

**Maryknoll Institute of African Studies
Of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota/USA
And Tangaza University College, Nairobi, Kenya**

PROSPECTUS

2017/2018 PROGRAMS

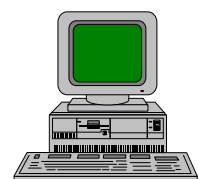
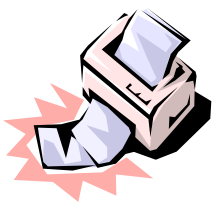
**SEPT 8 – DEC 1, 2017 SEMESTER PROGRAM
JAN 19 – APR 13, 2018 SEMESTER PROGRAM
MAY 15 – JUNE 6, 2018 FIRST IMMERSION PROGRAM
JUNE 12 – JULY 4, 2018 SECOND IMMERSION PROGRAM
SEPT 7 – NOV 30, 2018 SEMESTER PROGRAM**

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MARYKNOLL INSTITUTE OF AFRICAN STUDIES OF SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY OF
MINNESOTA/USA AND TANGAZA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, NAIROBI, KENYA
A POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM

**Two Year Master Degree Programs
Possible for full-time students**

With the 2017/2018 semester-length programs full-time graduate students can do a Master of Arts (M.A.) in African Studies in two years. Students would do three of the six required courses in the Jan-April semester program, and two courses in the May-July Immersion programs. The sixth course would be done during the Sept-Nov semester while doing research and writing a publishable quality MA thesis of a minimum of one hundred and fifty pages.

The Master of African Studies (M.A.S.) requires a seventh course and a publishable quality long essay of a minimum of fifty pages in lieu of a thesis. The seventh course would be done during the Sept-Dec semester while researching and writing the essay.

Any three courses completed while maintaining a minimum 3.0 average entitles students to a **joint Tangaza University College /Saint Mary's University Certificate**. Completion of five courses including that of *African Traditional Religion* and *African Culture: An Overview* while maintaining a minimum 3.0 average entitles students to a **Tangaza University College Diploma**.

Prof. Michael C. Kirwen

Director: MIAS

Associate Dean: Saint Mary's University of Minnesota/USA

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MARYKNOLL INSTITUTE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

2017/2018 POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS
IN
AFRICAN STUDIES
ANNOUNCEMENT

WHERE AND WHEN?

Nairobi, Kenya.

First Semester Program: Sept 8 - Dec 1, 2017
Second Semester Program: Jan 19 - Apr 13, 2018
First Immersion Program: May 15 - June 6, 2018
Second Immersion Program: June 12 - July 4, 2018
First Semester Program: Sept 7 - Nov 30, 2018

FOR WHOM?

ALL EDUCATORS, DEVELOPERS, POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS, MEDICAL PERSONNEL, SOCIAL, PASTORAL AND FORMATION AGENTS

WHY?

**AFRICANS: EXPRESS, CELEBRATE, TEACH
AFRICAN CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE.**

**NON-AFRICANS: APPROPRIATE, CELEBRATE, TEACH AFRICAN
CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE IN AN ADULT MANNER.**

GOAL: MAKE AFRICANISTS OF ALL.

HOW ATTAINED?

AFRICANIST LECTURES, FIELD RESEARCH, MAJOR COURSE PAPER.

FOR MORE DETAILS BROWSE WEBSITE:

www.mias.edu

TO APPLY: FILL OUT AND RETURN ENQUIRY FORM

**MARYKNOLL INSTITUTE OF AFRICAN STUDIES
POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS**

OVERVIEW

AIM OF PROGRAMS:

**AN APPROPRIATION AND/OR ARTICULATION
OF AN INSIDER'S UNDERSTANDING OF AFRICAN
CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE THROUGH UNIQUE SEMESTER COURSES
OF TWELVE WEEKS DURATION**

