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immersive  
community  
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TRINITY COLLEGE STUDY AWAY

**CAPE TOWN**  
Fall, Spring, and Academic Year



CHOOSE FROM TWO DISTINCT UNIVERSITIES:

**University of Cape Town:** Great for humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and public policy and law majors

**University of the Western Cape:** Great for students interested in social development studies, political science, African studies, performing arts, health studies, environmental studies, and more

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# TRINITY IN CAPE TOWN

Established in 1998, Trinity in Cape Town provides students with the opportunity to spend a semester or year in the African continent's southernmost point. This marvelously unique city is a cultural melting pot, with a diverse and vibrant population influenced by Zulu, Xhosa, and other African tribes, as well as Dutch, British, German, French, and Indonesian settlers. Due to its natural topography, Cape Town boasts a variety of breathtaking landscapes in which distinct neighborhoods and districts of the city have developed. From the beach houses of Camps Bay to the Bo-Kaap Muslim neighborhood at the foot of Lion's Head Peak to the high-rise apartments of downtown, something new is always just around the corner. The diverse people, landscapes, and exciting cultural history make Cape Town an ideal place to study abroad.

## Affiliated Universities

Trinity in Cape Town program participants enroll directly in two or three courses at one of the following South African universities:

**University of Cape Town (UCT)** — Established in 1829 as a school for boys, the University of Cape Town (UCT) is South Africa's oldest university and one of the continent's leading teaching and research institutions. The University of Cape Town has a population of approximately 23,500 students, including more than 4,000 international students.

**University of Western Cape (UWC)** — The University of the Western Cape (UWC) is a public institution that has a history of creative struggle against oppression, discrimination, and disadvantage. Enrolling about 15,000 students, including only 300 international students, it is a great option for study-abroad students interested in immersing themselves in South African society.



## Program at a Glance

- **Terms Offered:** spring, fall, and academic year
- **Minimum GPA:** 2.5 (UWC); 3.0 (UCT)
- **Affiliated Universities:** University of Cape Town and University of the Western Cape
- **Previous Language Experience Required:** no
- **Language of Instruction:** English
- **Trinity Core Course:** “Imagining South Africa”
- **Internship:** required; community engagement internship at local NGO, school, hospital, museum, or other organization worth 1.0 Trinity credit
- **Housing and Meals:** international student apartments; no meal plan
- **Excursions:** Aquila Private Game Reserve, Cape Peninsula, Hermanus, and Robben Island
- **Program Dates:** late January–mid-June (spring); early July–mid-December (fall)
- **Recommended majors/possible areas of study:** natural sciences, engineering, African studies, theater and dance, neuroscience, political science, environmental studies, human rights, urban studies, public policy and law, international studies, political science, human rights, anthropology, sociology, and history

## Courses Offered

**Trinity Core Course: “Imagining South Africa”**  
(Required for all students) 1.0 Trinity credit

**Internship Seminar**  
(Required for all students) 1.0 Trinity credit

**2-3 UCT or UWC Courses**  
(Required for all students; courses taught in English) 2.0–3.0 Trinity credits

## Local University Courses

Trinity in Cape Town participants are able to take advantage of hundreds of courses taught in English available through UCT and UWC. Popular areas of study include:

- **UCT:** humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, public policy and law, and more
- **UWC:** social development studies, political science, African studies, performing arts, environmental studies, and more  
(Required for all students)



## STUDENT EXPERIENCE

### Housing

Trinity in Cape Town participants are housed in student apartments located in the Mowbray neighborhood, situated approximately 15 to 30 minutes away from local universities via shuttles or public transportation. Students are housed in single rooms with shared kitchens and bathroom facilities. The residents are study-abroad students from all over the world and African students, as well as some student mentors. The building also features coin-operated laundry, Wi-Fi, a 24/7 security guard, and locked doors and is within walking distance to shops, restaurants, and banks. Meals are not included, but students have access to shared kitchens where they can prepare meals.

### Excursions

Each semester, students participate on day trips in and around Cape Town as part of their core course, “Imagining South Africa,” and internship seminar. These may include walking tours, and visits to museums, local organizations, cultural hubs, and more. In addition to the course-based excursions around Cape Town, students travel to a variety of locations outside the city. In the past, these have included:

- Aquila Private Game Reserve
- Cape Peninsula
- Community visit and Robben Island
- Hermanus

### Internships

Trinity in Cape Town features a unique community engagement requirement. All students complete an internship and enroll in an internship seminar worth 1.0 Trinity credit. In the past, students have interned with NGOs, schools, hospitals, museums, and other organizations.



*On-Site Academic Director Subithra (“Sibs”) Moodley-Moore*

## Who’s Who

### On-Site Academic Director

**Subithra (“Sibs”) Moodley-Moore** is a native of South Africa and has spent many years in the United States, including as a professor at Trinity College in Hartford. She has been the faculty coordinator of the Trinity in Cape Town program since its inception in 1998. Moodley-Moore is a Trinity-appointed faculty member who teaches the program’s core course and oversees the internships and independent studies. She assists students throughout their time in Cape Town with academic and cultural matters.

### Affiliated Faculty

- **Seth M. Markle**, Associate Professor of History and International Studies
- **Garth Myers**, Paul A. Raether Distinguished Professor of Urban International Studies
- **Johnny Williams**, Associate Professor of Sociology





## How to Apply

### Eligibility Requirements

- Trinity in Cape Town is open to any Trinity College student in good academic and social standing.
- A minimum 2.5 GPA is required for admission to UWC, and a 3.0 is required for UCT.

### Required Application Materials

All students must submit the following materials in order to be considered:

- Completed online application
- One letter of academic reference from a faculty member
- Official college transcript

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### Deadlines

**March 15 — Fall Semester Application Deadline**

**October 5 — Spring Semester Application Deadline**

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