

# KENYA

## FIELD PRACTICUM IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

### PROGRAM DATES

July 7 - August 12, 2009

### PROGRAM FEE

\$5,800

### CREDITS

6 credits (grad or undergrad)

### The Problem in Context

A combination of land use changes and a major shift from nomadicism to pastoralism has brought about new health problems for the Maasai people, including an escalation in sanitation-related and water-borne diseases, infant and childhood disease, and HIV/Aids. Access to quality health care poses a critical issue for this predominantly rural population. Except for recent household surveys conducted by The School for Field Studies (SFS), there are little baseline data or records on Maasai health status in southern Kenya, which adds another dimension to this public health challenge.

### Program Description

GRADUATE-LEVEL FIELD PRACTICUM

As an extension of its environmentally-focused research, SFS has created academic partnerships with several leading universities, including Boston University School of Public Health, Northern Arizona University Schools of Nursing and Health Sciences, and the Moi University (Kenya) Schools of Public Health and Medicine to respond to the environmental health issues extant among the Maasai population.

This graduate level course will provide students with an international field study experience in environmental and community health in Kenya, specifically focusing on the indigenous Maasai community. The course is designed to provide students with a field practicum in reviewing and implementing public health and environmental outcomes in identified Maasai communities.

### Course Components

- ▶ Orientation to Kenyan politics, cultures, tribes, and systems. Lectures, field exercises, and visits to Maasai villages describe the physical environment and the interrelationship between the area's environmental issues and the human community; review of the findings from the summer 2007 and 2008 household surveys.
- ▶ Survey techniques, field-based data collection, data analysis, write-up, and presentation.
- ▶ Implementation of low cost domestic hygiene interventions in group ranches, including community education about water and sanitation, hygienic practices, and mobile clinics.
- ▶ Final presentations to community partners, including Ministry of Health and Maasai group ranch members.

### To Apply

Download an application at [www.fieldstudies.org](http://www.fieldstudies.org) or email [admissions@fieldstudies.org](mailto:admissions@fieldstudies.org).

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## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### Field Expeditions & Exercises

Maasai villages and group ranches, local health and HIV/Aids clinics and dispensaries, Amboseli National Park.

### Financial Aid

Need-based SFS scholarships and travel grants.

### Program Fees

\$5,800 (includes all tuition, room, board, local travel. Fee excludes airfare).

### Application Deadline

February 15, 2009. Application review will begin after this date.

### Prerequisites

*Graduates* enrolled in MPH, nursing, or other health sciences program with relevant coursework.

*Undergraduates* (at minimum have completed junior year) enrolled in pre-med/pre-health programs or health sciences degree program with a 3.0 GPA & relevant coursework. Visit [www.fieldstudies.org](http://www.fieldstudies.org) for details.

### Housing

SFS Kilimanjaro Bush Camp, Kimana, Kenya.