

## UF Connections in South Africa



South Africa is situated at the southern tip of Africa. Its capital city is Pretoria. The US State Department estimates its total population at 54,300,704. Information about travelling to South Africa is on the [Department of State](#) website. The [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) also has useful travel information on their website.

With the most developed and diverse economy in Sub-Saharan Africa, South Africa (SA) has become a global player in world affairs. The University of Florida has remained committed to establishing numerous academic connections and collaborations with South African institutions.

### Visiting Students, Scholars & Researchers

For the 2014-2015 academic year, UF hosted ten South African students and scholars.

Visiting Students, Scholars, and Researchers				
Undergraduate	Graduate	Non-degree	OPT	Exchange Visitors
5	3	0	0	2

### UF Students in South Africa

During the 2014-2015 academic year, 65 UF students studied abroad in South Africa.

As of Spring 2016, UF does not have reciprocal agreements with South African universities.

Reciprocal agreements are the foundation for the exchange programs in which so many UF students are involved. In an exchange program, students pay UF tuition and are assigned UF course equivalencies for the work they do abroad. Reciprocal agreements provide for the equal exchange of students between UF and an international accredited institution. Agreements are typically valid for three years initially and can be renewed through a signed addendum, if both parties agree. For information on establishing a reciprocal agreement in South Africa, visit <http://ufic.ufl.edu/Agreements-RecipProcedures.html>.

## Cooperative Agreements

Cooperative Agreements are broad declarations of intent for the promotion of exchanging faculty and students as well as the exchange of academic and research information. These agreements are generally valid for five years, with the possibility of renewal if both parties agree. The Cooperative Agreements UF has with South African institutions can be found below, with the full list of agreements available at: <http://ufic.ufl.edu/Agreements.html>.

<b>Cooperative Agreements</b>			
<b>Academic Unit at UF</b>	<b>Institution Name</b>	<b>Focus</b>	<b>Faculty manager</b>
Agricultural Sciences and Life Sciences; Engineering; Liberal Arts and Sciences	The Cape Peninsula University of Technology	Faculty Exchange; Academic Exchange; Student Exchange; Research	Leonardo A. Villalón lvillalon@ufic.ufl.edu
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International Center	The University of Kwazulu-Natal	Academic Exchange; Faculty Exchange; Student Exchange; Research	Leonardo A. Villalón lvillalon@ufic.ufl.edu
International Center	The University of Pretoria	Academic Exchange; Faculty Exchange; Student Exchange; Research	Leonardo A. Villalón lvillalon@ufic.ufl.edu
Business Administration	The University of the Western Cape	Academic Exchange; Faculty Exchange; Student Exchange; Research	John Kraft john.kraft@warrington.ufl.edu

## Highlights

- **UF study abroad programs in South Africa**

The University of Florida hosts several study abroad programs in South Africa; the two spotlighted in this brief focus on entrepreneurship and conservation:

- [\*\*Entrepreneurship and empowerment study abroad program in Cape Town\*\*](#)  
This study abroad program through the Warrington College of Business gives undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to work with entrepreneurs in townships around Cape Town. Under the supervision and mentorship of three faculty members, the students work on teams with South African students to assist small businesses improve their sustainability.
- [\*\*Political economy of conservation study abroad program\*\*](#)  
This study abroad program allows students to spend a summer in South Africa learning about the political economy of conservation and gain field research experience.

- **UF researchers study park conservation and climate change in Southern Africa**

Drs. Jane Southworth (Geography), Brian Child (Geography), and Greg Kiker (Agricultural and Biological Engineering) have led this research project which focuses on addressing the specific issues of parks management under different potential climate scenarios for Kruger National Park, South Africa. The project researches the effects of management efforts and climate change on the conservation of species of concern. Research teams visited Kruger last summer (2015) and will return to the region in summer 2016 to continue their work.

- **Center for African Studies Associate Director researching bicycle racing in SA**

Dr. Todd Leedy is currently researching the history of cycle racing among South Africans and how individuals and communities created social spaces around this sport during the decades of intensifying segregation and apartheid.

- [African Studies Quarterly](#)

The African Studies Quarterly is an academic journal that is published by the African Studies Department here at UF. The journal includes academic articles on all topics related to Africa and is a resource to find scholarly work on Africa.

**Research Projects:**

Below is a table of funded research projects with an international component involving South Africa.

<b>Funded Research Projects</b>				
<b>Principal Investigator (PI)</b>	<b>PI department</b>	<b>Project title</b>	<b>Funding agency/Sponsor</b>	<b>Project funding</b>
William Latimer	Clinical Psychology	Four-Arm RCT Of Brief Mi Vs. Couples-Based Hiv/Sti Prevention In South Africa	National Institutes of Health	\$1,094,732

**Key Connections**

- [Center for African Studies](#)

**Adding information to this brief**

If you have or are aware of a project, program, or other activity that UF has in this country that has not been included in this brief, email [ogre@ufic.ufl.edu](mailto:ogre@ufic.ufl.edu).