Need to Know: Tanzania

Objective of the “Need to Know” Document
The Need to Know document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student’s decision to apply for an EAP program. The document is not a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and BSA website, and reviewed by a student in the Program Self-Assessment. The best source of detailed program information is always the UCEAP Program Guide from the prior academic cycle. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website, in the Program Guide or Need to Know document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

Advisor Contact Information
For BSA Adviser name, email and drop-in advising hours, visit http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/contact/advising

Application Materials
Students must complete CIEE and host university application materials after their selection to the program. Students should note that the CIEE and host university application will require items that may take additional time to prepare, including, but not limited to, letters of recommendation, official transcript, and passport-size photos.

Curriculum
Students will explore three distinct communities in Tanzania: The economic epicenter, Dar es Salaam; the small town of Iringa; and the rural village, Mufindi.

The program will begin with a mandatory weeklong orientation session conducted in Dar es Salaam to introduce you to the city, country, culture, and the academic program, and provide practical information about living in Tanzania.

Students enroll in a semester-long Kiswahili language course, the Managing Community Development Programs course, the CIEE Field Research Seminar, and two additional area studies courses taught in English. All area studies courses with the exception of the CIEE Field Research Seminar are taught by local Tanzanian faculty, all of whom have faculty appointments at the University of Iringa. Courses at the University of Iringa include traditional lectures, exams and essays, and student presentations. The CIEE Field Research Seminar is taught by the CIEE resident director. The Kiswahili language courses are taught by a veteran language instructor for the U.S. Peace Corps and faculty from the University of Iringa.

In Mufindi, students participate in an intensive four-week embedded field study experience at an NGO that addresses public health, and educational and social welfare issues in rural Tanzania. The use of Kiswahili will allow students to communicate more effectively and openly with members of the communities in which they are completing their fieldwork.

Students take classes with CIEE participants only, although local students may occasionally join a course or participate in joint service projects with CIEE students at local NGOs. Additional information on courses is available on the CIEE program website and the CIEE Program Blog.

Internships and Research
Students may undertake a for-credit internship on the program in lieu of one CIEE elective course. Students may also pursue community service and volunteer activities independently on a non-credit basis through local organizations.

Housing
While in Dar es Salaam for orientation, CIEE students share double rooms in a hotel. In Iringa, students live in on-campus residence halls segregated by gender with 2-3 other students at the University of Iringa. In Mufindi, students live in NGO-provided volunteer houses with 3-4 other students. While housing is clean and safe in all locations, students should understand that the facilities and amenities are typically quite different from those found in the U.S. Students should be prepared for limited access to Internet, limited/regulated electricity (i.e., no electricity after 10 p.m.), cold water showers, and Turkish/Indian-style toilets.
Financial Resources
CIEE offers scholarships and grants based on merit and financial need. You should apply! An application for CIEE scholarships is available at [http://www.ciee.org/study/scholarships/](http://www.ciee.org/study/scholarships/). The CIEE scholarships application must be sent directly to CIEE and is a separate document from the CIEE Study Center Program Application.

Visa and Entry Clearance
Due to the late issuance of entry clearance documents and the time required for visa application processing, travel after the UC term ends and before the official program start date is not recommended.

Special Demands of the Program
Health and safety remain primary issues of concern for study in Tanzania, particularly crime/security and motor traffic. Students must be prepared to follow all safety and security regulations and guidelines established by EAP, the partner institution, and the U.S. Department of State. Students should review the Program Guide to familiarize themselves with risks associated with participation on the program.

Students should familiarize themselves with the role of race, gender, sexuality, and religion while studying in Tanzania, and develop appropriate expectations according to personal backgrounds and self-identification. For more information, refer to the [Program Guide](#).

Given the special demands of the program, it is highly recommended that applicants meet with the BSA adviser prior to submitting an application.