

ZIMBABWE

HOST UNIVERSITIES

University of Zimbabwe, Harare

WORLD WIDE WEB

<http://www.calstate.edu/ip> [Where Can I Study? Zimbabwe]

SUBJECTS AVAILABLE

Archaeology, Classical Studies, Economics, Economic History, English, Geography, History, Linguistics, Mathematics, Philosophy, Politics and Administration, Psychology, Religious Studies, Shona Language and Culture, Sociology and Social Anthropology, Theatre, War Studies.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

- The program is made up of two parts: special coursework offered exclusively for CSU students and regular university coursework taken alongside Zimbabwean students.
- **SPECIAL COURSES:** All IP participants take two special courses – a year-long course in Shona language and a semester course in African and Zimbabwean culture.
- **REGULAR UNIVERSITY COURSES:** Students take three additional courses in the first semester and four in the second in the regular university alongside Zimbabwean students in the Faculty of Arts and/or the Faculty of Social Studies only. Principal concentrations of study are in the areas of economics and economic history, literature, history, political science, sociology and religious studies.
- This is an academically challenging program requiring good writing skills. Students who do not feel that they have strong writing skills should take additional composition coursework to prepare.
- While English is the official language of Zimbabwe, students must have the motivation to study Shona, the major indigenous language of Zimbabwe, throughout the year. This is in addition to other university coursework that is taught in English.
- Students will be awarded 32 semester units for the year, including the two unit CR/NC orientation course. All coursework is at the undergraduate level.
- Graduate students should work closely with their CSU advisors to determine credit equivalencies. Refer graduate students to the “Graduate Study” information included under the “Academic Arrangements” section on the IP website (under “Participants”) for more information.

ARRIVAL, ORIENTATION, AND PREPARATORY LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Students will be met at the International Airport of Harare by the Resident Director, and will be assisted through the immigration process and transported to the university, 30 minutes away. Students are housed temporarily in the dormitories at the university. All CSU students enroll in a three-week orientation program. The purpose of this program is to introduce students to the Shona language and to life in Zimbabwe, and to orient them to their living situations and the university prior to the beginning of the academic year. The Preparatory Language Program (PLP) provides an intensive Shona language class focusing on the development of useful vocabulary. Field trips related to arts, sports, government and the economy are included in the PLP.

CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT

Zimbabwe provides an excellent study opportunity, but it is a country in rapid social, political, and economic transition. Students must be mature and committed to an African experience. They must be able to cope with both upheaval and ambiguity in interpersonal relationships.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- There is a CSU Resident Director in Zimbabwe who is responsible for managing the daily routine in the office. The RD provides the students with an orientation, arranges field trips, and is available to assist students with academic and personal matters.
- Africa is not always hot. There are a number of months (June-August) which are surprisingly cold. Remember that the seasons are reversed in Zimbabwe.
- The main local transportation in the greater Harare area is done in "ETs" (Emergency Taxis) which run from the city center out to most suburbs. These are usually station wagons shared amongst a number of passengers going in the same general direction.
- Students should read up on Zimbabwean/African history and culture before going to Zimbabwe. That little extra intellectual exposure can help facilitate interesting discussions and give students a deeper understanding of how things work.
- The campus is very spacious and attractive. It is situated in an upper-class residential suburb, Mt. Pleasant, and is a moderate distance from downtown (10 minutes by taxi/15-20 minutes by bicycle).
- All applicants should apply for a passport at the same time they apply to the IP Program.

HOUSING

Remaining in the dormitories on campus during the academic year is not an option. The options include home stays, cottages, and apartments. Most students choose to live in apartments (flats) located between downtown Harare and the university because of their convenient location.

CALENDAR (APPROXIMATE DATES)

Departure:	August 1
Orientation and PLP:	August 3 - 26
First Semester:	Late August – Early December
Second Semester:	Late February – Early June