AND

**IMMERSION COURSES OF THREE WEEKS,
AWARDED FOUR GRADUATE CREDITS BY
SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA/USA, WITH HIGHLY
SKILLED AFRICANIST LECTURERS, A PERSONAL
FIELD ASSISTANT, DIRECTED PROFESSIONAL
FIELD RESEARCH, A 17 PAGE RESEARCH INTEGRATION PAPER
PASTORAL REFLECTION SESSIONS AND FIELD RESEARCH
WORKSHOPS**

APPLICATION DEADLINE

August 15, 2017: Sept 8 - Dec 1, 2017 Semester Program

December 15, 2017: January 19 ó April 13, 2018 Semester Program

May 1, 2018: May 15 ó June 6, 2018 First Immersion Program

June 1, 2018: June 12 ó July 4, 2018 Second Immersion program

August 15, 2018: September 7 ó November 30, 2018 Semester Program

PRIMARY GOAL

The primary goal of the Maryknoll Institute of African Studies of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and Tangaza University College is to teach, **systematically**, African cultural knowledge through its fifteen major themes and thirty-five domains in such a manner that students appropriate and can articulate an African viewpoint on contemporary cultural realities and are able to articulate that viewpoint in an adult professional manner.

STUDENT BODY

The **SEMESTER AND IMMERSION** Programs are designed for the following types of students: 1) **All African and missionary pastoral, educational, medical and social developmental agents**, 2) **all African students, teachers and foreign residents of Africa including NGO personnel**, and 3) (Immersion Programs only) **students, teachers, and NGO personnel from overseas**. For some foreign students the program entails primary introduction to African life and reality, for others, updating through in-depth study of African cultural themes and domains and, for African students, systematic articulation of African cultural knowledge that is theirs by reason of birth and socialization in an African society.

EDUCATIONAL PLAN

The **Semester** programs require one, three and one-half hour class for twelve weeks, and one, four hour field research per week for ten weeks for each course. A full time student is able to take three courses per semester. It is expected that a student spends eighteen hours per week **per course** in reading, writing, field research and attending class. The **Immersion** programs are intense programs requiring ten hours of study per day for twenty-two days while bypassing tourist and vacation circuits. If one is unable or unwilling to give the **IMMERSION** programs 100% of one's time and energy in serious in-depth study of African reality, **PLEASE DO NOT APPLY**. There is no room for students who wish only exposure to Africa, or who wish merely to audit the lectures.

The Institute's program combines **postgraduate** academic study of African cultural knowledge through lectures and required readings with: 1) directed field research, 2) group discussions on course material, and 3) a fifteen-page research/integration paper. The field research is facilitated by African university graduates, "field assistants," who introduce participants to dimensions and aspects of African society correlated with issues being taught in the classrooms. The meetings and trips with field assistants are supervised by lecturers so that students in the **IMMERSION** programs experience new realities of Kenyan society at least three times a week, and those in the **SEMESTER** programs one day a week per course. During fieldwork, students are assisted by their field assistants who function as tutorial instructors. The topics researched with local people are on the issues and ideas that are presented in the courses.

WHAT THE INSTITUTE PROVIDES

For the price of tuition MIAS provides: 1) classroom facilities at Tangaza University College, 2) access to the MIAS and Tangaza libraries, and other local libraries, 3) highly qualified Africanist lecturers, 4) postgraduate courses awarded four graduate credits by Saint Mary's University of Minnesota/U.S.A., a University accredited by the Higher Learning Commission* and a member of North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. 5) forty hours of directed field research with a

personal field assistant. **MIAS does NOT provide board, room, books, or transport in and about Nairobi. These items are the responsibility of the participants.** However, if necessary, the Institute's director helps participants find satisfactory accommodations and travel arrangements.

*The Higher Learning Commission
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, Illinois 60602-2504
(800) 621-7440
www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org

COURSE ACCREDITATION:

The courses are four 6 credit postgraduate courses accredited by Saint Mary's University of MN/USA. The courses are registered and transcribed by Saint Mary's University.

