



CIEE Study Abroad

Course title:	“A Season of Protest” in South Africa and the US
Course number:	POLI 3101 CIEE
Programs offering course:	CIEE Summer Online
Language of instruction:	English
U.S. Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	45
Term:	Summer 2020

Course Description

This course will examine the history of protest in South Africa and the U.S. The course provides some introductory overview of theoretical approaches to protest and social movement theory, followed by two sets of case studies. The first set includes an overview of major protests that have emerged in the last five years, including climate activism, the international women's marches, the Hong Kong protests and the pro-life/pro-choice debates in the United States. The second set of case studies requires students to rigorously learn about the US civil rights movements of the 1960s, the international anti-apartheid movement, #RhodesMustFall (which later morphed into #FeesMustFall) and the #BlackLivesMatter movement. Through lectures, seminar-style discussions, workshops and field trips to location organizations, students will gain a deep and comparative understanding of the legacy of protest action in the US and South Africa.

Learning Objectives

By completing this course, students will:

- Demonstrate critical understanding of the grievances that necessitated the social movements known as Civil Rights movement, anti-apartheid movement, #RhodesMustFall and #BlackLivesMatter movement.
- Break down some of the key debates in sociology, anthropology and political science that pertain to forms of resistance.
- Critically evaluate and contextualize various protest tactics, their strategic potential and their messaging in a comparative analysis of protest in the US and South Africa.
- Appraise the centuries-old relationship between South Africa and the United States, especially as it pertains to histories of protest and social movements.

Course Prerequisites

None.

**Students are responsible for having course approval conversations about how their prior courses meet pre-requisites with their home school advisors.*

CIEE Summer Online courses will involve asynchronous instruction. Instructors will apply theory and deliver the learning objectives using a rich array of online teaching methods and resources from CIEE host countries and communities. Full details, including dates and deadlines for assessments, will be provided in the final syllabus shortly before online learning begins.