



Mali



Ethics and Development

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**Sponsored by the Department of Philosophy in the College of Arts & Letters
Arranged through the Office of Study Abroad (OSA)**

What's this program about?

Mali has a rich history of art, culture and music known and admired throughout the world. It also faces some of the most daunting challenges of the 21st century as Malians work to reduce hunger, improve education, and continue on the democratic path they begin in 1991.

Today is an extraordinary time to study and travel in Mali where the ethical issues and choices that developing countries face are being met openly and with enormous energy. We will be talking to and working with artists, writers, scientists, and teachers of Mali who are engaged in this struggle. We will spend time in their laboratories, workshops, and schools – in large cities and in small villages. From the great Mosque in Djenné to the breathtaking cliffs of Dogon country, from the pottery village of Kalabaougou on a small island in the Niger river to the University of Mali's agricultural research campus near the capital city of Bamako, these places and people will remain vividly fixed in your memory for years to come. Through this study abroad program you will better be able to discuss and critically understand your place in a world in which what happens in countries such as Mali has a profound effect on our lives here at home.

What can I study?

Some of the key ethical issues and problems that we will be studying are:

- Should Mali permit the production of transgenic crops or the import of genetically modified foods?
- Should contemporary artists and manufacturers be encouraged to adapt their work for tourism, mass domestic consumption and export?
- How can Malian elementary and secondary schools address the serious problem of gender inequality, given the scarcity of resources and qualified teachers?
- Generally, what has globalization meant for Mali?

The learning objectives for the program are to enable students to understand and critically evaluate the 1.) ethical complexity of development issues in Mali, 2) richness of Malian culture, language and society, 3) causes and consequences of poverty in Mali, 4) current development programs in Mali, and 5) responsibilities of citizens in developed countries for the success of development programs in countries such as Mali.

Students will be required to enroll in six (6) credits from the following courses:

PHL 491 Ethical Issues in Development in Mali (2 cr.)
IAH 231B Culture and Language of Mali (4 cr.)

Students who wish to receive credit for either ISS 330 or ANR 475 may have an opportunity to satisfy the requirements for those courses in place of IAH 231B.



Where will I live?

Students will reside at the University of Mali's Centre Regional d'Energie Solaire in Bamako.

Who can tell me more about this program?

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Am I eligible?

Students must be in good academic standing, with a grade point average of at least 2.00 at the time of application. Meeting this minimum grade point average does not, however, guarantee admission - additional eligibility criteria may apply.

French language is not required, but is recommended.

Participation may be denied to an applicant whose conduct prior to departure raises doubt that he or she should be allowed to participate in an international experience.

How much does it cost?

The program fee is estimated to be \$2,380 (the exact program fee will be posted to the Web once a budget has been finalized) and will include accommodations, some meals, accident and sickness insurance and field trips. Amounts **not included** in the program fee included MSU tuition and fees, airfare, and personal spending money.

For detailed information about costs for this program, log-on to the program Web site listed at the bottom of this page.

Once enrolled in courses, students will receive a bill from the MSU Student Accounts Office for the study abroad program fee and tuition and fees, based on the number of credits taken.

Program fees, dates, and arrangements may be subject to change due to unexpected circumstances.

How do I apply?

Students can apply for this program by completing a study abroad application (available at OSA and on the OSA Web site) and submitting it to 109 International Center.

Applications must be received by **March 1st** for summer participation.

Detailed information about application procedures and the acceptance process can be found on the application form itself or on the OSA Web site (<http://studyabroad.msu.edu>).

For more detailed information about this program, log-on to:

<http://studyabroad.msu.edu/programs/maliethics.html>