



Ghana

Maymester Study Abroad Program

May 11 – May 29, 2020

Program Lead
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TENTATIVE PROGRAM ITINERARY

- Day 1: Depart Atlanta (overnight)
- Day 2: Arrive in Accra and rest in hotel; Dinner and local live band performance
- Day 3: Guided city Tour of Accra; visit the W. E. B. Dubois Center for Pan African Culture and Independence/ Black Star Square
- Day 4: Discussion and cultural excursions; Tour of Elmina Castle
- Day 5: Depart for Cape Coast; Visit Cape Coast Slave Castle and Kumasi National park
- Day 6: Visit Centre for National Culture; and Kejetia Market
- Day 7 : Discussion and Cultural excursions to Assin Manso, the slave river site.
- Day 8 Visit Bonwire Kente Weaving; Local singing performance with dinner
- Day 9: A day filled with volunteering at a community lead service program
- Day 10: Cultural immersions through participating in Local language lesson with natives and trotro bus ride; depart to Accra. Arrive in Accra, Free time to explore night life.
- Day 11: Breakfast; Depart Ghana

Program Cost

The program cost may vary according to currency fluctuations. The cost is tentatively set at \$3,900, plus any fees for tuition from the university. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a \$250 fee in addition to the program cost.

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Description

This program is designed for a wide variety of students, including those interested in studying the political and economic challenges facing sub-Saharan Africa and developing nations, and those interested in studying West African cultural practices in various musical and dance forms. The course also offers wonderful opportunities, in the classroom and in the community, for students interested in critical issues of public health, development, and African history and culture, and how these issues effect mental health in the community. Through these mechanisms' students become participants in, and contributors to, Ghanaian intellectual, cultural, economic, and social life. They will get the opportunity to visit the largest slave dungeon in West Africa, Elmina Castle. Students will visit Cape Coast, one largest slave trading center in West Africa, it was here that slaves were brought, held, and then sent to the New World. Throughout these activities' travelers will get the chance to understand the psychological impact that the slave trade had on the culture then and now.

Eligibility

This program/course is open to students over the age of 18. Students must be in good standing with their University at the time of the program to participate and receive credit. All participants MUST attend two mandatory one-day orientation sessions before the trip in order to travel. The program involves moving around from city to city, and walking in hot temperatures, so plan accordingly. Program size is limited to 30 and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.