This is the third year that Spaces of Hope is offered. The course integrates academic learning and service learning in a single course. We combine seminars, lectures, fieldtrips and a two-week intensive service learning experience. We work with the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, and the Amy Biehl Foundation in Cape Town, and students will have an opportunity to engage in learning in both a classroom as well as a real-world setting.

Service learning placements will provide students with opportunities to: observe first-hand the inner working of the world renowned, Amy Biehl Foundation; interact with children; participate in community projects; work with community leaders; and develop leadership and group skills in working as a team member in service learning assignments.

In 2009 UM students engaged in a literacy program, mentored in an HIV/peer group, facilitated in sports programs (e.g., soccer), arts and crafts afterschool programs, and in a greening and a classroom refurbishment project.

This course focuses on key urban areas in South Africa: Cape Town, Johannesburg, Soweto and Stellenbosch. These locales represent a diverse cross-section of South African society and provide a perfect balance for a comprehensive study and cultural immersion. Some examples of field excursions are the Cradle of Humankind, Pilanesberg Game Reserve, Wine Country, Table Mountain, the Cape of Good Hope, and Soweto.

As 2010 is the World Cup year for South Africa space is limited in this program

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