

# THANDA

## GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP COURSE

KWAZULU-NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA



### OVERVIEW

The *Thanda Global Citizenship Course* offers you a unique opportunity to explore the beauty of the rugged Indian Ocean coastline while experiencing the spirit of ubuntu in rural Umtwalume. The course will provide you with a comprehensive experience of the rainbow nation and its diverse ecology. Beach time, field trips, and experiential learning will be coupled with guided discussions which will help you make sense of each experience

- *What does it mean to be a global citizen?*
- *How can I better understand people and issues in developing nations?*
- *What can I learn from Africa?*
- *What are our responsibilities as educated, engaged citizens?*

### COME AS AN EQUAL & COME TO LEARN

These questions map out the extraordinary journey of the course, as you explore the degree to which our global world is interconnected and inter-dependent, and the role and responsibility towards sustainability each of us have as global citizens.

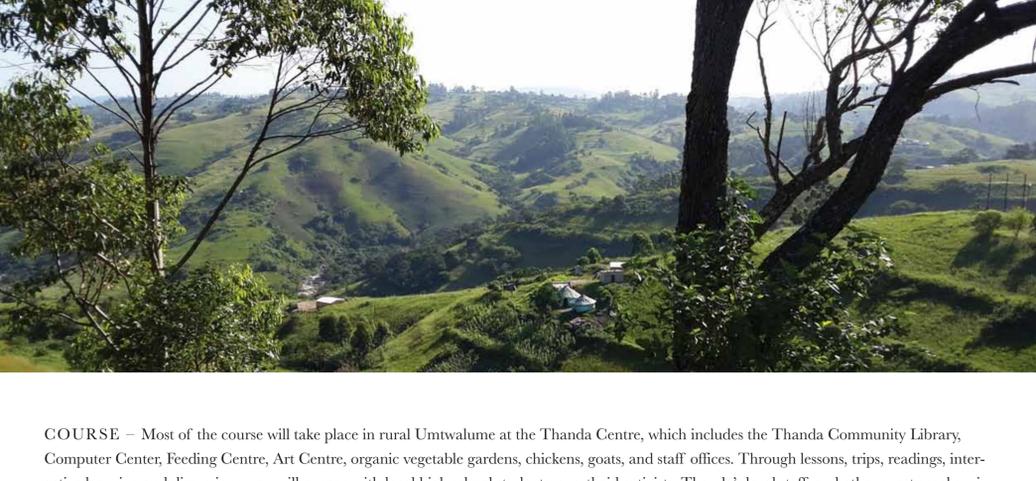


For two weeks in this unforgettable land, you will gain unique access to a rural community, known as Umtwalume, in the entrancingly beautiful hills of the KwaZulu-Natal South Coast. Engage with local Thanda high school students, Thanda staff, and an exceptional panel of guest speakers. Exciting and varied daily outings and crucial dialogues about traditional culture, environmentalism, and change, create a unique balance of exploration, experience, and understanding. Build relationships that transcend geopolitical, cultural, and socioeconomic boundaries to prepare you for a future where we collaborate to find solutions together.

**BEACH** – Stay in a house in Sea Park along the Indian Ocean, with only an untouched beach between you and the waves. Enjoy time on the beach every morning before going into rural communities, and look forward to a walk along the beach every afternoon at sunset. You will have 2 days for rest and relaxation halfway through the 10 day course. One day will be spent at a local beach and other will be a day at a beach in Durban, enjoying surf lessons and shopping.



**RURAL AFRICA** – Thanda is located in the heart of a rural community imbued in history and tradition, where beautiful rolling hills are dotted with Zulu huts and herds of Nguni cows. The community is known as 'Umtwalume' and is approximately 25km inland from Hibberdene on the coast. Most households in this rural community live in traditional Zulu ways, with traditional belief systems. Visit 'Gogo's (grandmother) hut to learn about being a woman in Zulu society and the changes she has seen over time. See how she weaves mats from grass and listen to her tell stories from another time.



**COURSE** – Most of the course will take place in rural Umtwalume at the Thanda Centre, which includes the Thanda Community Library, Computer Center, Feeding Centre, Art Centre, organic vegetable gardens, chickens, goats, and staff offices. Through lessons, trips, readings, interactive learning and discussions, you will engage with local high school students, apartheid activists, Thanda's local staff, and other guest speakers in order to better understand the challenges faced in this community, discover your own similarities, and think about sustainability in the broader global context. Because you will go in to learn, you will be meeting Thanda's students on uniquely equal terms- as students and peers. You will explore what responsibilities you have as educated citizens and think about your role in the world. You will learn that change starts with one's ability to understand oneself within the context of others. Through Thanda's varied mediums and experiential learning, you will have a challenging, enjoyable, and rewarding learning experience that will leave you well primed for success as leaders in our global community. A certificate will be issued to all participants in the course.

