an education in the kingdom of the Zulus

The International School at the Durban University of Technology is offering international students an exciting opportunity to visit the KwaZulu-Natal Province, a region steeped in a rich cultural and political history, for an intensive four weeks work-study programme, from June 24 to July 18, 2014.

courses will include

Introduction to South Africa's Political History

The course will provide an overview of South Africa's 20th century political, socio-cultural and economic history. Special attention will be given to the unique cultural and political history of the KwaZulu-Natal Province with its intriguing blend of cultures that reflect the Zulu, Indian and Western heritage. KwaZulu-Natal is the most populace province in South Africa, with almost 12 million people, the majority of whom are proudly Zulu.

Zulu Language and Culture:

The isiZulu Language part of the course will focus on communication, to enable students to learn to communicate appropriately during their daily interactions with isiZulu speakers. The cultural aspect of the course will focus on their cultural traditions and their associated ancestral belief systems and visits to historical heritage sites

Service Learning:

As far as is feasible, this course will be tailored to the particular interests of the students. In addition to a supervised placement in a service organization, students will visit development projects where they will be exposed to the ongoing debate in social and community development theory. The course offers service learning as part of a package of exciting and enriching experiences which, we hope, will leave an indelible mark on all participants.

Interface of Arts and Science on Society:

This course will examine a number of key problems on ethics, politics and culture. Discussions will promote reflections on man's evolutionary origins, review our understanding of ethics and encourage discussions on the nature of modern science and its impact on contemporary cultures. Part of the course will focus on current studies on indigenous knowledge systems and challenges facing the scientific community when dealing with traditional healing practices with specific references to HIV/AIDS. The significant contributions of the South African Arts community to societal change and democratic transformation will also be examined.

How to App ly:

Application forms available from website: www. dut.ac.za and a non-refundable application fee must accompany all applications. The early bird closing date for applications is February 21. Late closing date is April 25 2014.

For more information on the International School, please browse the DUT website: www. dut.ac.za and its links to the International Education and Partnership Office, or send e-mails to: international@dut.ac.za for additional information.

