

## Program Dates

January 14- May 28, 2013

### Students with the following interests should apply:

International Development

Agribusiness

Business

Global Studies

African Studies

NRES

ANSC

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# Sierra Leone Spring Semester 2013



## International Development and Agribusiness

This is an opportunity of a lifetime to study international development and agriculture.

### Njala University, Sierra Leone

Experiential learning is the core of the International Development and Agribusiness Program (IDAP) in Sierra Leone. IDAP is the opportunity of a lifetime to study international development in English while experiencing and living in a rich West African culture. The program puts you in direct contact with the social and economic realities of actual students and communities and of people working within them to address complex issues. The program is part of a historical collaborative effort between the University of Illinois and the Njala University in Sierra Leone and some courses will include Njala University's Agribusiness Management honors students. Through **classes, field trips, internships and service learning**, this semester long experience strives to establish a continual dialogue linking experience with theory and critical analysis. Students from a variety of disciplines— agriculture, social sciences, African Studies, natural resources and environmental sciences, business, global studies are encouraged to participate in this program.

#### Information Sessions:

Wednesday Sept 5, 2012  
323 Mumford Hall @ 4pm

Wednesday Sept 12, 2012  
1020 Lincoln Hall @ Noon



## Learn from both Illinois and Njala Faculty

Faculty from both the University of Illinois and Njala University will serve as instructors.

Field experiences are an integral part of all courses and could include:

- Studying the Tiwai Island Nature Preserve
- Camping in the Gola National Forest
- Visiting the US Embassy in Freetown
- Meeting with local village leaders and Chiefs
- Palm Oil Production facility
- Visiting a large-scale irrigated rice project
- Spending time on a beach south of Freetown
- Visiting Outamba National Park and Kilimi National Park near Guinea
- Touring a large market in Freetown

### Courses Offered:

1. **ACE 451:** Agriculture in International Development
2. **ENG 315/ANSC 398/AGED 310:** Service Learning in Community
3. **ACE 435:** Global Agribusiness Management
4. **HORT 464:** West African Farming Systems
5. **History, Development and Culture of Sierra Leone** (Non-Western Humanities credit for ACES, ENG students)
6. **ACE 438** Executive in Residence

7. **Six Week Internship** with an NGO, an agribusiness or research at Njala University will complete your experience

- Internship sites could include: World Vision, Catholic Relief Services, YMCA, Bennimix Company, Agricultural Business Centers (ABCs -- run by local farmer organizations), environmental organizations and community-run NGOs, commercial farms and agricultural businesses





# Sierra Leone

Field trips and experiential learning are an important component of this program.

## Sierra Leone

Njala University was established in 1964 with assistance from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the University of Illinois. During Sierra Leone's brutal civil war, Njala University relocated from rural Njala to urban Freetown in 1994. The University has responded well to the challenges that it has been facing, and has grown to become among the leading Universities of Sierra Leone.

### Accommodations

You will be staying in student housing living alongside students from Njala's Agribusiness major. Students will have private non-air conditioned rooms with shared bathrooms. Three meals a day will be provided for students.

### Language

The official language of Sierra Leone is English. Other major languages include Mende (principal vernacular in the south), Temne (principal vernacular in the north) and Krio, an English-based Creole, spoken by the descendants of freed slaves from the United States and Jamaica who were settled in the Freetown area.

### Eligibility

To participate on the program you must be a UIUC undergraduate and have a GPA of at least 2.75 and be in your sophomore, junior or senior year.

### Program Cost

Total semester costs for this program are estimated at \$15,700.

### Scholarships

ACES Students are eligible for a \$1500 scholarship through the ACES Study Abroad office. All students should apply to I4I and IPS Donor funded scholarship. All scholarship applications are available online at [www.studyabroad.illinois.edu](http://www.studyabroad.illinois.edu)

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Priority Deadline is September 15, 2012.

Final Deadline is October 1, 2012.