*Full course outline available upon request.*



**ABOUT THANDA** – Thanda After-School is an award-winning non profit organization started 7 years ago by two young social entrepreneurs, Angela Larkan and Tyler Howard, who have worked alongside the local community to create sustainable change. Thanda educates 440 children through after-school programs and runs agriculture projects with 300 youth and community members. As a student, Angela Larkan attended Dana Hall High School in Boston (USA), ACS Cobham International School (UK), Georgetown University and Wesleyan University (USA). Tyler Howard attended ACS Cobham International School (UK) and Colorado College (USA). Tyler is American and Angela is originally from South Africa, giving them valuable knowledge of KwaZulu-Natal and an understanding of foreign visitors. The course will also be taught by Thanda managers Sibusiso Msimango and Nosipho Sithole, who grew up in the local community and have been part of Thanda from the beginning.

### THANDA'S AWARDS

- 2013 Southern African Trust Drivers of Change award for creating impact
- 2013 Mail & Guardian Investing in Life award for innovation and potential for national impact
- 2013 Best of You Glamour award, founder of Thanda
- 2012 Clarins Most Dynamic Woman of the Year, founder of Thanda
- 2012 and 2013 Mail & Guardian 200 Most Influential Youth, founder of Thanda
- 2011 Mzansi Soul Award for ubuntu, innovation, and entrepreneurship
- 1 of 5 Levi's global pioneers for 2011 Go Forth Campaign for positive change



**HEALTH AND SAFETY** – Two facilitators from Thanda will stay with you and a full staff will prepare meals and pack nutritious lunches daily. They will ensure the food is appropriate and clean water is available at all times. Thanda's staff are equipped with first aid kits and knowledge. There is a clinic 5 minutes from the Thanda Centre and a good hospital 10 minutes from where the students will stay. Thanda's founders and staff have full knowledge of local doctors and dentists, should medical attention be needed. Thanda has liability insurance, but you will need to purchase travel insurance for the duration of the trip. You do not need malaria tablets for your time at Thanda.

Thanda staff will meet you at the airport upon arrival and transport you back to the airport for your return flight. You will be transported safely in hired cars from Avis and will be accompanied by Thanda staff at all times during the trip, including beach walks and shopping. The accommodation is secure with alarms and owners on the property.

**ITINERARY** – Each day, after breakfast and some time on the beach, you will head to the Thanda Library for the morning course (3 hours). You will enjoy a packed lunch and then go to visit a guest speaker or interesting local institution. Afternoons will involve related activities with Thanda high school children, such as art, group projects, and discussions.

### BASIC COURSE TRIP OUTLINE:

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7	DAY 8
Arrival day	Meet 'Gogo' and learn to play 'debeki'	History of South Africa through 10 objects	Ife Head and smartphones over a Cup of Tea	Mandela and vegetable gardening!	Sustainability: Build a Solar Panel	Beach Day	Learn to Surf!
DAY 9	DAY 10	DAY 11	DAY 12	DAY 13	DAY 14	OPTIONAL	OPTIONAL
Create Art for Change	Visit the China Shop	An Unordinary Activist and Martial Arts!	Remembering Mandela	Zulu Dancing and Our Responsibility	Airport or Optional: Drive to Hluhluwe Game Reserve	See animals!	Drive to Airport for flight home

**COST** – The cost of the Global Citizens Course is \$1800. This includes accommodation, transport, food, 2 days for rest & relaxation, and the course fee, which supports the non-profit Thanda After-School. The cost does not include the flight to Durban, South Africa, travel insurance, and the optional Hluhluwe Game Reserve trip.

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During the trip, you will have access to internet every morning and evening. Parents will be able to contact you via cell phone at any point during the day.

Thanda After-School is a registered non-profit organisation, non-profit company, and public-benefit organisation in South Africa. Thanda has 501(c)3 charity status in the USA through our fiscal sponsor, Even Ground. Thanda UK is a registered charity in the UK.



### OPTIONAL – Two day trip to Hluhluwe Imfolozi Game Reserve

Visit Hluhluwe Imfolozi, the oldest game reserve in Africa where Zulu kings Dingiswaya and Shaka hunted and where the legendary 'big five' roam free. Go on a game drive and let your heart soar as you experience the majestic beauty of the African bushveld under open skies.

This optional experience costs \$500 per participant. This includes the drive to Zululand, all meals, a full day game drive within the game reserve, and accommodation at a nearby bush lodge.