



# BLOG POST

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There is a lot to look forward to while studying abroad in Kenya; the culture, wildlife, the cuisine and beautiful scenery. Kenya is one of the top recommended countries to visit for a transformative learning journey in Africa and these are the top 5 things to look forward to:

## Amazing locations

The internships are split between two locations; Brackenhurst and Maasai Mara. Brackenhurst is set in a safe and peaceful environment among the rolling hills of Limuru, an area famous for its tea fields and is home to one of the largest collections of indigenous plant species in East Africa, with over 1 000 tree and shrub species. It's also an ideal base from which students can explore the surrounding Kenyan wetlands. The Maasai Mara has 15 conservancies plus the famous Maasai Mara National Reserve, these conservancies span over 300 000 acres and provide connected critical wildlife habitats that complement national parks and the reserve.

## The best mentors

Our lectures and program coordinators have extensive experience and are one of the best in their fields. In our team we have Lincoln Njiru our Program coordinator - Bachelor of Sciences in Natural Resource Management from Egerton University, Kenya and a Masters' degree in Environment and Development at the University of KwaZulu Natal, Prof. Stewart Thompson our Lecturer & Academic Mentor - Professor of Biodiversity Conservation and Dr. Sharon Kahara our Lecturer - Assistant Professor in the Biology and Environmental Science Department at the University of New Haven.

## The wild life

Incredible wildlife is one of Africa's most appealing icons, and Kenya is home to most of Africa's Big 5 wildlife animals. You will get a chance to see the Acacia-Commiphora woodland, rocky outcrops, and varied riverine vegetation which provide habitat for about 400 bird species and over 60 mammal species; hosting some of the highest wildlife densities in Africa.

## Local conservation areas

The location is well known for its vast wildlife and agricultural conservation areas like the Pardamat Conservation Area, Maasai Mara National Reserve and Brackenhurst Botanic Gardens which is a vibrant gateway into the world of pre-colonial climate diversity and includes an arboretum of rare tree species that are critically endangered across the continent. The Pardamat Conservation Area, characterized by its long range of hills, adopted a dual-use conservation model that is unique in modern-day conservation. The model allows for harmonious coexistence between wildlife and humans.

## Culture

The best part is you will get to experience the culture of the local people and communities. Which part of our Transformative Learning philosophy - our internship programs focus on the goal of professional development and the acquisition of intercultural and professional competency, teamwork, tolerance for ambiguity, problem-solving, and communication skills.