This program will give students a first hand experience of the economic, social and environmental challenges faced by people in Sierra Leone. You will be given an alternative perspective on poverty and race that contrasts, and complements, the American experience and be exposed to the postwar reconstruction, nation building, and democratization processes in Sierra Leone. This program will broaden your awareness about issues of cultural diversity and global interconnectedness.

Courses Offered:

- SOCI 335 Migration
- SOCI 490 Independent Study in Sociology
- SOCI 495 Proseminar in Democracy and Development
- SOCI 672 Proseminar in Democracy and Development
- SOCI 690 Independent Study in Sociology
- TECH 398 Individual Problems in Technology

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Sierra Leone Study Abroad Program Information Sheet

Program title: Sierra Leone: African Democracy and Socio-Economic Development through Sustainable Engineering

Organizers: Northern Illinois University and University of Sierra Leone

Dates: June 15—June 30, 2013 (plus/minus two days to fit airline schedules from Europe to Sierra Leone) and two classes at NIU before departure.

Cost/payment: $4,500- plus Airfare (approx. $1,600). Financial aid and loans available to qualified applicants. For more information please contact International Programs Business Manager, Pamela Rosenberg, (815) 7530-9530, prosenberg@niu.edu.

Admission: 14 (maximum), First-come-first-serve basis

Application deadline: March 1, 2013

College credits: Up to nine credits (undergrads) and six credits (grad students)

Courses (undergrad/grad): Migration (SOCI 355), Proseminar in Democracy and Development (SOCI 395/SOCI 672), Special Topics in Engineering Technology (TECH 479), Independent Study (SOCI 490/SOCI 590), INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS IN TECHNOLOGY (TECH 398 A, 1 -6 GENERAL Credits)

Program activities: Lectures, guest speakers, fieldtrips to organizations working on social, economic and political issues, visit to historical and cultural places, volunteer activities, and outdoor activities (beaches, forests, etc.). Engineering students will undertake a hands-on project.

Local students: 3 to 4 local students from Universities in Sierra Leone will fully participate in the program.

Non-NIU students: Receive credits from NIU as a visiting students (check with your advisors and international office in your home institution on how to transfer the credits. Also contact NIU study abroad office.)

Lodging: Kimbima Hotel, Freetown (or a comparable hotel)

Sierra Leone information: http://www.visitsierraleone.org/ or http://embassyofsierraleone.net

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