Reporting on HIV/AIDS in Africa
WITH TRAVEL TO UGANDA

Tell the stories of people in East Africa who are working to eradicate HIV/AIDS, a devastating disease that affects the entire world but originated here. Reporting on HIV/AIDS in Africa is a four-credit, semester-long course during first summer session that gives an immersive lesson on health reporting. The class includes a four-week trip to Uganda during May and June.

Taught by associate professor Jim Kelly, the course starts with two weeks in Bloomington. Students learn about the basic pathology of HIV/AIDS, with a specific emphasis on the epidemic in sub-Saharan Africa. Guest speakers provide insight into the culture of East Africa, the region’s media system and the work of non-governmental organizations providing prevention, treatment and support to HIV-positive people in the region.

Students then travel to Kampala, Uganda, for four weeks of reporting. They collect interviews, photographs, videos and other material necessary to produce in-depth stories on health care issues. The class returns to Bloomington for the final two weeks of editing and production. Stories will be published on the website and marketed to media outlets for publication.

Eligibility
To apply for the course, you must:

- be on track to be a sophomore by credit hours (30 hours completed) by the end of spring 2016 semester;
- have a 3.0 cumulative GPA;
- be on track to be admitted to The Media School by the end of the spring 2016 semester;
- be on track to have successfully completed the following courses by the end of spring 2016 semester:
  - MSCH-C101, JOUR-J110, TEL-T101 or CMCL-C190
  - MSCH-C225 or JOUR-J200
  - MSCH-C226 or JOUR-J210

Trip details
Travel to Uganda from May 21-June 20, 2016 (tentative dates), is a required component of this course.

Costs
The Media School provides a scholarship to all students admitted to this course to lower the course fee that’s assessed for travel.

Full program costs: $5,500
Course fee after scholarship: $3,200

The course fee covers round-trip transportation from Bloomington, lodging, all required activities, health insurance and some meals. We recommend students also have at least $400 available during the trip to cover meals and personal expenses. Students are also responsible for the cost of four summer credit hours.

These expenses can be reduced through other scholarships and grants, such as the Hutton International Experiences grant.

Upon acceptance into the field experience course, your bursar account will be billed a $500 non-refundable deposit. The remainder of the basic program costs will be billed to your bursar account in April, due in May with summer tuition.