The Turkana Basin Institute (TBI) was established as a joint venture between renowned paleoanthropologist and conservationist Richard Leakey and Stony Brook University to expand upon groundbreaking scientific work the Leakey family and their colleagues have pioneered over the last five decades in Kenya's Turkana Basin. Now, TBI is proud to offer unique full-semester and summer field school programs through Stony Brook University.

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NEW SUMMER PROGRAM!

EXPLORE HUMANITY’S PLACE IN NATURE WITH TBI’S ORIGINS FIELD SCHOOL

Do you want to learn about ancient humans and the environments they lived in, discover fossils and artifacts, and visit field sites where some of the most important prehistoric discoveries were made? Our Origins Field School addresses the place that humans occupy in the natural world and how we came to occupy that place. Participants will gain hands-on experience in field survey and excavation methods, paleoenvironmental reconstruction, taphonomy and more, and will take field trips to important paleontological and archaeological sites, diverse ecological settings, and remarkable geological features throughout the Turkana Basin.

The Origins Field School is offered as two distinct yet integrative programs: the Semester Abroad Program, offered in both the fall and spring, and the Summer Program. You can attend either or both, as the material covered is complementary rather than duplicative. Each offers the academic adventure of a lifetime as you earn upper-level credits studying at TBI’s state-of-the-art campuses in northern Kenya. Courses are taught in English by top scientists in their fields.

SEMESTER ABROAD

The program is comprised of five, 3-credit courses at the upper division or graduate level:

- Ecology: Linking People and Nature (ANP 304/ANT 504)
- Sedimentary Geology and Geochronology (GEO 303/GEO 504)
- Earth & Life Through Time (ANP 305/ANT 505)
- Human Evolution (ANP 306/ANT 506)
- Prehistoric Archaeology of Africa (ANT 307/ANT 507)

This program is offered each spring and fall semester. Participants will earn 15 upper-division credits while they explore and learn in the very place where the Leakey family and their colleagues have made, and continue to make, unprecedented discoveries into our very origins.

SUMMER PROGRAM

The program is comprised of three, 3-credit courses at the upper division or graduate level:

- Environments, Ecosystems and Evolution (ANP 310/ANT 510)
- Paleoanthropological Field Methods (ANP 308/ANT 508)
- Archaeological Field Methods (ANT 321/ANT 527)

This program will be offered each summer. Participants earn at least nine upper-division credits and will work directly with leading scientists at active hominin fossil localities and archaeological excavations, such as at Lomekwi 3 (the oldest stone tool site in the world).

Students in either program may also enroll in Independent Study (ANP/ANT 487 or ANT 610) for additional credits to perform research projects.

To learn more or to apply to this program, please visit KenyaStudyAbroad.org, or email turkanabasin@stonybrook.edu.