

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – INTERNATIONAL HYBRIDS

# NAMIBIA

## FALL 2, 2010 WITH WINTER BREAK TRAVEL

<b>Topics in International Studies: The Cultures, Wildlife, and Geography of Namibia</b>	Log on Date: Dec 1, 2010	In Namibia: 12/20/10 – 1/7/11
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### Eligibility

#### **Who can take this course and travel to Namibia?**

This course is available for any Undergraduate student at any institution. Webster University students may self-enroll in the course or register through their academic advisor. Students at other Universities may enroll in the course as a non-degree seeking student. Webster University Alumni are also welcome to register. You will need to verify with your advisor if this course can be used as an elective in your program.

#### **Can I bring a family member or friend with me?**

Only registered students will be allowed to participate in the scheduled activities for the class. Webster University does not assume any liability or responsibility for travel companions, friends or family members accompanying students in the course.

### Tuition and Fees

#### **How much is the tuition for this course?**

The tuition will be 3 credits at the Fall 2010 rate. The Spring 2010 rate is \$550/credit hour. Full-time Flat Fee undergraduate students may include this course with their other Fall courses at no extra tuition charge, if they meet all other Flat Fee requirements.

#### **How much is the program fee and what is included in the program fee?**

Students pay a program fee of \$1,075 (called lab fee at Webster University) and a study abroad fee of \$250. The fees cover all lodging and transportation in Namibia, including four night accommodations in Windhoek, most meals, international health insurance, a Lonely Planet guidebook, an International Student Identification Card (ISIC), and pre-departure and on-site orientation.

#### **How much is the deposit and when do I have to pay it?**

The deposit is \$500 (Covers part of study abroad, and lab fee).

Deposit deadline is September 20, 2010. The application deadline is also 9/20/10.

**Can the fees be charged to my student account?**

Yes, the fees can be charged to your account upon application and registration.

**Regarding employer tuition reimbursement, how will the tuition and program fee look on my student account?**

You will see three line items: tuition, a lab fee (program fee) and the study abroad fee.

**Housing/Lodging**

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**Where will I stay while in Namibia?**

Lodging in Namibia is arranged by Webster University. It includes four (4) nights in Windhoek, the capital, at Chameleon Backpackers lodge in triple-bed and quad-bed rooms, and in tents with mattresses and blankets (12 nights during Culture and Nature Tour in conjunction with Wild Dog/Crazy Kudu Safaris).

Address for Chameleon Backpackers:

5-7 Voight St.

Windhoek, Namibia

[www.chameleonbackpackers.com](http://www.chameleonbackpackers.com)

For more information on the Culture and Nature Tour and camping accommodations (actual tour route may vary slightly):

[http://www.wilddog-safaris.com/safari\\_tours/culture\\_and\\_nature/](http://www.wilddog-safaris.com/safari_tours/culture_and_nature/)

**How many students will travel to Namibia?**

Maximum enrollment is 12 per course and a minimum of 5 is required.

**Will there be one student assigned to a room, or are there roommates assigned?**

Students will be assigned roommates according to the needs of the program; no single accommodations.

**Travel Considerations**

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**What can you tell me about airfares?**

Traveling to Namibia is the responsibility of the students, however the University's travel agent, TravelPlex, may be used to book the flights: 314-569-1900. The airfare may run between \$2,200 and \$2,500 depending on the air carriers and route chosen.

**What can you tell me about the airlines?**

The most common ways to fly to Namibia are through 1) Johannesburg, South Africa (South African Airways and Air Namibia fly direct from Johannesburg to Windhoek), or 2) Frankfurt, Germany (Air Namibia flies direct from Frankfurt to Windhoek). Please consult the course instructor before making your flight arrangements.

**When should I arrive in Namibia?**

Students should arrive no later than December 21, 2010. Please note that travel across the Atlantic Ocean and to the southern part of Africa involves many hours and most flights arrive two days after departure when traveling from North America.

**When can I depart Namibia?**

Students may leave at any time after the on-location study tour has concluded. Students may also opt to stay longer before returning home.

**Can I arrive earlier or extend my visit to Namibia?**

Yes, however any arrangements to extend the time in Africa are the student's responsibility.

**Which Airport do I need to fly into/from?**

Windhoek, Namibia International Airport (WDH)

**How do I get from the Airport to the Hotel?**

You will be picked up at the airport and transferred to the city.

**Will I need a passport and a tourist visa?**

A passport and visa are normally required. Bearers of U.S. passports who plan to visit Namibia for tourism for less than 90 days can obtain visas at the port of entry and do not need visas prior to entering the country.

All travelers traveling to or from Namibia via South Africa are strongly encouraged to have several unstamped visa pages left in their passports. South Africa requires two unstamped visa pages, and Namibia usually also requires an unstamped page to stamp a visa upon arrival. Visitors who do not have enough free visa pages in their passport risk being denied entry and returned to the U.S. at their own expense.

