

## Program Dates

August 20 – December  
15, 2013

**Students with the following  
interests should apply:**

International Development  
Public Health  
Nutrition  
Public Policy  
Global Studies  
African Studies  
Pre-Med and Pre-Vet  
Civil Engineering

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opportunity of  
a lifetime to  
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# Sierra Leone

## Fall Semester 2013



## Global Health, Nutrition, Water and Sanitation

### Njala University, Sierra Leone

Experiential learning at the intersection of Global Health and Nutrition and a developing world context is the heart of the Semester-Long Program in Global Health and Nutrition in Sierra Leone. This program is an excellent opportunity to study international health and nutrition in English while experiencing and living in a rich West African culture. The program puts you in direct contact with the social and economic realities of actual students and communities and of people working within them to improve public health, nutrition, and water and sanitation in Sierra Leone. The program is part of a long-standing collaborative effort between the University of Illinois and the Njala University in Sierra Leone and some courses will include Njala University's honors students. Through **classes, field trips, internships and service learning**, this semester long experience strives to establish a continual dialogue linking experience with theory and critical analysis. Students from a variety of disciplines— global health, nutrition, agriculture, social sciences, African Studies, natural resources and environmental sciences, pre-med and pre-vet, and global studies are encouraged to participate in this program.



## Learn from both Illinois and Njala Faculty

Faculty from both the University of Illinois and Njala University will serve as instructors.

Field experiences are an integral part of all courses and could include:

- Studying the Tiwai Island Nature Preserve
- Camping in the Gola National Forest
- Visiting the US Embassy in Freetown
- Meeting with local Village leaders and Chiefs
- Palm Oil Production facility
- Visiting a nutrition project sites
- Speaking with public health program managers in local offices
- Spending time on a beach south of Freetown
- Visiting Outamba National Park and Kilimi National Park near Guinea
- Touring a large market in Freetown

## Courses Offered:

1. International Nutrition Policies and Programs
2. Food Fortification for Improved Nutrition
3. Service Learning in Community – Public Health Education Service Project with Scientific Animations Without Borders
4. Intro to Epidemiology
5. Agriculture, Nutrition and Health Linkages in West Africa
6. History, Development and Culture of Sierra Leone (Non-Western Humanities credit for ACES, ENG and students)
7. Public Health Leaders in Residence
8. **Five to Six Week Internship** with an NGO, an public health program or research at Njala University will complete your experience

- Internship sites could include:  
World Vision, Catholic Relief Services, YMCA, Bennimix Company, Helen Keller International, and public health programs and research projects, NGOs, and clinics





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Field trips and experiential learning are an important component of this program.

## Sierra Leone

Njala University was established in 1964 with assistance from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the University of Illinois. During Sierra Leone's brutal civil war, Njala University relocated from rural Njala to urban Freetown in 1994 but has been reestablished in its original rural location. The University has responded well to the challenges that it has been facing, and has grown to become among the leading universities of Sierra Leone.

### Accommodations

You will be staying in student dorms and living alongside students from Njala University. Students will have private non-air conditioned rooms with shared bathrooms. Three meals a day will be provided for students.

### Language

The official language of Sierra Leone is English. Other major languages include, Mende (principal vernacular in the south), Temne (principal vernacular in the north) and Krio, an English-based Creole, spoken by the descendants of freed slaves from the United States and Jamaica who were settled in the Freetown area.

### Eligibility

To participate on the program you must be an undergraduate and have a GPA of at least 2.75 and be in your sophomore, junior or senior year.

### Program Cost

Total semester costs for this program are estimated at \$15,700.

### Scholarships

ACES Students are eligible for a \$1500 scholarship through the ACES Study Abroad office. All students should apply to I4I and IPS Donor funded scholarship. All scholarship applications are available online at [www.studyabroad.illinois.edu](http://www.studyabroad.illinois.edu)

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**Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until final deadline of June 3, 2013.**