TANGAZA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC AWARDS

As an Institute affiliated academically with Tangaza University College, a constituent college of the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, MIAS awards: 1) a joint **Tangaza University College/Saint Mary's University Certificate** for completion of three courses while maintaining a minimum "C+" average, and 2) a **Tangaza University College Diploma** for those who successfully complete five courses, including the courses on "African Culture" and "African Religion," while maintaining a minimum "B" average.

ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

IMMERSION PROGRAMS

The Institute's **Immersion** programs are structured into two, three-week sessions. During each session five or six courses are offered to meet the needs and interests of various participants. A person takes only one course per session. For students who are already enrolled in advanced degree programs in other institutions, the credits granted (four per course) can be applied towards their programs according to the regulations of their parent institutions. Undergraduate participants are classified as special students and awarded graduate credits. There is no provision for auditing course. One must agree to fulfill all requirements including field research and a course paper as a condition for acceptance.

SEMESTER PROGRAMS

The Institute's **SEMESTER** courses meet once a week for twelve weeks. The maximum number of courses a student can take per semester is **three**. The semester programs list twenty courses, but only those with sufficient pre-registration are taught. Students have the option of taking either one, two or three courses during a semester program. The course, African Cultures: An Overview is required for those in the MA degree programs, and is recommended for those new to Africa.

DATES OF INSTITUTE'S 2017/2018 PROGRAMS

September-December Semester program begins on September 8, 2017 with a day of orientation and continues to November 30, 2017.

January - April Semester program begins on January 19, 2018 with a day of orientation and continues to April 13, 2018.

First Immersion program begins on May 15, 2018 with a day of orientation and continues to June 6, 2017.

Second Immersion program begins on June 12, 2018 with a day of orientation and continues to July 4, 2018.

September-December Semester program begins on September 7, 2018 with a day of orientation and continues to November 30, 2018.

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

GRADUATES

Students with a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from an approved college, university or seminary

Formal application by:

- * August 15, 2017: Sept 8 - Dec 1, 2017 Semester Program
- * December 15, 2017: January 19 ó April 13, 2018 Semester Program
- * May 1, 2018: May 15 ó June 6, 2018 First Immersion Program
- * June 1, 2018: June 12 ó July 4, 2018 Second Immersion program
- * August 15, 2018: September 7 ó November 30, 2018 Semester Program

Complete application requirements (application forms are sent upon receipt of name and address, are also available on-line, or can be downloaded through Download Documents page). The first two sections of the application forms can be filled out and returned on-line.

Two letters of recommendation, one of which is from a superior, employer or advisor.

A Doctor's report (only for those **not** resident in Africa).

Two passport size photos.

Two brief paragraphs of one's **C.V.** for the program directory.

UNDERGRADUATES: (African Residents only)

Mature students with an "A" level certificate (or its equivalent) OR a diploma from an approved school with University entrance level passes, OR, a fourth year University Student.

Two letters from academicians attesting to the applicant's ability to do graduate work.

COURSE OFFERINGS

The following is the list of courses that have been prepared by various lecturers for the 2017/2018 programs. **Student pre-registration determines whether a particular course is taught.** A separate booklet is available with the course outlines and descriptions. It is sent to all who formally

apply. All courses are taught on a post-graduate level. However, courses are open to undergraduates who are resident in Africa when it can be shown that a person has the skills to do post-graduate study.

