

KENYA – SPRING 2010

UNE is offering students a unique opportunity to travel to, study in, and work with communities in Western Kenya. Students may earn credit toward their Advanced Studies core curriculum requirement, as well as possible credit toward their major or degree program.

Professor Rick Peterson will teach this 4-credit course throughout the 2010 spring semester at UNE and then accompany students to Kenya for the lab portion of the course. Professor Peterson is an environmental anthropologist and teaches a variety of courses dealing with human and social dimensions of Environmental Studies. He was born in Congo and has spent more than 17 years living and working in East and Central Africa. He has been to Kenya on numerous occasions.

The cost of the trip will be approximately \$4,000 and will be billed on your student account as a lab fee, thus enabling you to use your financial aid. In addition, you are encouraged to apply for a limited number of scholarships through the UNE Center for International Education.



Kakamega Environmental Education Programme class

Field Course to Kenya ENV 399

**Fulfills Core Curriculum
Advanced Studies Requirement**

Passport Required



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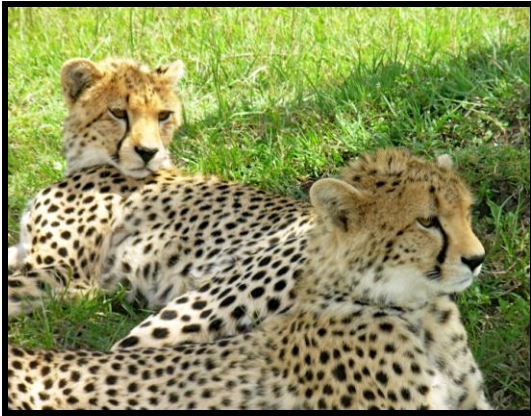
Elephant, Masai Mara National Reserve

**ENV 399:
Advanced Topics: Environment,
Health, and Community
Development in East Africa**

Dr. Richard Peterson



Naturalist Benjamin Okello, Kakamega Forest



Cheetah, Masai Mara National Reserve

Students travel with Professor Rick Peterson to Nairobi, Kenya where they will attend lectures and engage with students, researchers, and staff of the University of Nairobi and the National Museums of Kenya, visit Nairobi National Park, and explore Kenya's capital city.

The group will then travel by bus through the Great Rift Valley to Kisumu, Kenya's third largest city located on the shores of Lake Victoria. Here they will work with and/or visit a variety of community service, environmental, research, and government organizations including the St. Francis Community Development Program, Osienala (Friends of Lake Victoria), Kakamega Environmental Education Programme, Center for Disease Control Field Research Center, and the Millennium Villages Project.

Through weekend home stays, students will interact and form friendships with Kenyan families, partaking in a slice of daily Kenyan life. The trip will conclude with a 3-day safari in Kenya's famed Masai Mara National Reserve to encounter and learn about issues facing Kenya's wildlife. The overall goal of the lab component of the course is to provide hands-on knowledge about the environment, health, and community development in East Africa through direct and transformative experience.

Itinerary

May 23-24

Travel from UNE to Nairobi

May 24-26

Welcome, orientation, visits to University of Nairobi, National Museums of Kenya, Nairobi National Park

May 27

Travel by bus to Kisumu

May 28-30

Weekend homestays with Kenyan families

May 28-June 4

Work with and/or visit variety of university, community service, environmental, research and government organizations in and around Kisumu

June 4-6

Travel to Kakamega Forest National Reserve; work with the Kakamega Environmental Education Programme conducting environmental classes with Kenyan youth and workshops with local teachers

June 7-9

Work with and/or visit variety of university, community service, environmental, research and government organizations in and around Kisumu

June 10-12

Visit to Masai Mara National Reserve

June 13-14

Return to Nairobi and back to UNE



Nairobi City Centre and Uhuru Park



Fishing boats on Lake Victoria

Trip cost: ±\$4000, includes:

- Roundtrip transportation UNE-Boston
- Roundtrip airfare Boston-Nairobi
- Ground transportation in Kenya
- Hotels/Apartments in Nairobi and Kisumu
- Two nights room and board with Kenyan host-families
- Four nights room and board at Kakamega Forest and Masai Mara National Reserves
- 2 meals a day
- Visa, park entrance and guide fees
- Travel/evacuation insurance
- Guest lectures