

## Proposal Information

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### Overview Faculty-Led Program

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I understand that I must submit my proposal by the posted deadline (4/8/2020 5 pm) for it to receive full consideration. Late proposals will not be accepted. I understand that Education Abroad does not have access to partial submissions. I assume responsibility for confirming a successful proposal submission and have read the instructions regarding saving my proposal progress.

I acknowledge my understanding of this requirement

### Faculty and Staff Profile

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Please provide the name of your education abroad program as you would like it to appear in all publications and on the Education Abroad Office website

There and Back Again: Experiencing the Cultural and Political Climate of Middle Earth

Please provide your full legal name.

Scrappy T. Owl, PhD

Please enter your KSU email address

sowl@kennesaw.edu

Please enter your direct KSU phone number

(470) 578-2924

Please enter a home, cell phone or other additional contact number

(470) 578-2924

Please enter an emergency phone number at which you can be reached while in-country.

(470) 578-2924

Please select your primary collegiate affiliation

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Please indicate your primary departmental affiliation(s)

Department of Middle Earth Studies

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic offense or do you have any pending criminal charges against you?

No

Have you been subject to any university disciplinary sanctions or are you currently facing accusations of professional misconduct? No

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Are there any additional participating faculty or staff on this education abroad experience? Yes

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## Participating Faculty Information

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Please enter the full legal name(s), email address(es), work number(s) and collegiate and departmental affiliation of any accompanying faculty or staff. Dr. Stephen Tiberius Colbert, DFA  
Associate Professor of Middle Earth Politics  
470-578-2924  
scolbert@kennesaw.edu

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To the best of your knowledge, have any of the faculty or staff accompanying you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic offense or have any pending criminal charges against them? No

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To the best of your knowledge, have any of the faculty or staff accompanying you been subject to any university disciplinary sanctions or are currently facing accusations of professional misconduct? No

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## Program Details

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Please list all countries and cities in which this program will take place. (This information is needed for marketing and risk management purposes.) This education abroad experience will take place in the following countries:  
- Gondor (including Minas Tirith and Osgiliath)  
- Rohan (including Helms Deep and Edoras)  
- Eriador (including Rivendell, Moria, the Shire and Bree)

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Travel Start Date May 07, 2021

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Travel End Date Jun 01, 2021

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Please enter additional relevant program dates which you would like the Education Abroad Office to be aware of (orientations, class meetings, college fairs, info sessions, etc.). Pre-departure Orientation 1: March 8, 2021 Pre-departure Orientation 2: April 24, 2021 Pre-departure Orientation 3: May 2, 2021 Post-trip Orientation: June 20, 2021

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**Please enter a concise overview of your program as you would like it to appear in publications and on the Education Abroad Office website. Consider including the goals and intended outcomes for the students, any locations that will be visited during the trip, cultural activities, housing accommodations and any other program highlights.**

Students will participate in a three-week immersion program in Middle Earth, where they will experience and stay among the various peoples and cultures of Gondor, Rohan and Eriador. Participants will study the political systems in place in these countries, as well as the culture. Additionally, students will have the unique experience to partake in Elrond's Council and witness the diplomacy of Middle Earth first hand.

Students will also have the opportunity to complete community service on behalf of the stateless individuals and those asylees and refugees of the War of the Ring. In Rohan, program participants will serve meals to these individuals at the Meduseld and also assist Hobbitat for Humanity in the construction of housing for this under-served population.

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**Please enter information relevant to the learning goals for the program and its associated coursework.**

Kennesaw State University is committed to expanding its international outreach in addition to providing its students with a global outlook by means of an international education. This program supports KSU's Quality Enhancement Program (QEP) by promoting and expanding internationalization among students, faculty and staff. These goals are also at the heart of the Department of Middle Earth Studies, which aims to foster an appreciation of Middle Earth in its students and faculty.

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**How many courses are students required to take on the program?**

Two 3-credit hour courses for a total of 6-credit hours will be mandatory for all participating students.

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**Please list the course information for each course including course prefix, number, title and credit hours.**

ANTH 4490 : An Introduction to Middle Earth Cultures, 3 credit hours  
POLS 4490 : Political Systems and Security Issues in Middle Earth, 3 credit hours

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**For each participating faculty member, please briefly describe any familiarity with the country/region in which the program will be traveling to in addition to any professional experience that makes each faculty member a compelling candidate for this program. Please also indicate if you have conducted a formal site visit to the country/region or plan to do so before the program is offered.**

During his time at Kennesaw State University, Scrappy T. Owl has been regarded as KSU's reigning expert on Middle Earth Culture. He has traveled extensively, both globally and in the region, and has managed several study abroad in the past.

Dr. Stephen Tiberius Colbert, DFA made a cameo appearance in Peter Jackson's "The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug" due to his experience and familiarity with Middle Earth. Stephen reads Elvish. He also hosted a nightly news show where, as a pundit, he discussed topical world events.

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**Please briefly describe all housing accommodations that will be utilized on this program.**

While in Gondor, students will stay in The Old Guesthouse hotel and lodging where rooms have two twin beds and a shared bathroom. Similarly in Edoras, the students will stay in Edoras Inn also with double occupancy twin bed rooms featuring a shared bathroom.

