



## **South Africa**

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In 2012-2013, 5,337 U.S. students studied abroad for academic credit in South Africa.

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### **Education System Overview**

**Academic year:** January – December

**Major school holidays/break:**

- Mid-March – mid-April
- Mid-June – mid-July
- Mid-September – early October
- Mid-December – late January

**Major exam period(s):** Early June – mid June and October – November

### **Structure of the university system**

**Years of study required to earn a bachelor's degree:** 3 - 4 years

**The language of instruction in universities:** English or Afrikaans (Generally English)

**Degrees offered:** Bachelor's, Honor's, Master's and Doctorate

### **Educational Authorities and International Education Resources**

Organization: South African Department of Education

Website: [Www.education.gov.za](http://www.education.gov.za)

Organization: Higher Education of South Africa (including The Matriculation Board)

Website: <http://www.hesa.org.za>

Organization: South African Qualification Authority

Website: <http://saqa.org.za>

Organization: Umalusi

Website: [www.umalusi.org.za](http://www.umalusi.org.za)

Organization: National Qualifications Framework

Website: <http://www.nqf.org.za>

Organization: The International Education Association of South Africa (IEASA)



Website: <http://www.ieasa.studysa.org>

### **Know Before You Go**

[How to Apply for your U.S. Passport](#)

[Emergency Messages for U.S. Citizens](#)

[Country Specific Travel Information](#)

### **U.S. Government-Sponsored Study and Exchange Programs**

- [Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program](#)
- [Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Program](#)
- [Fulbright U.S. Student Program](#)
- [Gilman Scholarship Program](#)