

Namibia 2005

Planning and developing a study abroad program to Namibia started in 2004, a process that lasted nearly a year. The Namibia program of 2005 was the first study abroad program offered by Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences. With little time to advertise the program, we were delighted when 12 students enrolled for the program. It was directed by Dr Dörgeloh who was raised in Namibia and has extensive experience of African wildlife and the savanna ecosystem. Prof Heatwole from the Department of Zoology, a world renowned authority on desert ecology also accompanied the program.



This program is unique, because it includes a visit to a true desert and the African savanna ecosystem with its diversity of wildlife species. With a focus on desert ecology and wildlife management, other aspects such as conservation, park management and ecotourism were also addressed on this program. Even though it was the first study abroad program, it was a great success.



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I was privileged to be a part of this incredible study abroad experience and enlightening three week class in Namibia. The range of topics throughout the tour truly enhanced my graduate education and broadened my knowledge about the various challenges within tourism and park management in a foreign land.

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The opportunity to participate in the recent-June 2005- NCSU Study Abroad tour in Namibia was truly wonderful. Little did I know I was to be treated, not only with excellent company, superb organization, gourmet cuisine and guides with an excellent knowledge of their country but an amazing array of wildlife from miniscule to massive. Most rewarding however, is the knowledge I have gained about Namibia in general and desert and wildlife ecology specifically. The tour leaders are to be congratulated for their individual expertise and ability to impart their knowledge. I most enthusiastically recommend this adventure to any student of the environment and truly hope this tour continues.

Pete, Australia