In Rivendell, dormitory accommodations will be provided by The Last Homely House. Dormitories will be suite style with 4 students per suite. Students will share a room with twin beds and a shared bathroom, and each suite will share a common area.

During their time in Moria and The Shire, students will stay in home-stays coordinated by Fellowship of the Realm. There will be 2 students per family, and the bedroom/bathroom situation will vary depending on host family. Students will be notified of their host family placement in advance of departure.

Finally, in Bree, student will again stay at The Prancing Pony, a local inn, where rooms have two twin beds and a shared bathroom.

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**Please briefly describe all transportation arrangements that will be utilized on this program. (300 words max)**

Students will be flying Delta to and from Middle Earth. In country, students will utilize Great Eagle Rental for local transportation, which is vetted by Tolkien Tours, Inc.

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**Please provide the full legal name, email address, phone number and local address of your in-country contact.**

Elrond Peredhil phone: (123) 456-7890 x1234 email: eperedhil@discoverrivendell.org The Last Homely House East of the Sea Imladris, Eriador

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**Please describe any relevant details regarding your in-country contact's involvement or relationship with you and the program.**

Elrond Peredhil will host the students at The Last Homely House, where much of the program will take place. He has also graciously opened his halls to Kennesaw State University students and will allow them to attend a Council Meeting in order to experience diplomacy in action firsthand.

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**Please provide contact information for any additional in-country contact(s)**

Bilbo Baggins  
phone: (987) 654-3210  
email: bbaggins@fellowshipoftherealm.org  
Bag End, Bagshot Row  
Hobbiton, The Shire  
Eriador, Middle Earth

John Doe  
Travel Agent  
phone: (555) 555-5555  
johndoe@tolkientours.com  
Tolkien Tours, Inc.  
555 Street Address  
City, State 55555

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## Program Administration

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Will your program's budget be managed by the Education Abroad Office?  
(Please select 'yes' unless your program does not have a student program fee or your program model utilizes only your departmental funds.)

Yes

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Please indicate your faculty status

9/10 month

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Please indicate the faculty status of any accompanying faculty, if applicable

Dr. Colbert - 9/10 month

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Indicate below that you acknowledge the salary rate and policy outlined above:

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Please describe how faculty salary will be split among all participating faculty and staff.

Salary funds generated from ANTH4490 will go to Scrappy T. Owl, PhD while those associated with POLS4490 will be appropriated to Dr. Stephen Tiberius Colbert, DFA.

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Will your program be using an alternative faculty salary source?

No

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## Section 4: Program Acknowledgements

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## Section 5: Required Document Attachments

<b>Program Budget Form</b>	<a href="https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/2755887/54553430/527772399/54553430_middle_earth_budget_2021.xlsx">https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/2755887/54553430/527772399/54553430_middle_earth_budget_2021.xlsx</a>
<b>Program Itinerary Form</b>	<a href="https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/2755887/54553440/527772399/54553440_middle_earth_2021_itinerary.pdf">https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/2755887/54553440/527772399/54553440_middle_earth_2021_itinerary.pdf</a>
<b>Health and Safety Handout</b>	<a href="https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/2755887/54553523/527772399/54553523_health_and_safety_handout_middle_earth_2021.pdf">https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/2755887/54553523/527772399/54553523_health_and_safety_handout_middle_earth_2021.pdf</a>
<b>Faculty Director Responsibilities Agreement and College Approval Form</b>	<a href="https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/2755887/57354788/527772399/57354788_education_abroad_program_director_responsibilities_agreement_form_rev_8-7-19_-_middle_earth_2021.pdf">https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/2755887/57354788/527772399/57354788_education_abroad_program_director_responsibilities_agreement_form_rev_8-7-19_-_middle_earth_2021.pdf</a>
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<b>Local Partner Support Agreement Form (if applicable)</b>	<a href="https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/2755887/54554375/527772399/54554375_local_partner_support_agreement_template_7.9.19_-_middle_earth_2021.doc">https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/2755887/54554375/527772399/54554375_local_partner_support_agreement_template_7.9.19_-_middle_earth_2021.doc</a>
<b>EAO Physical Requirement Assessment Form</b>	<a href="https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/2755887/54554455/527772399/54554455_education_abroad_physical_requirement_assessment_form8.7.198_-_middle_earth.pdf">https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/2755887/54554455/527772399/54554455_education_abroad_physical_requirement_assessment_form8.7.198_-_middle_earth.pdf</a>
<b>Will your program have community service built in?</b>	Yes
<b>Global Learning Financial Support Community Service Form</b>	<a href="https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/2755887/55592510/527772399/55592510_glfcommunity_service_application_rev_8.7.19_-_middle_earth_2021.pdf">https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.formstack.com/uploads/2755887/55592510/527772399/55592510_glfcommunity_service_application_rev_8.7.19_-_middle_earth_2021.pdf</a>
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**I certify that my submission is accurate I agree  
to the best of my knowledge. I also  
agree to communicate any  
modifications to the above proposed  
program in writing to the Education  
Abroad Office in a timely manner.**

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