

Field Studies in Tanzania

Human Evolution & Ecology



For students with interests in:

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Development in Africa

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Geology

Health Care & Public Health

Medical Anthropology

Paleo-Ecology



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Your “classrooms” include:

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.

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.



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

The contrasts of modern Tanzania

- **Endulen village**, a second field site for the program, is surrounded by a significant Maasai population and has a local hospital that permits ACM students with interests in health care and medical anthropology to conduct field practica.
- 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.



A view of Dar es Salaam.

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Above: Students, instructors, and staff prepare to leave the field camp at Tarangire National Park to return to Dar es Salaam.
Cover: A class is held in the field at Laetoli (photo by James Templeton).

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Field studies in an unmatched setting

The ACM Tanzania 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.

Along with challenging courses and field experiences, students are immersed in Tanzanian culture through 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 work. (Photo by Elizabeth Mueller)

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Host institution University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM)

Dates Fall semester (*mid-July - early December*)

Courses and credits Recommended credit is 16 semester hours or the equivalent:

- *Kiswahili* UDSM faculty (4 credits)
- *Human Evolution* UDSM faculty (4 credits)
- *Ecology of the Maasai Ecosystem* UDSM faculty (4 credits)
- *Methods Course and Field Project* Program Director (4 credits)

See www.acm.edu/tanzania for a list of field projects from prior 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 serves as the Program Director, teaching a course and supervising field projects.

Enrollment Maximum of 20 students

Eligibility Juniors and seniors with prior course work in the natural or social sciences are eligible.

Recommended: background in the field methods of archaeological, biological, anthropological, ethnographic, or geological studies.

Language requirement No prerequisites. Students must be willing to engage in an intensive study of Kiswahili, the national language of Tanzania, during the initial stages of the program.

Costs Students are billed tuition and a program fee by their colleges. Students from non-ACM colleges must contact the ACM office in Chicago. For complete information, go to: www.acm.edu/tanzania.

How to apply

- For more information about applying, go to www.acm.edu/apply.
- ACM must receive completed applications (having gone through all on-campus procedures) by **March 15**.

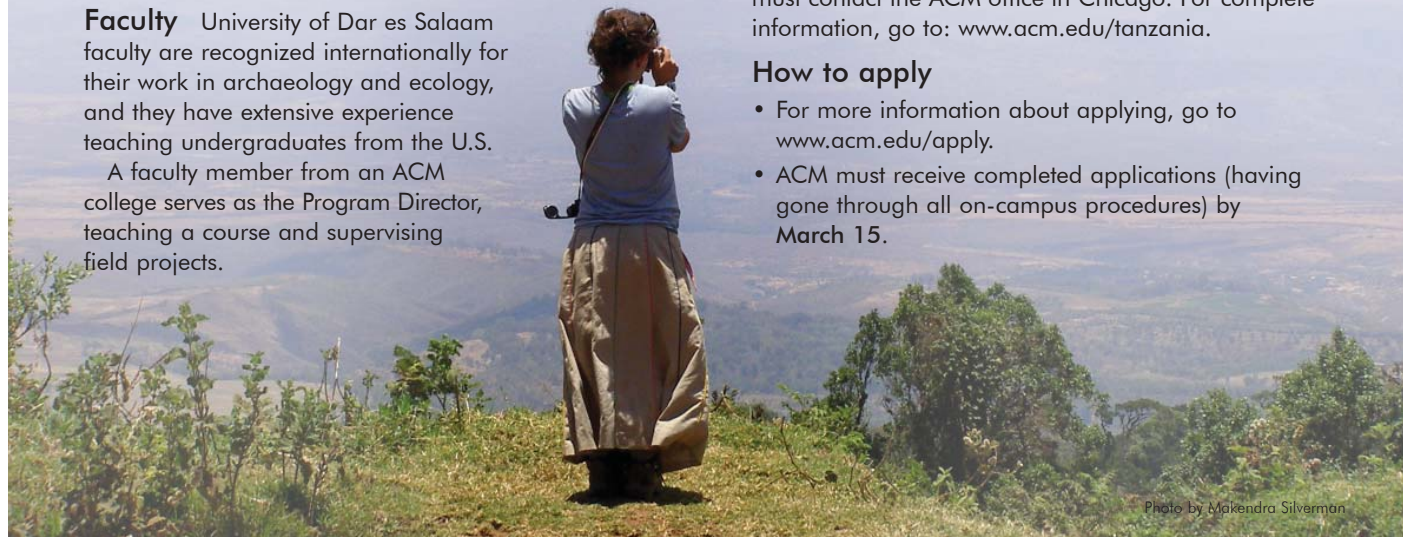


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Tanzania Program schedule

Weeks 1-8 University of Dar es Salaam		Weeks 10-15 Tarangire National Park	Weeks 16-19 University of Dar es Salaam
Weeks 1-4: <i>Intensive Kiswahili</i> <i>Methods Course</i>	Weeks 5-8: <i>Kiswahili</i> <i>Human Evolution</i> <i>Ecology of the Maasai Ecosystem</i> <i>Methods Course</i>	Field Project	Papers, exams and presentations
Week 9: Break		Week 10 & week 15: <i>Human Evolution</i> , <i>Ecology of the Maasai Ecosystem</i>	
Live in University dormitories		Live in tents at established campsites	Home stay with host family