

ADVANCED RESEARCH METHODS TRAINING SUMMER SCHOOL

For Social Sciences and humanities



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Promoting research in the humanities and social sciences in eastern Africa

ABOUT THE SUMMER SCHOOL

A three week course that targets graduate students in the social sciences and humanities. The aim is to provide advanced practical and field-based training in research methods. The goal is to expand the practical research skills of graduate research students in order to increase graduate research capacity and the quality of graduate and doctoral research, and to enable more students to complete their research degrees within allocated time frames.

Modules on offer include:

1. Approaches to African Studies by various Disciplines (Political Science, Anthropology, Archaeology and; History)
2. Introduction to field research
3. Practical sampling, mapping and village surveys
4. Practical archaeological surveys and excavation exercises
5. Practical ethnographic field work exercises
6. Practical oral and life history interviewing and focus group discussions
7. Ethics, permits and practicalities of doing research in Africa

PROGRAMME

Dates: 8th July - 29th July 2017

Week 1:

Courses: Different Disciplines' (Political Science, Anthropology, Archaeology and; History) approach to African studies; Introduction to research methods for each discipline, introduction to Archival research.

Week 2: Travel to and stay at Field Research Station.

Courses: Practical Mapping, Sampling, Village Surveys Exercises; Ethnography and Homestays; Practical Interviews and Oral Histories Exercises; Practical archaeological surveys and excavation exercises; Taking and managing field notes.

Week 3: Travel back to Nairobi.

Courses: Formal Interview and focus group discussion exercises in an urban setting; Field notes: Making sense of them and using them; Data analysis and report writing workshop; Report presentations; Practicalities of doing research in Africa.

COSTS

3 Weeks Summer School- GBP 2000

Inclusive of:

- Tuition,
- Accommodation,
- Meals,
- Transport to and from field site