Program: SFS Wildlife Management & Wildlife Research, Summer

Brianna's Majors: Zoology; Conservation Biology; Environmental Studies Certificate

Academic Life: The program consisted of three classes taught by three professors on wildlife management, policy, and the wildlife itself. We could also attend optional Swahili classes. I was part of a group of about thirty students- mostly Americans along with a couple local Tanzanian students- who all attended the same classes together. Some days we attended lecture in the classroom at camp, while other days lecture was held in various locations such as a tree nursery or a wildlife management area office. We also completed field exercises on birds, baboon behavior, and predator/prey interactions while exploring the national parks.

Housing: We lived at Moyo Hill Camp in the town of Rhotia, Tanzania. Our camp consisted of multiple bandas (small cabins) where each had two sides including a bedroom and bathroom. I lived with two other girls in our side of the banda. We had bunk beds with mosquito nets, desks, and plenty of storage. The rest of the camp consisted of various buildings including a dining hall and kitchen, classroom, computer room, library, academic offices, and a building housing local staff. We also had an area to hand-wash our laundry and lots of places to sit and enjoy the outdoors.

Advice for Someone Considering Tanzania: Be prepared to get dirty; traveling by land cruiser with the roof open for hours on end in the national parks is the furthest thing from clean. Bring less than you think you will need- life in Tanzania is simple, and you can get by with so little it might surprise you. Be flexible; the schedule will change, assignments will be altered, and you might get to your campground in the Serengeti late and have to unpack in the dark while hyenas laugh in the background. Your car might get stuck in the mud or you get a hundred tsetse fly bites, but you will have the time of your life no matter what Tanzania throws your way.