

Senegal Summer Program 2008

~June 27-August 2

Why Dakar?

This program aims to appeal to two groups of Washington University undergraduates: those wanting to study French overseas, and those wishing to spend time on an exchange program in Africa. Dakar offers the unique window to explore many themes in African studies such as the slave trade; French colonialism and its policies; important literary and cultural movements, such as *negritude*; the relationship between religion and contemporary politics; urban history; and public health. Dakar is also a very international, stable, and cosmopolitan capital city that is culturally rich in art festivals, architecture, live music concerts, and films; it equally has a renowned intellectual community.

Program Price: \$3800 + Airline

- Price includes tuition, room and board, books and other course materials, and class trips outside of Dakar
- Budget \$2200 at the most for round-trip airline tickets. We hope to have better group rates
- Overseas Programs is offering 4 - \$2500 scholarships for summer study abroad in 2008. The Rowe Travel Fellowships are competitive grants awarded to WU undergraduate students demonstrating a high level of financial need. Applicants must either select an approved ArtSci summer program, preferably outside Western Europe.

Academic Credits: 6 units

- 3 units for 300-level French course (**You must have completed at least French 201 to participate in this program**)
- 3 units for AFAS 369, Senegal: History, Politics, and Culture (graduate students register for 500-level version)
- Research project

Housing

- Suffolk University – Dakar Campus
- Dormitories (two students to one room) and computer room with internet access
- Suffolk Residential Staff Present
- Washington University O-Site Director will stay in walking distance from the campus
- Located in Fenetre Mermoz on the Rue de Oukam
- Central to downtown and Almadies
- Walking Distance to the University and the Beach

Application Deadline: February 1

- Submit to 205 S. Brookings by 5pm
- Interview
- \$500 Deposit due by March 1 (the rest added to tuition bill)

Formalities

- Passport valid for at least 6 months
- Visa: Non-US and non-EU passport holders do not need visas for a stay of less than 90 days
- Vaccinations – recommended but not required. Should bring proof of vaccinations. June-Sept = rainy period
- ATMs best for exchanging currency (Visa more widely accepted than MasterCard)

Vaccinations

- **Vaccination or Disease Recommendations or Requirements for Vaccine-Preventable Routine** Recommended if you are not up-to-date with routine shots such as, measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT) vaccine, etc.
- **Yellow Fever** for travelers to Senegal: For all travelers >9 months of age. Travelers arriving from countries where yellow fever is present to present proof of yellow fever vaccination. Vaccination should be given 10 days before travel and at 10 year intervals if there is on-going risk.
- **Hepatitis A** or immune globulin (IG) Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in countries with an intermediate or high level of hepatitis A virus infection where exposure might occur through food or water. Cases of travel-related hepatitis A can also occur in travelers to developing countries with "standard" tourist itineraries, accommodations, and food consumption behaviors.
- **Hepatitis B** Recommended for all unvaccinated persons traveling to or working in countries with intermediate to high levels of endemic HBV transmission and who might be exposed to blood or body fluids, have sexual contact with the local population, or be exposed through medical treatment, such as for an accident, and for all adults requesting protection from HBV infection.
- **Typhoid** Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in West Africa, especially if visiting smaller cities, villages, or rural areas and staying with friends or relatives where exposure might occur through food or water.
- **Meningococcal (meningitis)** Recommended if you plan to visit countries that experience epidemics of meningococcal disease during December through June.
- **Rabies** Recommended for travelers spending a lot of time outdoors, especially in rural areas, involved in activities such as bicycling, camping, hiking, or work. Also, children are considered at higher risk because they tend to play with animals and may not report bites.
- **Polio** Recommended for adult travelers who have received a primary series with either inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) or oral polio vaccine (OPV). They should receive another dose of IPV before departure.
- **Malaria** If you will be visiting a malaria risk area in Senegal, you will need to take one of the following antimalarial drugs: **atovaquone/proguanil, doxycycline, or mefloquine (primaquine** in special circumstances and only after G6PD testing).

Note: Chloroquine is NOT an effective antimalarial drug in Senegal and should not be taken to prevent malaria in this region. Please see for a complete explanation of travel vaccinations:
<http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/destinationSenegal.aspx>

Sites of Interest About Senegal

<http://www.senegal-tourism.com>

<http://www.gouv.sn>

<http://www.lesoleil.sn>

<http://www.walf.sn>

<http://www.rts.sn>

<http://www.seneweb.com>

<http://www.lobservateur.sn>

<http://www.senegal-online.com>

<http://dakar.usembassy.gov>

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1013.html

For more information, contact:

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