Travelers should obtain the latest information from the Embassy of Namibia located at 1605 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009, telephone (202) 986-0540 or from the Permanent Mission of Namibia to the U.N. at 135 E. 36th St., New York, NY 10016, telephone (212) 685-2003, fax (212) 685-1561. Overseas, inquiries should be made to the nearest Namibian embassy. See our [Foreign Entry Requirements brochure](#) for more information on Namibia and other countries. Visit the Embassy of Namibia's website at <http://www.namibianembassyusa.org/> for the most current visa information.

See [Entry and Exit Requirements](#) for more information pertaining to [dual nationality](#) and the prevention of [international child abduction](#). Please refer to our [Customs Information](#) to learn more about customs regulations. NOTE: To ensure you receive your passport and tourist visa (if necessary) consider an express courier to receive your documents before travel date.

It is the student's responsibility to obtain passport and visa. Information about obtaining a passport can be found at [http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport\\_1738.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html). Be sure your passport is not close to expiring and that you will have it before the travel dates. Certain countries will not permit you to enter if your passport will expire in less than 6 months.

The above pertains to U.S. citizens. Citizens of other countries should check any limitation or requirement based on their nationality.

## **Course Matters, Application and Registration**

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### **What can you tell me about the deadlines?**

The study abroad application is due by September 20, 2010.

### **When do I have to pay the deposit?**

Students must pay a deposit of \$500 by September 20, 2010. This includes the \$150 study abroad fee and \$350 of the lab fee for the course. Students should send payment to the Office of Study Abroad at Loretto hall #165. You may also have the deposit charged to your student account.

### **When can I register and apply?**

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis; therefore, you are encouraged to send your application to the Office of Study Abroad well ahead of the application deadline. Late applications will be considered on a space-available basis.

### **Once I send the application and deposit to the Office of Study Abroad in St. Louis, how does the application process work? Should I go ahead and register and consider myself "signed up," or should I wait for confirmation from you?**

Students should send the Application, Student Treatment and Release Form and the deposit to the Office of Study Abroad, as well as the Medical Information form if there is any relevant medical information about you that the trip coordinator/advisor should know. You would also register online or with your academic advisor. After the deadline, Webster University determines if the class is a "Go or No Go" based on enrollments. You should ensure the course appears on your student schedule to verify enrollment.

### **Can I register through an extended campus or should I do it all online?**

Yes, you may register through any Webster University campus.

### **Where do I get my textbook for the class?**

Refer to the course syllabi to determine textbooks needed. Textbooks and related course materials can be ordered from Webster University's online bookstore at <http://efollett.com> or by calling toll-free (888) 467-5657.

### **How do I enter the online portion of the course?**

To enter to your online courses go to <http://www.webster.edu/online/> Use your connections ID to sign in to your course.

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You will be able to log into your course on the dates below by going to <http://www.webster.edu/online/> and log in using your Connections ID and password. You must log into the online course and begin working online activities the first week of class:

**I have never used WebCT before, how do I learn about using WebCT for this online course?**

All students new to online courses should enroll in the WebCT tutorial found at <http://www.webster.edu/online/students.php>

**If I have questions about the course, how do I contact the instructor?**

You can contact the instructor by telephone or via email.

- John Ginsburg: 314-968-7105 or [ginsbujo@webster.edu](mailto:ginsbujo@webster.edu)

## **About Namibia**

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**Where can I find basic information about the location?**

- World Factbook of the CIA:  
<https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>
- U.S. Department of State website for the Consular Information:  
Namibia – [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_977.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_977.html)

## **Miscellaneous**

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**Should we get vaccinations?**

Vaccinations are a personal choice and travelers may consider getting vaccinated, but it is not required to participate in this program. Most recent information from CDC is available at <http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/content/Vaccinations.aspx>.

**Does the Hotel have Internet Access?**

Generally, you will not be staying at hotel with Internet access. That access may be available at Internet kiosks.

**Money Exchange**

Students can access ATM machines at the airport or near major hotels; or at Money Exchange office to exchange money.

**Language Requirements**

Classes are taught in English and students do not need to know the foreign language to enroll in these classes.

**Contact Information**

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**For academic matters and specifics about the study course, please contact the instructor?**

You may contact the instructor by telephone or via email.

- John Ginsburg: 314-968-7105 or [ginsbujo@webster.edu](mailto:ginsbujo@webster.edu)

**For questions about the study abroad Application, the Student Treatment and Release Form, the deposit and other travel logistics, please contact the Office of Study Abroad:**

You may contact the study abroad coordinator by telephone or via email.

- Kim McGrath: 314-246-7603 or [mcgratki@webster.edu](mailto:mcgratki@webster.edu)