AFRICAN STUDIES MA PROGRAM Starting October 2021



מרכז אפריקה על שם תמר גולן באוניברסיטת בן-גוריון בנגב



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AFRICAN SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES MA PROGRAM



DURATION

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3 semesters beginning 10/2021

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- A B.A. degree from an grade point average equivalent of 80/100 and above.
- Submission of all application
- Written assignment
- Online interview

APPLICATION DEADLINE

May 31, 2021

TUITION & SCHOLARSHIPS

Tuition is approximately \$10,000, not including funding for community projects.

Scholarships (Full and partial) are available for qualifying candidates. For more information: africama@bgu.ac.il

DORMITORIES

The Marcus Campus dormitories are home to a vibrant student community and are offered based on availability.



The 21st century is an era of immense transformations throughout Africa. Economic, political, and social developments are rapidly changing local communities, providing new opportunities and creating new uncertainties.

African Sustainable Communities is an MA program that brings together students from around the world, creating a unique learning environment to tackle the complex issue of sustainability in community development. We are preparing you for the rapid changes we are seeing across Africa, through a multidisciplinary approach. You will take part in a vibrant conversation examining the complex circumstances influencing lasting change.

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Rational and Goals

The program of study places African communities at the center, and analyzes the political, economic, cultural, and social factors impacting their initiatives over the long term.

Our aim is to provide students with the theoretical background, analytical skills and practical perspectives that are needed for realizing individual and communal endeavors across a broad spectrum of fields. We believe that community interventions, whether they are in the social, cultural, or more applied fields of science, agricultural or economics, should reflect knowledge of history, politics, economics, social and cultural studies.

Program Duration and Structure



African Sustainable Communities is a year and a half long MA program (three semesters plus additional write up time for Thesis Track). Students spend a year of intensive learning together at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, where the African Studies program has earned international already an reputation of excellence. There is an Applied Track, suited to most students in the program, and also a Thesis Track, for those interested in conducting an in-depth research project. All students take mandatory core classes, a project workshop, research methods, and electives they choose according to their interests. Students must finish their required and elective classes over the course of two semesters at BGU. During the third semester, they draw upon the knowledge and skills they acquired in the academic setting and apply them to an initiative in a local community in Africa. Projects are planned with the support of the program staff.

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A Sampling of Classes



- Development in Africa: Theory, Practice and Critique
- Politics and Society in Africa of the 20th Century
- Measuring Sustainable Change
- Social Analysis of Environmental Issues
- The Politics of Global Health
- Gender and Development
- Liberation Theology and Religious Movements in Africa
- Sports and Development in Africa

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Application process

- Submitting mandatory application documents
- Paying registration fee (unless exempted)
- Application is processed
- Personal interview via Zoom
- Announcement of acceptance/rejection
- If accepted paying the deposit
- Arranging for a student visa and health insurance



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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