

Senegal Summer Program 2024

~June 7-July 14



Why Dakar?

This program aims to appeal to two groups of Washington University undergraduates: those wanting to study French overseas, and those wishing to spend time on an exchange program in Africa. Dakar offers the unique window to explore many themes in African studies such as the slave trade; French colonialism and its policies; important literary and cultural movements, such as *negritude*; the relationship between religion and contemporary politics; urban history; and public health. Dakar is also a very international, stable, and cosmopolitan capital city that is culturally rich in art festivals, architecture, live music concerts, and films; it equally has a renowned intellectual

community.

Program Price:

- Price includes tuition, room and board, books and other course materials, and class trips outside of Dakar
- Budget \$2000 at the most for round-trip airline tickets. Group rates possible.
- We will have limited partial scholarships for the 2024 program.
- The Rowe Travel Fellowships are competitive grants awarded to WU undergraduate students demonstrating a high level of financial need. Applicants must either select an approved summer program.
- The Gilman Grant through IIE offers scholarships to promising scholars with limited financial means. Visit the Overseas program website for more information on the Gilman Summer Grant.
- Financial Aid: Student Financial Services can talk offer advice about paying for summer programs through your aid package. Also, talk to your local churches and organizations as they might have travel grants for these types of summer experiences.

Academic Credits: 6 units

- 3 units for 300-level French course (**for those who have completed at least French 201 for this option**) or Wolof
- 3 units for AFAS 369, Senegal: History, Politics, and Culture (graduate students register for AFAS 569)
- Research project

Housing

- Students will live in the Mermoz/Point E area
- Washington University On-Site Director
- Central to Rue de Ouakam; central to downtown and Almadies

Application Deadline: February 15, 2024

- Online application through WU Overseas website
- Interview
- \$500 Deposit due by March 1 (the rest added to tuition bill)
- Prepare to purchase your plane ticket in mid-March (this will not be added to your tuition, you must pay this directly to the agent).

Formalities

- Passport valid for at least 6 months
- Visa: Non-US and non-EU passport holders do not need visas for a stay of less than 90 days
- Vaccinations – recommended. Please proof of vaccinations. June-Sept = rainy period
- ATMs best for exchanging currency (Visa more widely accepted than MasterCard)

Vaccinations

- **Vaccination or Disease Recommendations or Requirements for Vaccine-Preventable**
Routine Recommended if you are not up-to-date with routine shots such as, measles/mumps/rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria/pertussis/tetanus (DPT) vaccine, etc.
- **Yellow Fever** for travelers to Senegal: For all travelers >9 months of age. Travelers arriving from countries where yellow fever is present to present proof of yellow fever vaccination. Vaccination should be given 10 days before travel and at 10 year intervals if there is on-going risk.
- **Hepatitis A** or immune globulin (IG) Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in countries with an intermediate or high level of hepatitis A virus infection where exposure might occur through food or water. Cases of travel-related hepatitis A can also occur in travelers to developing countries with "standard" tourist itineraries, accommodations, and food consumption behaviors.
- **Hepatitis B** Recommended for all unvaccinated persons traveling to or working in countries with intermediate to high levels of endemic HBV transmission and who might be exposed to blood or body fluids, have sexual contact with the local population, or be exposed through medical treatment, such as for an accident, and for all adults requesting protection from HBV infection.
- **Typhoid** Recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling to or working in West Africa, especially if visiting smaller cities, villages, or rural areas and staying with friends or relatives where exposure might occur through food or water.
- **Meningococcal (meningitis)** Recommended if you plan to visit countries that experience epidemics of meningococcal disease during December through June.
- **Rabies** Recommended for travelers spending a lot of time outdoors, especially in rural areas, involved in activities such as bicycling, camping, hiking, or work. Also, children are considered at higher risk because they tend to play with animals and may not report bites.
- **Polio** Recommended for adult travelers who have received a primary series with either inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) or oral polio vaccine (OPV). They should receive another dose of IPV before departure.
- **Malaria** If you will be visiting a malaria risk area in Senegal, you will need to take one of the following antimalarial drugs: **atovaquone/proguanil, doxycycline, or mefloquine (primaquine in special circumstances and only after G6PD testing).**

Note: Chloroquine is NOT an effective antimalarial drug in Senegal and should not be taken to prevent malaria in this region. Please see for a complete explanation of travel vaccinations: <http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/destinationSenegal.aspx>

Sites of Interest About Senegal

<http://www.gouv.sn>

<http://www.seneweb.com>

<http://www.lobservateur.sn>

<http://www.senegal-online.com/>

<http://dakar.usembassy.gov>

Also check the CDC Senegal Travel page and the US Department of State Senegal page for more info.

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