/mothers, traveling to multiple conservation areas - Tarangire and Ngorongoro crater (to see the biological conservation perspective, in addition to the anthropological people perspective), the conservation presentation at Tarangire, the cultural / tourist boma, the Maasai tourist market in Arusha, the Maasai market in upper Monduli, the many hikes!!, experiencing Orpul, the large conversation with many Maasai women (getting to hear a women's perspective!!), the art festival at TCDC (was coincidental but gave us a very different perspective)

All the boma visits and Ngorogoro crater.

All of the boma stays were particularly influential.

All of the boma visits were very valuable and enriching. Additionally, the national parks visits were beautiful and amazing.

Q45 - Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements pertaining to

Accommodations/Transportation/Food

| # | Field | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Agree | Strongly Agree | Total |
|---|--|-------------------|----------|----------------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | I was satisfied with the accommodations. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| 2 | I was satisfied with the classroom/meeting spaces. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| 3 | I was satisfied with the ground transportation arrangements. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| 4 | I was satisfied with the air transportation arrangements. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| 5 | I was satisfied with the number of group meals. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 9 |
| | I was satisfied with the quality of group meals. | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 9 |

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|---|--|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | I was satisfied with the accommodations. | 4.00 | 5.00 | 4.67 | 0.47 | 0.22 | 9 |
| 2 | I was satisfied with the classroom/meeting spaces. | 4.00 | 5.00 | 4.78 | 0.42 | 0.17 | 9 |
| 3 | I was satisfied with the ground transportation arrangements. | 4.00 | 5.00 | 4.78 | 0.42 | 0.17 | 9 |
| 4 | I was satisfied with the air transportation arrangements. | 4.00 | 5.00 | 4.67 | 0.47 | 0.22 | 9 |
| 5 | I was satisfied with the number of group meals. | 4.00 | 5.00 | 4.89 | 0.31 | 0.10 | 9 |
| 6 | I was satisfied with the quality of group meals. | 3.00 | 5.00 | 4.33 | 0.67 | 0.44 | 9 |

Q46 - Please comment on aspects related to accommodations, transportation, and food.

Your insights will help us improve future programs.

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I got amoebas from the food or the water while we were in the bush, but due to the conditions, I can see how the possibility of this would be hard to avoid.

While I got tired of spending time in tents, they were very nice tents that kept us dry and were easy to transport. Plus, our stay at TCDC was perfect. Our land rovers and driver were phenomenal for getting around, and usually quite fun! The coasters on the other hand I did not enjoy however I understand that they were more convenient. The food while we were there was wonderful, Nzari was an amazing cook. The breakfasts could use a little more sustenance to them, and the packed lunches weren't my favorite, however I am in no place to complain considering all that Nzari did for us.

The drivers we hired were fantastic, although we could have spent a little less time on the road. It was a little bit of a pain having to travel to Chicago to fly out instead of Minneapolis when most of the students on our trip were from Minnesota. I understand that it might have been less expensive to buy tickets leaving from Chicago, but then the students have to pay extra money to get themselves to Chicago which was not included in the course price.

Everything was great!!!

The accommodations at TCDC were great! The camping accommodations when we were away from TCDC were also great. Our cook did a great job and our drivers were incredible.

Q44 - How much did you personally spend on food while at the program location(s).

| # | Field | Choice Count |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| 1 | <\$100 | 5 |
| 2 | \$101-\$200 | 2 |
| 3 | \$201-\$300 | 1 |
| 4 | \$301-\$400 | 1 |
| 5 | \$401-\$500 | 0 |
| 6 | \$501-\$600 | 0 |
| 7 | >\$601 | 0 |
| | | 9 |

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| # | Field | Minimum | Maximum | Mean | Std Deviation | Variance | Count |
|---|-------------|---------|---------|------|---------------|----------|-------|
| 1 | Total Spent | 1.00 | 4.00 | 1.78 | 1.03 | 1.06 | 9 |

Q59 - What few words or phrases would you use to describe the experience to others?

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It's impossible to completely describe this experience.

Incredible, life changing, a bonding experience

It changed how I see the world.

Beautiful, challenging, community building, love inspiring, life changing.

Welcoming

Life changing. I learned so much about the country, the people, and their culture, and gained valuable reflections on our society and myself.

The best, most eye opening experience of my life. I would do anything to back.

Life-changing, immersive

Incredible, life changing, eye opening

Q58 - Would you recommend this program to others? Why or why not?

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Absolutely. This experience really opened my eyes to other cultures and it changed my perspective on my own society.

Absolutely, it was something I would love to do again.

Yes, because it was very focused on experiential education. Because we were completely immersed in what we were learning, I learned a lot more than I would in any class on campus, and I was able to learn even more about things that I was interested in outside of formal class.

Yes! I learned so much more than I ever could have imagined and grew extremely close to people from both Luther and Tanzania. It's certainly not an easy course, and it's not a vacation, there are definite challenges, but those challenges are worth it in the long run, and they help contribute to the importance and significance of the course and of immersing yourself into the cultures.

Absolutely, this program gave me an experience I will cherish forever and never forget.

Yes 100%. The people, places, and structure challenged me as a person and a student. Everyone should have this type of experience to get a deeper understanding of the world around us.

Yes

I would 100% recommend that every student go on this trip. Tanzania is an amazing place, the people are incredibly friendly, and it was very interesting and educational to use the Maasai as a case study for this course because their culture is very different from our own.

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