

# HEALTH DISPARITIES IN WORLD CULTURES

GABORONE, BOTSWANA

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2 WEEKS ABROAD, 2 WEEKS ON CAMPUS

## JSU PASSPORT TO THE WORLD P R O G R A M

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## ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

The "Health Disparities in World Cultures" program will explain how epidemiological research methods are used as a tool to study the health of populations, to define the term epidemiology and to explain and provide examples of key aspects of the definitions: determinants, distribution, population, health phenomena, morbidity, mortality, aims, and levels. Also, students will learn about the foundations of epidemiology, such as how epidemiology functions as an interdisciplinary field and the methods and procedures of quantification used in population research. Finally, students will be introduced to important studies in which epidemiologists identified risk factors for cancer, heart disease, HIV/AIDS, and other conditions.

## ABOUT THE CITY

Botswana is one of Africa's most stable countries, and a multiparty democracy. It is unusual in that the majority of its population is from a single ethnic group, the Tswana. Gaborone, the capital city, is one of Africa's fastest-growing cities and lies in south-eastern Botswana, close to the South African border. In addition to the main campus of the University of Botswana, Gaborone also hosts the headquarters of the 14-nation Southern African Development Community, which focuses on regional development, economic growth, and poverty alleviation. Botswana is renowned for its amazing biodiversity and diverse landscapes.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Passport to the World takes place during the first summer term at JSU.

Two weeks are spent on campus and two weeks abroad. CIEE will organize a 15 day, 14 night program abroad, providing academic, logistical, and emergency support. Faculty members from Jackson State University will lead the program, including providing all instruction.

Classroom lessons will be supplemented by guest lectures on health care delivery systems in Botswana, health care financing and the impact on HIV programming, the state of pediatric and adolescent HIV care, treatment and support, the role of traditional medicine in Botswana society, the state of tuberculosis in the era of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, a survival Setswana language lecture and a panel discussion on HIV/AIDS response and challenges in Botswana, and the role of NGOs and international partners in the national response. Co-curricular and cultural activities include a city tour, visits to several hospitals (public and private) and clinics (infectious diseases and TB), a pediatric center and teen club, a dance workshop, a weekend excursion to Bahurutshe Cultural Village and a community engagement activity. Students will acquire, develop and use public health information and knowledge, gaining a comprehensive understanding of different public health specializations in order to enhance their skill sets to become competent public health practitioners.

## PROGRAM COST

**\$2,975 per participant**

- Tuition: 6 credit hours
- Accommodations
- All meals (in country)
- Transportation (in country)
- Excursions, admission fees, cultural experiences, etc
- iNext Comprehensive Travel Insurance
- 24/7 Emergency Assistance

*\*Financial aid can be applied to the program cost; airfare not included.*

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