

**NOTE:**

**Students interested in this program should speak to Dr. Nancy Rice BEFORE starting a study abroad application process**

**This program will be capped at 15 participants.**

**PROGRAM LEADER**

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**COURSES**

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**Students must participate in an introductory course in the Fall Semester in order to participate in the program during the winter. Please contact Dr. Nancy Rice for more information.**

Students must enroll in:

- BIOL 475 (1 hour)
- BIOL 485 (3 hours)

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

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Hotels, Tents, and Lodges

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

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**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

At the end of this course students will have

- acquired basic knowledge of Kenyan culture, geography, language, biodiversity, health care, and the epidemiology of prevalent disease
- gained practical training in medical assessment and rudimentary physical therapy
- know the logistical information for the field course
- prepared themselves through readings and discussion for full cultural immersion during the associated field course in Kenya

**PROGRAM DETAILS**

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**LOCATION: Kenya:** Nairobi, Kasigau, Tsavo, and Rift Valley

**ACADEMIC TERM:** Winter 2019

**ITINERARY** (*subject to change*) for full itinerary see syllabus

December 30	Depart USA
December 31	Arrive Nairobi late evening Check-in Boulevard Hotel
January 1	In Nairobi Sheldrick / Giraffe Center Pick up medicine

January 2 - Travel to Rukanga	Breakfast at hotel (early!) Travel to Kasigau Lunch en route Shopping for supplies in Voi Students check in house in at Ezra's and establish "camp" Faculty to banda Dinner at Ezra's Prepare for clinic
January 3-5	Clinics begin  Medical clinics - Kasigau villages  <u>Typical Day</u> Breakfast at Ezra's Depart for designated villages –8:00 am Lunch in village Return from clinic – 5 pm? Dinner at Ezra's After dinner reflection/discussion of day
January 6 (1/2 day)	1/2 day clinic / basket buying/ evening Nyama Choma / oral history lecture
January 7	Free day in Kasigau – hike mountain or attend church service or relax
January 8-9	Clinic/Research
January 10	Travel to Tiwi Beach Checki into Hill Park Hotel Beach Cottages Dinner at hotel
January 11	Snorkeling trip to Kisite Mpunguti Marine park Traditional Swahili lunch Dinner at hotel
January 12	Travel to Voi Check in Tented Camp Lunch and dinner at lodge Evening free (Viewing of Ghost in the Darkness)
January 13	Tsavo East Game Drive
January 14	Travel to Nairobi Depart Jomo Kenyatta for US
January 15	Arrive BNA

The schedule is subject to change due to educational opportunities that may arise unexpectedly, the vagaries of weather, and other factors beyond the control of the course instructors and staff.

## ELIGIBILITY

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- **Permission of instructor(s) is required.**

- Priority will be given to pre-health profession majors and Junior or Senior status
- Current WKU student eligible to register for WKU courses may apply. Students from outside WKU may participate as [non-degree seeking](#) student.
- Students must be 18 years of age or older at time of departure (parent/guardian permission for anyone under 18 at time of departure).
- Students must possess passport valid for at least six (6) months after return date.
- Students must be free of active disciplinary sanctions as verified by Judicial Affairs.
- Students must complete all pre-departure orientations.
- Full payment prior to departure is required.
- Students must complete the [Study Abroad & Global Learning application process](#) prior to being registered in this course. We suggest you start this application process immediately and respond to all emails promptly

## BASE PACKAGE

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**Estimated Cost: \$4100 - \$4200**

### Included in Base Package

- Undergraduate tuition waived for 3 credit hours
- All lodging accommodations during program in Kenya
- Entrance fees for all program related excursions
- Majority of meals included in Kenya
- Course-related ground transportation
- International medical insurance

### Excluded from Base Package

- Fall undergraduate tuition for 1 credit hours (class will be assessed as part of your Fall tuition and fees)
- Roundtrip airfare from home airport to Nairobi, Kenya (however, WKU can assist in booking flights)
- Transportation between your departure airport and your home.
- Independent travel (non-program travel).
- Travel cancellation/interruption insurance. *Highly recommended.*
- Meals, services, and beverages not mentioned in the program, see syllabus
- Baggage fees and costs associated with flight / program changes at student request
- Vaccinations
- VISA to travel to Kenya (approximate cost \$50 - \$100)
- SAGL Study Abroad Application fee of \$150.00

**Study Abroad courses are not eligible for employee tuition waivers or discounts.  
Final program fee subject to change due to travel arrangements.**

**Green Sheet subject to change due to adjustment in program or pricing.**

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

**Your TopNet Account will be billed according to the following Payment Schedule:**

October 1 – General application and deposit deadline\*. Program fee balance will be billed to TopNet and must be paid prior to program departure.

\*\$250 deposit is paid by student directly with a credit card via TopNet and not billed to student account.

**Penalty for Withdrawal or Non-payment:  
\$250 Non-refundable Deposit**

After September 1: 25% of program cost  
After October 1: 50% of program cost  
After November 1: 75% of program cost  
After December 1: 100% (No refund)

**If a balance remains after the payment due date, the participant may be dropped from the program. A student may remain in the program by providing an award notification from WKU's Student Financial Assistance that verifies ability to pay the program fee immediately after aid is received.**

The total amount due in your semester invoice may reflect the combined charges for multiple terms (i.e. Fall and Winter or Spring and Summer) and includes program fees for your Faculty-Led Study Abroad program. Please see your TopNet account for a breakdown of amounts due per term. Refer to your Faculty-Led Study Abroad program's Green Sheet for final payment due dates and billing information. If you have any questions, please email [facultyled.abroad@wku.edu](mailto:facultyled.abroad@wku.edu).

## LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **Passport Requirements** - Each participant must have a passport that includes an expiration date, which is 6 months beyond the last date of the program **and 2 empty pages**
- **Potential participants must compete an additional application separate from the standard WKU Study Abroad Application**
- Students will need to purchase a visa in order to travel to Kenya as part of the course. Dr. Nancy Rice will work with students approved to participate in the program to obtain the visa.
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## LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

*Western Kentucky University and its associates are not responsible for any loss due to theft, personal injury, flight or weather delays, negligence, or default of suppliers, or suppliers changing of itineraries. They and their associates are not responsible for any loss due to travel/flight delays or changes in travel plans due to Acts of Nature or other unforeseen circumstances, nor are we responsible for accidents and medical care. Tour services are furnished by independent contractors who are not agents or servants of Western Kentucky University. Refunds are not available for unused portions of the package.*