

# Why study in Botswana?

- The ACM program is centered at the University of Botswana in Gaborone, the nation's capital, largest city, and center of its economic and political life. Gaborone prides itself on being one of the fastest-growing cities in Africa.
- Botswana has emerged as one of the most dynamic economies in Africa. Its government is known for long-range planning, progressive social policies, and significant investment in education.
- Extensive nature preserves in Botswana attract world attention, and the country is becoming a favored ecotourist destination.
- Botswana must deal with many of the social problems confronting African countries, such as rural-to-urban migration, poverty, and high rates of HIV/AIDS infection. However, the government has developed substantial programs for confronting and managing these and other issues.
- Botswana provides both a healthy antidote to the negative characterizations of Africa often found in Western media and a rich array of possible solutions to crises facing developing nations.

Field trips are an integral part of the program, and have included a visit to a village (right) and a mokoro (dugout canoe) trip in the Okavango Delta. Cover: Participants celebrating after "Lose the Shoes," a charity soccer tournament organized by ACM students. (Photo courtesy of Audrey Herring)



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University Immersion in Southern Africa



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Students on the University of Botswana campus.



Gaborone's central mall.

The continent of Africa, three times the size of the continental U.S., is diverse culturally, linguistically, and politically. Its people and nations grapple with the challenges of economic development, nation-building, and globalization.

Botswana, located in southern Africa, is in many ways illustrative of this diversity, and of successful approaches to the continent's challenges. That makes Botswana an excellent site for studying Africa-related subjects and broader topics related to developing countries.

On the ACM Botswana: University Immersion in Southern Africa program, students take classes and participate in campus life alongside local students at the University of Botswana.

An independent study project and a variety of field trips complete the learning experience.



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**Host institution** The University of Botswana (UB) in Gaborone. UB is one of the most modern universities in Africa, with excellent facilities. The University attracts outstanding faculty members from throughout Africa.

**Dates** Spring semester (early January - mid-May)

**Courses and credits** Recommended credit is 16 semester credits (4 credits for each component listed below) or the equivalent.

- **Setswana** Study of the fundamentals of the national language of Botswana. Taught by UB faculty.
- **Elective Course** Students select a course offered by the University of Botswana. Taught by UB faculty.
- **Program Director's Course** An African-themed course which varies each year. Taught by the Program Director.
- **Independent Study Project** A project in the student's area of interest. Supervised by the Program Director or UB faculty. See [www.acm.edu/botswana](http://www.acm.edu/botswana) for a list of projects by past participants.

**Program Director** A faculty member from an ACM college typically serves as the Program Director, teaching a course and supervising independent study projects.

**Field trips** Field trips, both local and to other parts of Botswana, are an integral part of the academic program.

**Enrollment** Maximum of 25 students

**Eligibility** Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible.



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ACM students at the poster session at the end of the semester, when they presented their independent study projects.

**Language requirement** No prerequisites. Except for the required Setswana course, all classes are conducted in English.

**Living arrangements** Students live in UB dormitories.

**Costs** For information about program costs and an expense budget, go to [www.acm.edu/botswana](http://www.acm.edu/botswana). Students also should check with their Off-Campus Study or Financial Aid Office for information about their college's pricing policies for off-campus study.

**How to apply**

- Access the ACM application at [www.acm.edu/apply](http://www.acm.edu/apply).
- Students should check with their Off-Campus Study Office about their college's application procedures and deadlines.
- ACM must receive completed applications by **October 15**. Early application deadline: March 15.

## Botswana: University Immersion in Southern Africa schedule

Weeks 1-9	Week 10	Weeks 11-18
<b>Setswana Language:</b> Intensive classroom study, homework, field trips	Mid-semester break: Group travel in Botswana	<b>Setswana Language:</b> Conversation classes, field trips
<b>Elective Course</b>		<b>Elective Course</b>
<b>Program Director's Course</b>		<b>Program Director's Course</b>
<b>Independent Study Project</b>		<b>Independent Study Project</b>
<b>Live in UB dormitories</b>		<b>Live in UB dormitories</b>
<b>Field trips in the Gaborone area</b>		<b>Field trips in the Gaborone area</b>