Reporting on HIV/AIDS in Africa
A travel course to Kenya and Uganda

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“Journalism is what maintains democracy. It's the force for progressive social change.”

Andrew Vachss
“No war on the face of the Earth is more destructive than the AIDS pandemic.”

Colin Powell
“In my view, the humanity of our world can be measured against the fate of Africa.”

Horst Koehler
Course Description • weeks 1-2

• Introduction to the basic pathology of HIV
• History of AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa
• Current efforts aimed at addressing the worldwide epidemic
• Guest speakers
Course Description • weeks 3-6

- IU students will be paired with communication students from Moi University.
Reporting team transcribing notes
Course Description

• Multimedia stories will be published on the School’s Web site.
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http://journalism.indiana.edu/kenya/

A dozen Indiana University students spent three weeks in May and June 2011 reporting on the work of AMPATH, a healthcare partnership between the medical schools at IU and Moi University that is saving the lives of thousands in western Kenya.
Course Description

• In-depth feature stories will be offered to local, regional, and national publications.
TV report on Kenya TV Network

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• Professor since 1990; at IU since 2007
• Teaches photojournalism and design
• Has been training journalists in east Africa since 2002 under US Dept. of State programs
• Taught this course in 2010, 2011 & 2013
Course Credit

• The course is open to undergraduate and graduate students.
• The course yields four credit hours.
• Students must register for summer school and pay associated costs.
Course Costs

• The course fee of $2250 is in addition to tuition costs.
• Basic Program Costs are $4700.
• The School of Journalism subsidizes each student more than half the basic costs.
Course Costs

• The course fee pays:
  • Transportation to and from Bloomington/Indianapolis
  • Room and board while in Kenya (except for weekend meals in Eldoret, meals in Kampala and incidentals).
  • Taxis for reporting in Eldoret
The course fee pays:

- Two Saturday cultural excursions
- Group dinner in Kampala
- Two nights in a Ugandan Game Park
Scholarship available

- The Edward L. Hutton International Experiences Program (HIEP) awards scholarships from $500 to $2500, but the award for this course is usually $1,250.
  http://www.indiana.edu/~iubhonor/hds/overseas.php
Equipment

• Each student will be issued a digital camera that shoots stills and video
• Each student will also have a digital audio recorder
• Personal cameras and binoculars for safari are welcome
Cultural Experiences

- Day trip to the Kireo Valley
- Day trip to the Kakamega Forest
- Two nights at the Murchison Falls Game Park
- Dinner with Ugandan journalists in Kampala
- Visit the African Centre for Media Excellence in Kampala
Safety

• IU has sent 500+ students to Kenya since 1989 with only one serious accident.
• Kenya is, however, under a U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory.
• Students will stay in the IU House, a secure compound of eight buildings.
• All meals will be taken at the IU House or nearby restaurant as a group.
Safety

• Students will register with the U.S. Embassy in Kenya before departure.
• Students will be issued a cell phone that works in Africa and will be required to carry it when outside IU House.
• All travel will be by licensed taxi or IU operated vehicle.
• In Uganda, we will travel only as a group.
Safety

• Travel insurance, including airlift to the U.S., will be provided by the School.
• The Moi University Hospital is within one mile of the IU House.
• Students will be given a IU-Kenya Partnership Manual.
Vaccinations

• A malaria prophylaxis is required prior to, during and after time in Africa.

• We require you to have had a tetanus booster within 5 years.

• Suggested
  ◦ Yellow Fever
  ◦ Meningitis
  ◦ Hepatitis A
  ◦ Typhoid Fever
  ◦ Polio

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Communication

• English is the official language of Kenya (as is Swahili) and Uganda.

• The IU House has wireless Internet suitable for Skype videoconferencing, e-mail and chat.

• Only emergency phone calls can be made to/from the US using the issued mobile phones.
Important Dates

- Jan. 14  Applications due at 5:00 p.m.
- Jan. 21  Selected students will be notified
- April 2  Mandatory orientation session
- April 15  Proof of immunization
- May 13   Course begins
- May 23–June 22  Eldoret and Kampala
- July 3   Course ends
Reporting HIV/AIDS in Africa, taught by professor Jim Kelly, is offered in Summer Session I and features travel to Eldoret and Nairobi, Kenya.

The four-credit-hour course is open to students who have completed J110 Foundations of Journalism and Mass Communication, J200 Reporting, Writing and Editing I and J210 Visual Communication, and to graduate students who have completed or been excused from J505 Intensive Reporting, Writing and Editing Workshop.

This course starts with two weeks in Bloomington. Students learn about the basic pathology of HIV/AIDS, with a specific emphasis on the epidemic in sub-Saharan Africa. Guest speakers provide insight into the culture of East Africa, Kenya's media system and the work of IU's AMFAR-I project in Eldoret.

Students then travel to Kenya for four-weeks of reporting. While there, each IU student is partnered with a communication student from Moi University, and together they collect interviews, photographs,