

UF Connections in Senegal



Senegal is situated in West Africa. Its capital city is Dakar. The US Department of State estimates its total population at 14,320,055. Information about travelling to Senegal is on the [Department of State website](#). The [Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) also has useful travel information on their website.

Through educational programs and research engagement, UF has strong connections with the culturally rich and diverse West-African nation of Senegal.

Visiting Students, Scholars & Researchers

For the 2014-2015 academic year, UF hosted three international students from Senegal.

Visiting Students, Scholars, and Researchers				
Undergraduate	Graduate	Non-degree	OPT	Exchange Visitors
0	1	1	1	0

UF Students in Senegal

UF did not send any students on study abroad programs to Senegal during the 2014-2015 academic year. However, UF is currently creating a new study abroad program for Senegal (see [Highlights](#) section).

The University of Florida does not currently have any reciprocal agreements in Senegal.

Reciprocal agreements are the foundation for the exchange programs in which so many UF students are involved. In an exchange program, students pay UF tuition and are assigned UF course equivalencies for the work they do abroad. Reciprocal agreements provide for the equal exchange of students between UF and an international accredited institution. Agreements are typically valid for three years initially and can be renewed through a signed addendum, if both parties agree. For information on establishing a reciprocal agreement in Senegal, visit <http://ufic.ufl.edu/Agreements-RecipProcedures.html>.

Cooperative Agreements

Cooperative Agreements are broad declarations of intent for the promotion of exchanging faculty and students as well as the exchange of academic and research information. These agreements are generally valid for five years, with the possibility of renewal if both parties agree. The Cooperative Agreement UF has in Senegal can be found below, with the full list of agreements available at: <http://ufic.ufl.edu/Agreements.html>.

Cooperative Agreements			
Academic Unit at UF	Destination Institution or Program Name	Type of program	Faculty manager
Center for African Studies	Université Gaston-Berger de Saint-Louis	Academic and Research Exchange	Leonardo Villalon villalon@africa.ufl.edu

Highlights

- [**Associate Professor studies Senegal's Newest Urban language through Fulbright**](#)

After receiving a Fulbright Africa Regional Research Award, Dr. Fiona McLaughlin traveled to Dakar to research the linguistic ecology of urban Fula. While in Dakar, Dr. McLaughlin was exposed to the newest pidgin language, Centenaire, and changed her research to focus on how Chinese merchants in Dakar led to the evolution and rise of this new language.

- [**Associate Professor researching transnational religious circuits of Senegalese Sufis orders**](#)

Dr. Abdoulaye Kane is currently involved in a research project that is exploring transnational religious circuits connecting Senegalese Sufi Orders to their followers in Europe via North Africa (Morocco). At the center of his explorations is the experience of Senegalese Tijani religious leaders and their followers in building annual travelling circuits and religious events reinforcing religious practices and belonging in a global context. (Pulled from: <http://globalislam.center.ufl.edu/abdoulaye-kane/>)

- [**UF researchers investigate gender and climate information services in Senegal**](#)

In collaboration with Dr. Jim Hansen at Columbia University and the CGIAR Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CAAFS) team, Drs. Sarah McKune and Sandra Russo have investigated how gender impacts the efficacy of climate information services in mitigating the adverse risk associated with climate change. Working in India, Nepal, Kenya, and Senegal since 2012, the UF researchers and Dr. Arame Tall investigated how consideration of gender within climate information services may change what information is delivered, to whom, and by what mechanism.

- [**UF in Morocco and Senegal – Comparative Muslim Societies**](#)

This study abroad program takes place in Morocco and Senegal. The program focuses on the disciplines of anthropology, religious studies, linguistics, and popular culture. The program is hosted in the four following cities: Rabat, Fez, Marrakech, and Casablanca.

- [Collaborative research group at UF focuses on the Sahel](#)

The Sahel Research Group at the University of Florida is a collaborative effort of faculty and graduate students to understand the political, social, economic and cultural dynamics of the countries of the West African Sahel. The Sahel Research Group brings together individuals from a variety of disciplines both within UF and the Sahel region. The Sahel Research Group has been actively involved in Senegal and has conducted research and published numerous papers on the country. (Pulled from: <http://sahelresearch.africa.ufl.edu>).

- [African Studies Quarterly](#)

The African Studies Quarterly is an academic journal that is published by the African Studies Department here at UF. The journal includes academic articles on all topics related to Africa and is a fantastic resource to find relevant scholarly work on Africa.

Research Projects:

Below is a table of funded research projects with an international component involving Senegal.

Funded Research Projects				
Principal Investigator (PI)	PI department	Project title	Funding agency/Sponsor	Project funding
Benjamin Burgen	Center for African Studies	Investing in Home: Migration, return, and rural development in the Senegal River Valley	Federal Agencies	\$15,825
Alyson Young and Jorge Hernandez	Anthropology and Animal Sciences	Understanding Parasitic Disease Transmission and Control Strategies to Improve Animal and Human Health Under	United States Agency for International Development	\$250,000
Abdoulaye Kane	Anthropology	Religion and Transnational Migration in the Sahel	University of Florida Faculty Enhancement Opportunity	\$22,000
Sarah McKune	Epidemiology	Adapting Livestock Systems to Climate Change: Climate Change, Pastoral Resources	South Dakota State University/United States Agency for	\$23,847

		and Livestock in the Sahel: Developing a Community-Relevant Pastoral Prediction System	International Development	
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Key Connections

- [Center for African Studies](#)
- [Center for Global Islamic Studies](#)
- [Sahel Research Group](#)

Adding information to this brief

If you have or are aware of a project, program, or other activity that UF has in this country that has not been included in this brief, email ogre@ufic.ufl.edu.