



GONZAGA-IN-CHIMFUNSHI

Comparative Psychology, Applied Child Psychology, Nurturing Reverence for Life, or Field Studies in Biodiversity

Zambia



In the Jesuit spirit of developing “men and women for others,” the Psychology Department, in collaboration with the Center for Community Action and Service Learning, offers international service-learning summer academic courses in Zambia, Africa. Zambia, a southern African country, is a “twinned province” with the Oregon Province of Jesuits which includes Gonzaga University.

Program Overview

The month-long program will include a 3-day visit to Livingstone, Zambia. While in Livingstone, you will visit the famous Victoria Falls and go on a wildlife viewing excursion.



Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage is located in the northern “Copperbelt” region of Zambia. Chimfunshi is 24,000 acres of remote African bush forest. The sanctuary is home to over 120 chimpanzees, a hippo, numerous monkeys, birds and approximately 300 Zambian residents. The center has “deluxe camping facilities:” solar power, sleeping cots, shower rooms (cold), pit toilets with shelters, a cooking area, barbecue pit, clean water, and a large outside “Boma” for meetings and meals.

3 weeks will be spent at the Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage studying psychology or biology and performing community outreach activities. Students will also have the opportunity to visit the local town of Muchinshi (near Chingola) and participate in outreach at their Women’s Center.

You will live, study and work at the Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage. Accommodations and meals are simple. Meals, some reflective of the Zambian diet, will be prepared and shared communally.

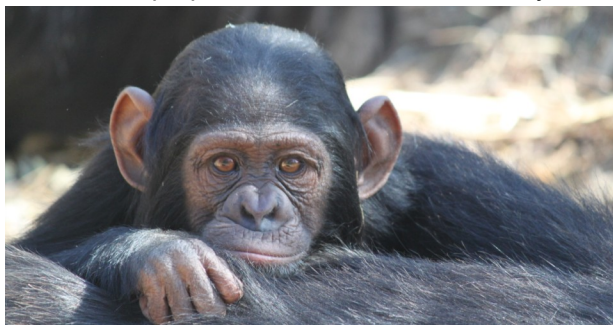
The program involves three components of instruction:

- Classroom instruction
- Field experience
- Community/social justice outreach



There are three phases of the 3-credit course:

- **Orientation Phase** (Spring Semester) Students will enroll in a 1-credit pre-immersion orientation to complete assigned readings, plan projects, and attend a field trip.
- **On-site Phase** in Zambia
- **Debriefing Phase** upon return



Summer 2011



Program Dates

Estimated Program Dates:

Group 1: May 10 - June 10, 2011

Group 2: June 2 - July 8, 2011

****Program dates are tentative depending on flight availability.**

Program Cost

Estimated Program Cost:

One 3-credit Psychology course: \$3750

One 4-credit Biology course: \$4250

Cost if taking two courses: TBA

****Costs may be subject to change as in-country costs fluctuate.**

Estimated cost includes: meals, in-country ground transportation, community housing, 3 or 4 credits, depending on course selection, and an International Student Identity Card (ISIC).

Airfare, books, and spending money are not included in the cost.

Application Procedure

Application Deadline: November 1, 2010

- ◆ Early application is encouraged. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.
- ◆ Program may be limited to 15 students per group with priority given to current Psychology students. Non-psychology majors are highly encouraged to apply as well.
- ◆ Operation of this program is subject to administrative approval and is dependent upon meeting the minimum enrollment.

Admission Requirements:

Gonzaga-in-Chimfunshi is open to all undergraduates who will have completed at least freshman year and meet the admission requirements listed below:

- ◆ Minimum 3.0 GPA
- ◆ Two letters of recommendation
- ◆ Student Life and Academic Services clearance forms
- ◆ Interview Process

Application Procedure:

1. Application form
2. Freshman applicants: a copy of your mid-term grades is required
3. Student Life and Academic Services clearance forms
4. Two recommendations
5. \$50 non-refundable application fee payable to Gonzaga University
6. Submit to Study Abroad office

Courses

Comparative Psychology/Independent research (3 credits)

300-level psychology course. Observe chimps in what is as close to their natural environment as possible. Learn field and observational research skills; participate in guided observations and create a mini research project.

Applied Child Psychology (3 credits)

300-level psychology course. Organize and lead educational activities for visiting school children, including educating children about chimp behavior and culture.

Nurturing Reverence for Life (3 credits)

200-level psychology course to meet general social science requirement. Participants study chimpanzees as well as the flora and fauna of Zambia's Miombo Forest, while being immersed in Zambian culture.

BIOL 159/359 Field Studies in Biodiversity (4 credits)

This course uses a field experience as a backdrop to learn about evolutionary, ecological and biogeographical processes that determine the ranges and biodiversity of organisms.

BIOL 359 In addition to the topics and requirements listed for BIOL 159, biology majors are required to submit a scientific paper on one of the field research projects.

Cross-over opportunities for both groups will be available; that is, comparative psychology students will also assist with educational activities and child/ed psychology students will learn about and observe the chimpanzees. The ambitious student could complete both emphases for 6-7 credits.

Satisfies
core lab
science
requirement
for non-science
majors.

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