Introduction

BU students will have the opportunity to study at the University of Buea, Cameroon and visit historic and cultural sites in Ethiopia.

The University of Buea is located at the foot of the Cameroon Mountain — the highest peak in West Africa. It is the only English-speaking university in this bilingual country.

SPECIFICS

Study at the University of Buea (earn 6 to 9 academic credits) and travel to different parts of Cameroon. Visit cultural and historical sites around Addis Ababa in Ethiopia.

Dates: May 8 — June 12, 2011

The program fee will be approximately $3,800. Additional costs include tuition for three Bloomsburg University credits, visa and immunization fees.
Academics

COURSES OFFERED FOR GENERAL EDUCATION

Natural Disasters (University of Buea)
Students will study principles of Earth’s internal and external processes through an examination of their manifestations in Cameroon and other parts of Africa as naturally occurring disasters.

Gender and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa (University of Buea)
This course will explore African women’s contribution to the social and economic development of their communities.

Non-Western Literature*; African Women and their Stories (Bloomsburg University)
Students will be introduced to African oral traditions and post-colonial writing by African women. *Course is also required for Secondary Education/English majors.

COURSES OFFERED FOR EDUCATION MAJORS
(Undergraduate and Graduate)

Multicultural Education (University of Buea)
The course will help pre-service teachers develop ideas, concepts and materials for teaching a diverse classroom.

Practicum (Early Childhood and Adolescent Education Majors only)
Pre-service teachers will have the opportunity to observe teaching and learning in a classroom, and interact with children from diverse ethnic, religious, and socio-economic backgrounds.

About Cameroon
Located in west-central Africa, Cameroon has been described as a microcosm of the continent. Linguists have identified almost all of the African Language groups in Cameroon. Superimposed upon this ethno-linguistic diversity are the remnants of a triple colonial heritage — German, British, and French — which have shaped the cultural landscape of the country.

Specific field trips and sights planned:
- Korup Rain Forest and Pamol Plantations in Nkam Division
- Botanical Garden, rubber and banana plantations, and Seme beach in Limbe
- Foumban Palace and the Bamenda region
- Pygmy village in Kribi
- City tours of Yaounde and Douala
- Fako Mountain and its recent volcanic eruption
- Handicraft centers in Bamenda and Foumban
- Nursery and Primary Schools

About Ethiopia
As one of the oldest cultures in the world, Ethiopia will offer the students the opportunity to explore another side of Africa with links to ancient civilizations and extremely rich cultural heritage.

Specific field trips and sights planned:
- National Museum in Addis Ababa houses the fossils of Lucy from about 3.5 million years ago. (A replica of Lucy’s skeleton.)
- Mt. Entoto with palace of Emperor Melenik II
- Cultural restaurant in Addis Ababa with a performance of traditional dances
- Addis Ababa University
- Merkato, one of the largest open-air markets in Africa
- Sodere Hotsprings and Kuriftu Resort

Merkato in Addis Ababa, one of the largest open-air markets in Africa.