2017/2018 SEMESTER PROGRAMS COURSE OFFERINGS

Classes taught on MONDAYS 1.30pm – 4:45pm

- African Traditional Religion Interprets the Bible*
- Spirituality, Personhood and Psychotherapy in an African Context*
- Contemporary Political and Economic Realities in Kenya*
- Church in Contemporary Africa: Its Political, Social and Economic Situation*

Classes taught on TUESDAYS 1.30pm – 4:45pm

- Introduction to Islam in Eastern Africa*
- Gospel and Culture: The African Experience*
- African Culture: An Overview*
- African Feminist/Womanist Theology: A Source for African Christian Theology*

Classes taught on WEDNESDAYS 1.30pm – 4:45pm

- Sociology of Development/Underdevelopment in African Religion.*
- Introduction to East African Art*
- African Christian Theology: Historical and Systematic Development.*
- Mission in Africa Today: Methods, Concepts, Practices & Challenges.*

Classes taught on THURSDAYS 1.30pm – 4:45pm

- African Traditional Religion: Major Beliefs, Practices and Contemporary Forms.*
- African Marriage and Family: Challenge and Change.*
- Introduction to East African Literature: Focus on Religious Conflicts.*
- Justice and Peace in East Africa.*

Classes taught on FRIDAYS 1.30pm – 4:45pm

- Ideology and Practice of Health Ministry in Contemporary Africa: Traditional and Western.*
- African Independent Churches: Authentic Integration or Separation from Christianity.*
- Sage Philosophy: The Root of African Philosophy and Religion.*
- Moral Teaching and Practices of African Traditional Religion.*

2018 IMMERSION PROGRAMS COURSE OFFERINGS

FIRST SESSION

Classes taught on WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY 8:30 am – 12:15 pm

- African Cultures: An Overview.* *
- African Traditional Religion Interprets the Bible.*
- African Feminist/Womanist Theology: A Source for African Christian Theology.*
- Contemporary Political and Economic Realities in Kenya.*
- Sociology of Development/Underdevelopment in African Religion.*
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- Introduction to East African Art.*
- Towards the Inculturation of Religious Community Life in Africa.*
- African Christian Theology: Historical and Systematic Development.*
- Spirituality, Personhood and Psychotherapy in an African Context.*
- Gospel and Culture: The African Experience.*

SECOND SESSION

Classes taught on WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY 8:30 am – 12:15 pm

- African Cultures: An Overview.* *
- African Traditional Religion: Major Beliefs, Practices and Contemporary Forms.*
- African Marriage and Family: Challenge and Change.*
- Introduction to East African Literature: Focus on Religious Conflicts.*
- Justice and Peace in East Africa.*
- Church in Contemporary Africa: its political, social and economic situation.*
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- Ideology and Practice of Health Ministry in Contemporary Africa: Traditional and Western.*
- Sage Philosophy: The Root of African Philosophy and Religion.*
- Moral Teaching and Practices of African Traditional Religion.*
- Mission in Africa Today: Methods, Concepts, Practices & Challenges*

**The course, "African cultures: An overview," is repeated in each session as it is a required course for those in the Master degree and Diploma programs, and a popular course for students new to Africa.*

LOCATION

The Institute is located in Nairobi, Kenya due to the widespread use of English, the extensive public transportation system in and about the city and throughout the country, the libraries which are adequate for post-graduate work, and numerous guest houses, some private and others maintained by churches, where participants can reside. The classes are held at Tangaza University college which is located on the southern outskirts of Nairobi in the Karengata area. It is on Lang'ata South Road one-half kilometer from its junction with Lang'ata road. It is reached by bus/Matatu Route #24, stage 13.

DAILY SCHEDULE: SEMESTER COURSES

Each course meets one day a week at Tangaza University College from 1.30pm ó 4:45pm according to the schedule, and one day a week (per course) is spent on field research with a personal assistant (the day determined by the student). The field research session for each course is planned in advance with the lecturer.

DAILY SCHEDULE: IMMERSION COURSES

Class days for the two sessions are Wednesday through Friday. The classes are at Tangaza University College from 8:30 amô 12:15 pm. They are followed by a prayer service form 12:15 pmô 12:30 pm. At 12:30 pm lunch is served in the college cafeteria. Afternoons have workshop and seminars scheduled on field research and pastoral reflection. The rest of the week is for field research with a personal field assistant (each week three field research sessions are planned in advance with the lecturers), library research, private study, and writing a fifteen-page research/integration paper. Transportation to and from the school is the responsibility of the students.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Each course requires a student to write a fifteen-page research integration paper, read the required bibliographical material, and participate in the field research workshops and pastoral reflection sessions.

