

What's the best advice you can give future students to maximize their experience abroad?

"I cannot imagine the program going any better. It was educational, enlightening, and flat out fun. I learned things I would have never known before and experienced a nation that is in a unique stage of development and politics.

"Say yes to things that you think you won't like-- food, excursions, or whatever--maybe you won't like it but you have to try it, it could be the only time in your life that you get the chance and it's better to go home with a funny story about now liking a local food than with regret."

"Talking with locals any chance you get. Cab drivers, shop workers, people in elevators, etc. One of the best conversations I had was with a security guard at the National Gallery. It was amazing and totally random, but if you're not looking for opportunities to make conversation, things like that could totally pass you by. "

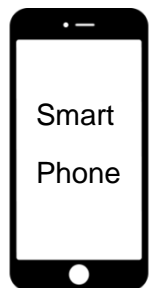
What items did you not bring that you wish you had?

- Water bottle
- Fanny pack
- Good walking shoes
- Sweaters for chilly mornings
- Over the counter meds
- BUG SPRAY

What items did you pack and NOT need while abroad?

- Pack lighter
- Too many clothes
- Tablet

Which devices would you recommend others take in the future?



Most common ways to communicate with family and friends back home:

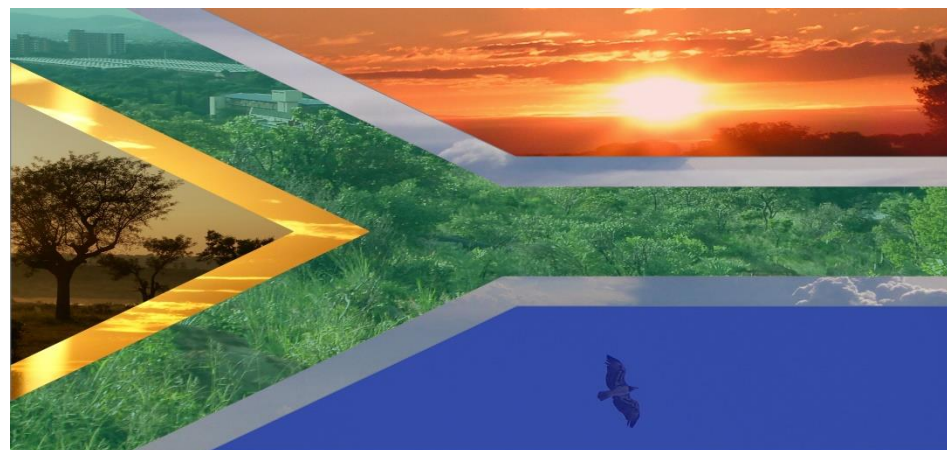
#1. Through WiFi-enabled smart phones apps

- Skype
- Whatsapp
- iMessage

#2. International calling/text plan with U.S. cell phone carrier

South Africa HIST

"I have always wanted to travel to South Africa and this was an opportunity I couldn't pass up. When I found out that a group was going and that I could fulfill some of my degree requirements, I knew that I had to study abroad."



What advice do you have for students to budget and spend money wisely?

"Plan ahead and really budget how much you are willing to spend each day."

"I would suggest using cash only - I only brought around 300 US dollars and that lasted me for the full 2 weeks (had the money converted before I got to SA)

"Whatever you think you will spend, add \$100.00 for every week, just in case.

"Everything is very cheap there and you must barter at the markets."

How did you pay for things on a daily basis?

1. Cash (exchanged from US currency)
2. Credit Cards/Debit Cards
3. Cash (withdrawn from local ATM/bank from US bank account)

What credit cards were most accepted?

