

Tentative Itinerary:

- First week: Class in Ashland
- Second week: Northern Ethiopia: Classes at Axum University, site visits to stelae and tombs in Axum, Adwa (where Ethiopian troops defeated the Italian colonial expedition) rock-hewn churches of Lalibela (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Third week: Classes and diplomatic visits to the Headquarters of the African Union, Addis Ababa
- Fourth week: Return to Ashland, final class sessions.



Brand new Headquarters of the African Union, Addis Ababa



Symbol of the African Union

Important Note:

Students must make the deadlines for deposits and full payment as instructed below. **October 1st** is the last day to **ADD or DROP J-term study/travel courses**. For the College's cancellation and refund policy for study/travel courses, visit the J-term section on the OIE's website (www.rmc.edu/studyabroad).

Date	Amount Due
At time of registration	\$100 non-refundable deposit (students must take check and signed add-form to Registrar's Office to be added to the course. \$100 is applied to 50% deposit due by Aug. 1st; transferrable if student changes to another study/travel course before Oct. 1st**)
Prior to Aug. 1	50% deposit (payable by check, due to Business Office. Non-refundable after October 1st**)
Aug. 1 - Sept. 1	\$100 deposit at time of registration plus 50% of program fee due immediately, if student is adding a J-term study/travel course during this period
By Oct. 1	100% students' J-term study/travel program fee due in full. Students who have not paid in full by October 1st will be automatically withdrawn from the J-term study/travel course. Course Instructor will determine amount of refund available to withdrawn students**

*** unless an earlier deadline was established by the instructor.*

J-term Need-based Travel Scholarship

Deadline - May 11th, 2012

To be considered, you must be pre-registered for a J-term 2013 travel course and have completed a 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Award notifications will be sent out mid June with your financial aid award letter. Complete details are listed on the application available at www.rmc.edu/fAForms.

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For more information, corrections, and updates, visit www.rmc.edu/studyabroad then click "J-term 2013 Study/Travel Courses"



J-TERM STUDY / TRAVEL COURSE 2013



PSCI 328.01
The African Union

Instructor:

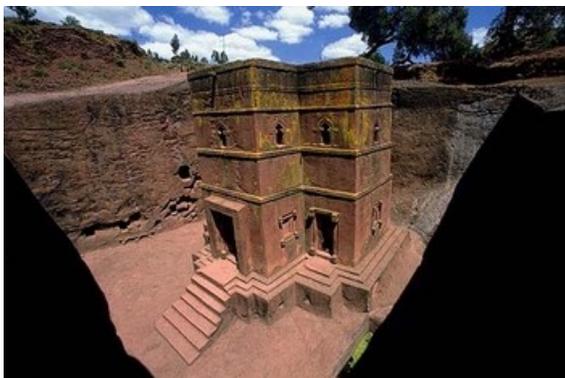
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Course Descriptions:

PSCI 328 studies the development, structure, operations, and politics of the African Union (AU). Students will receive briefings from AU diplomats at the organization's headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and will study the relationship between the organization and its member states through interviews and research with a single member state's diplomatic mission to the AU. Students will also study the history, culture, and politics of the host state of Ethiopia.



Rock-hewn churches of Lalibela

Non-Exclusive:

This course will travel with CLAS 221: Archaeology of Ethiopia, taught by Dr. Elizabeth Fisher. Students may enroll in both courses. CLAS 221 meets the Area of Knowledge requirement of a Laboratory course in Natural Sciences. PSCI 328 meets the Cross-Area Requirement of a Non-Western Culture Course.

Faculty:



Dr. Brian Turner is Chair of the Department of Political Science. He teaches African Politics (PSCI 334) and National Model African Union (BLST 361/362), a one-credit hour course in which

students travel to Washington to participate in a Model of the African Union. He has previously taught travel courses to Mexico, an independent study courses in Paraguay, and was co-organizer of a Faculty Seminar trip to West Africa.

Turner is a specialist in Third World Politics and Culture, particular of Paraguay, in South America. He has lived for over four years in South America, much of it spent in peasant villages, where he was a Peace Corps Volunteer in the mid-1980s. He is the author of *Community Politics and Peasant-State Relations in Paraguay*, as well as numerous scholarly articles, chapters, review essays, and encyclopedia entries on politics, culture, history, and human rights of Paraguay, Mexico, Argentina, Uruguay, and Ecuador. He has twice been awarded the Harold Eugene Davis Prize for the best article published by a member of the Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies (MACLAS). He is a past president of MACLAS and currently serves as MACLAS Treasurer. He is also a volunteer country specialist with Amnesty International/USA.

Turner has led study abroad trips to Mexico and directed student independent study trips in Mexico and Paraguay, and co-organized a faculty seminar/study trip to West Africa. He is also an avid birder.

Prerequisites:

None

Travel Dates:

January 12-29, 2013
(tentative)

Estimated Cost:

\$4,900

Full Payment Due:

September 10, 2012



Map of Ethiopia