

# Field Studies in Tanzania

Ecology & Human Origins



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## Your “classrooms” include:

### The contrasts of modern Tanzania

- With a population of two million, **Dar es Salaam** is the country’s major city and port and the center of political and business life. An increasingly cosmopolitan city, Dar es Salaam is a hub for trade and communications along the east coast of Africa.
- Students experience **village and rural life** during the six-week field component. While lacking some of the facilities of Dar es Salaam, villages outside of the city are increasingly connected to it via roads, cell phones, and the internet.

### Some of the world’s foremost wildlife reserves

- **Tarangire National Park**, the main field site for the program, encompasses 1,600 square miles. It is a magnet during the dry season for large numbers of elephants, buffaloes, wildebeests, and zebras, and has large areas of wetlands. Sites in and around Tarangire are also suitable for field practicum projects in anthropology and health-related issues.



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- Students visit **Serengeti National Park**, which boasts the world’s oldest ecosystem, and nearby **Ngorongoro Conservation Area**. Both are UNESCO World Heritage sites.

### The cradle of human evolution

- **Laetoli and Olduvai Gorge** are sites of major excavations, including the first identification of *Homo habilis*, a 1.75-million-year-old *Australopithecus* cranium, and a long trail of 3.5 million-year-old hominoid footprints discovered by Mary and Louis Leakey and archaeological teams in the past century.

Above: Students work on their field practicum projects.

Right: A village market near the program’s field site. (Photo by Karin Linnea Karlen)



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Karin Linnea Karlen

On the streets of Dar es Salaam (above) and students on the UDSM campus (left).

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## Field studies in an unmatched setting

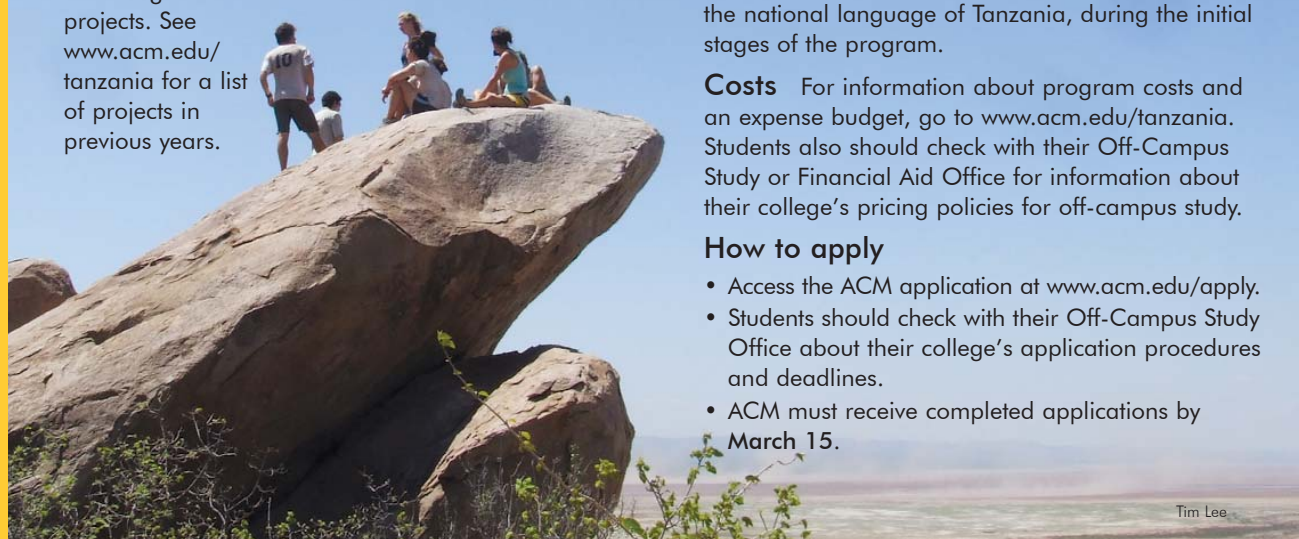
The ACM Tanzania: Ecology & Human Origins program offers adaptable students the exciting and extraordinary opportunity to observe and conduct field work in some of the world's greatest paleoanthropological and ecological sites.

Through challenging courses and the field practicum, students gain firsthand experience in all aspects of the research process, including project design, data gathering and analysis, presenting the results, and working in a community of field inquiry.

Every day, students are immersed in Tanzanian culture in their language study, field trips, home stays with local families, and living with Tanzanian students in university dormitories.

Above: Students meet with a women's group as part of their field practicum.

Cover: In the field in Northern Tanzania. (Photo by Karin Linnea Karlen)



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**Host institution** University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM)

**Dates** Fall semester (*mid-August - mid-December*)

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

- *Kiswahili* Taught by UDSM faculty.
- *Human Evolution* Taught by UDSM faculty.
- *Ecology of the Maasai Ecosystem* Taught by UDSM faculty.
- *Research Methods Course and Field Practicum Project* Taught by the Program Director. Students are encouraged to collaborate with each other on their projects. See [www.acm.edu/tanzania](http://www.acm.edu/tanzania) for a list of projects in previous years.

**Faculty** University of Dar es Salaam faculty are recognized internationally for their work in archaeology and ecology, and they have extensive experience teaching undergraduates from the U.S.

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

**Enrollment** Maximum of 21 students

**Eligibility** Juniors and seniors with prior course work in the natural or social sciences are eligible. Recommended: background in the field methods of anthropological, archaeological, biological, ethnographic, or geological studies.

**Language requirement** No prerequisites. Students will engage in an intensive study of Kiswahili, the national language of Tanzania, during the initial stages of the program.

**Costs** For information about program costs and an expense budget, go to [www.acm.edu/tanzania](http://www.acm.edu/tanzania). 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 **March 15**.

## Tanzania: Ecology & Human Origins schedule

**Weeks 1-7**  
University of Dar es Salaam

**Weeks 9-14**  
Northern Tanzania

**Weeks 15-17**  
University of Dar es Salaam

Weeks 1-3: <i>Intensive Kiswahili</i> <i>Research Methods Course</i>	Weeks 4-7: <i>Kiswahili</i> <i>Human Evolution</i> <i>Ecology of the Maasai Ecosystem</i> <i>Research Methods</i>	Week 8: Break	Site visits and Field Practicum	Papers, exams and presentations
			Week 9: <i>Ecology of the Maasai Ecosystem</i> Week 14: <i>Human Evolution</i>	
Live in UDSM dormitories	Home stay		Live in tents at campsites	Home stay with host family