TUITION COST PER COURSE:

2017/2018 SEMESTER programs: Ksh 34,500 (US \$475). The program is subsidized 50% ; the tuition pays only half of the actual cost per course. However, the subsidy of 50% is valid only for students who are citizens and residents of Africa. Foreign students from overseas are charged the full cost of US \$950 per course.

2017/2018 IMMERSION programs: Ksh 37,500 (US \$540). The IMMERSION programs are also subsidized 50%. However, the subsidy of 50% is valid only for students who are citizens and residents of Africa. Foreign students from overseas are charged the full cost of US \$1080 per course.

TUITION RELIEF

The **tuition** cost per course was set in terms of making the Institute self-sufficient through tuition, grants and a substantial Maryknoll Society subsidy. However, African students who cannot afford the full tuition can apply for tuition relief once they have been **officially accepted**. The Institute's sponsors do not want qualified African students turned away due solely to tuition expenses.

RESPONSE

If you are seriously interested in considering the Institute's 2017/2018 programs, please write your name, address, e-mail address, phone and Fax numbers on the last page, Enquiry Form, and send by post, Fax or email to:

Maryknoll Institute of African Studies
Attn: Director
P.O. Box 15199, Lang'ata
00509,
Nairobi, Kenya

E-mail: miasmu@tangaza.org
Website: <http://www.mias.edu>

For EMS or COURIER e.g. FedEx, DHL, TNT, UPS use:

Maryknoll Institute of African Studies c/o Tangaza University College
Lang'ata South Road
Plot No: 23971
Nairobi, Kenya

Ph. (254-732) 818-917.

If you want assistance in figuring out how to make the program a possibility for 2017/2018 , the director would be happy to discuss various options with you by phone, mail, or e-mail.

Professor Michael C. Kirwen
Director: MIASMU
Associate Dean: Saint Mary's University of Minnesota/USA.

MIAS STUDENT CATEGORIES 1989/2015

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS = 1279

CATEGORIES		PERCENTAGE (%)	
839	AFRICANS	66%	AFRICANS
304	FOREIGN RESIDENTS	24%	FOREIGN RESIDENTS
128	FOREIGNERS	10%	FOREIGNERS

ENQUIRY FORM

**FOR
RETURNING MIASMU STUDENTS ONLY**

Yes, I am interested in participating in the 2017/2018 Program (s) (Check one or more)

September 8 - December 1, 2017 **SEMESTER PROGRAM** _____

January 19 - April 13, 2018 **SEMESTER PROGRAM** _____

May 15 - June 6, 2018 **FIRST IMMERSION PROGRAM** _____

June 12 - July 4, 2018 **SECOND IMMERSION PROGRAM** _____

September 7 - November 30, 2018 **SEMESTER PROGRAM** _____

Please send me the Preregistration Forms and Course Catalogue.

Name: _____

Address:

Phone: _____ Mobile Ph: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Stamp and return. If out of Kenya be sure to send by Air Mail.

Mailing Address

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ENQUIRY FORM
FOR
NEW STUDENTS

Yes, I am seriously interested in participating in the following
2017/2018 program(s) and wish to formally apply (check one or more):

- September 8 - December 1, 2017 **SEMESTER PROGRAM** _____
- January 19 - April 13, 2018 **SEMESTER PROGRAM** _____
- May 15 - June 6, 2018 **FIRST IMMERSION PROGRAM** _____
- June 12 - July 4, 2018 **SECOND IMMERSION PROGRAM** _____
- September 7 - November 30, 2018 **SEMESTER PROGRAM** _____

Please send me the Application Forms, Preregistration Form, Course Catalogue, and Student Handbook.

My questions are: (optional)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile Ph: _____

FAX _____

E-Mail _____