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 public health.
- 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.

Expand your world.

ACM brings a liberal arts perspective to your off-campus experience by emphasizing:
- Diverse viewpoints and ways of learning,
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- Education that provides the cultural and intellectual context to understand the world around you.

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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, presentation of the results, and participation 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 residence in university dormitories.

For more details, go to acm.edu/tanzania

Host institution  University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM)

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

Courses and credits  Courses at UDSM are taught in a British/Tanzanian style, which is reflected in the syllabi, class sessions, reading lists, and exams. Adjusting to this different approach is part of the students’ learning experience on the program. Recommended credit is 16 semester credits (4 credits for each component listed below) or the equivalent.

• **Kiswahili**  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 acm.edu/tanzania for a list of projects in previous years.
• **Human Evolution**  Taught by UDSM faculty.
• **Ecology of the Maasai Ecosystem**  Taught by UDSM faculty.

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 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 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 1-3:**  Intensive Kiswahili
  - Research Methods Course
- **Weeks 4-7:**  Human Evolution
  - Ecology of the Maasai Ecosystem
  - Research Methods

Week 8:  Break

Weeks 9-14  Northern Tanzania

- **Week 9:**  Ecology of the Maasai Ecosystem
- **Week 14:**  Human Evolution

Weeks 15-17  University of Dar es Salaam

- **Weeks 15-17:**  Papers, exams and presentations

- **Week 9:**  Site visits and Field Practicum
- **Week 14:**  Human Evolution

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)