**PROBLEMS WITHOUT PASSPORTS - RWANDA**

**IR 318 Conflict Resolution and Peace Research**

**Rebuilding Rwanda: Memory, Testimony, and Living Together After Genocide**

**Description:**

This course will provide a practicum for students to consider the complex task that societies face in the aftermath of genocide. As an exploration in problem-based learning, this course will present students with the opportunity to explore multiple facets of the complex task of post-genocide reconstruction, provide them with information and experiences to help them develop their own solutions to the problem, and apply their experience to the formulation of responses to the problem. The curriculum is student-centered, and each student will be expected to develop his or her own path through the course material, and give a presentation based on this path at the end of the trip to Rwanda. Students will also collaborate, working in small teams and as a large group to fully explore the depths of the issues raised in readings and experiences on the ground in Rwanda.

**Course schedule (tentative):**

Week 1: May 28 – May 31 2013 (4 days)

 Class meets at TBD

*May 27th, 2013 – Memorial Day Holiday*

Week 2: June 3 – June 7 2013

 Class meets at TBD

Week 3: June 10 – June 14 2013

 Field research in Rwanda

Week 4: June 17 – June 21 2013

 Field research in Rwanda

**Final projects due: 8 July 2013**

**Academics: IR 318**

This course is a four-unit course, offered through the department of International Relations (IR 318). Attendance at all classes is mandatory for credit and students may not elect to audit the course. In addition to class attendance, students are expected to participate in all activities planned during the two-week trip to Rwanda, which includes some travel within the country, and long days of multiple meetings. Requirements also include a final research project, as well as a presentation.

**Accommodations:**

Students will be housed at the Discover Rwanda Youth Hostel, located in central Kigali. During excursions, students will be lodged in hotels. Accommodations will be as comfortable as possible, but students should bear in mind that in the developing world, some comforts that we take for granted (i.e., hot water) are luxuries and not always available.

**Eligibility:**

Minimum 3.0 GPA. Students should be able to demonstrate a genuine interest in documenting genocide and/or political conflict and/or memory studies.

**Estimated Cost:**

Tuition………………………. $5,892

Additional expenses\*……… $5,000 (estimated)

Total………………………… $10,892

\*Additional expenses include estimated costs for airfare, accommodations, books and supplies, and personal expenses (which can vary greatly from student to student).

**Financial Aid**: Summer Financial Aid

USC does not cover summer tuition. However, you may apply for Summer Undergraduate Research Funding (SURF). For more information, please visit <http://dornsife.usc.edu/surf>.

**Application:** A personal statement, one letter of recommendation, a resume and an unofficial transcript/STARS report are required to apply for participation in this course.

## **Problems without Passports - Rwanda**

**DATES TBD**

**Student Application**

**In addition to this application, please submit the following:**

* **One letter of recommendation from a faculty member**
* **An unofficial transcript or copy of your STARS report**
* **Current Resume**
* **Two-page personal statement (prompts below)**

**Submit all materials via email to Amy Carnes at** **amy.carnes@dornsife.usc.edu** **no later than 4:00 P.M., Friday, March 15, 2013. Personal interviews will be held in March either in person or over Skype.**

First Name Middle Initial Last Name

USC Student ID Number Date of birth Major(s)/Minor(s)

Campus Address

Permanent Address

Permanent Phone Number Campus Phone Number

Units Completed (Through Fall 2012) Cumulative USC G.P.A

Citizenship Class Standing (Fresh/Soph/Jr/Sr)

Past international travel experience

Student Signature Date

Parent Signature (If applicant is under 18)

Personal Statement

**Please use the prompts below to craft a personal statement that explains why you want to participate in this program.**

**Format:**

* **Heading should include Name, USC Student ID number**
* **Statement should be no more than 2 pages typed, 12-point font, double spaced**

**Prompts:**

1. **The benefits of international study are well known. Why does travelling to Rwanda interest you in view of your personal, academic, and/or professional goals?**

**II. Discuss your previous experience studying genocide, memory, testimony, and/or post-conflict societies. Have you taken classes on these topics? Conducted independent research? Written final projects for other classes? Etc.**

**For more information, please contact:**

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