

This is the estimated budget for this study abroad program. It serves as an estimated cost of attendance for your semester or year. Students often pay for study abroad through a combination of financial aid, personal funds, scholarships, grants, and alternative loans. The total amount listed as the Total Program Cost is the maximum amount of financial aid that can be awarded to you by GVSU. This total program cost does not reflect the amount of aid you will qualify for, rather, it serves as the cap on what can be awarded.

### Cost Breakdown for University of Cape Coast

#### Costs Billed by GVSU\*

Semester		
Item	Cost	Cost Description
<b>GVSU Tuition:</b> • 12-15 credits	<b>\$6,072</b> <i>*Tuition based on 2016-2017 upper-level in-state tuition rates (12-15 credits). Out-of-state students will pay the out-of-state tuition rate.</i>	Paid to Grand Valley State University Student Accounts by the GVSU regular tuition payment deadline.
<b>IS 380 Course Fee</b>	<b>\$300</b>	Paid to GVSU. The IS 380 course fee is \$25 per credit hour. Participants of this program will register for 12 credits of IS 380.

**Total estimated fees paid to GVSU: \$6,372**

#### ADDITIONAL COSTS:

Item	Cost	Cost Description
Passport/Visa	\$195	Passport fees \$135. Visa fee for Ghana is \$60 as of August 2016.
Airfare	\$1,800-\$2,200	Paid to Airline Provider. Students will purchase their own flight to Ghana. It is strongly recommended that students purchase a flight that arrives in Accra during the early afternoon.
Health insurance/ISIC Premium	\$100 - \$400	Paid to Insurance Provider. Students are encouraged to have comprehensive health insurance. A variety of options are listed on the PIC website. ISIC Premium card can be purchased online and costs \$99.
Room & Utilities	\$800	Paid to UCC during orientation week within the first 3 days.
Meals	\$720	Paid out-of-pocket once you arrive. This is based on \$40 per week for meals for 4 months.
Orientation Fee	\$300	Paid to UCC upon arrival. Includes: airport greeting, a trip to Kakum National Park, tour of local castle, a tour of Cape Coast and social activities.

Immunizations	\$200- \$500	Paid to Health Provider. Please contact your local health provider to discuss appropriate immunizations for long-term travel to Ghana. If you are in need of local travel health experts, please check resources on the PIC website.
Books & Supplies	\$75	On-site Personal Expenses
Personal Expenses	\$630	On-site Personal Expenses. Includes costs for local transportation, purchase of a basic cell phone (\$50-60), visa renewal (\$41), and basic living necessities. Based on \$35 per week.
<b>Total Additional Costs:</b>	<b>\$4,820 - \$5,820</b>	
<b>TOTAL SEMESTER PROGRAM COST: Costs billed by GVSU + Additional Costs</b>		
<b>\$11,192 - \$12,192** per semester</b>		
\$14,053 (estimated cost for out-of-state students who do not receive the tuition differential scholarship)		

**Out-of-state students** who receive a GVSU tuition differential scholarship will be able to use that scholarship towards the cost of this program. Exception: International students will not have access to the tuition differential scholarship for use towards the cost of study abroad, however, they may still be eligible for the Partnership Grant.

**The Padnos International Center will be providing (4) \$500 Partnership Grants for the 2016-17 academic year.**

If more than four applicants apply for this program, decisions on awards will be made based on the strength of a student's application and financial need. Students may be eligible for more than \$500, but four applicants will receive a minimum of \$500 in grant support. Decisions will be made following the deadline for application. Some conditions apply. See PIC website for additional grant information.

\*Based on 2016-2017 in-state, upper-division tuition rates for 12-15 credits. If you complete more than 15 GVSU credits during your semester abroad, GV tuition charges for the additional credits above 15 will be billed to your GVSU student account after you return from your semester and PIC completes the transfer of credit.

This estimate is based on the currency exchange rate for July 1, 2016. Currency exchange rates do fluctuate which may impact the estimates given above.

\*\*The cost of any study abroad program depends to a large extent on the participant's personal spending habits and lifestyle. Personal travel, entertainment, gifts, souvenirs, and other types of personal spending are costs not reflected in the above estimates.

#### **Semester Cost Comparison (Based on in-state tuition rates)**

While many study abroad programs are similar in cost to a semester here at GVSU, other are considerably more expensive. The following will provide a comparison between average semester costs at University of Cape Coast and Grand Valley State University:

	<b>UCC</b>	<b>GVSU</b>	<b>Estimated Cost Difference per semester</b>
	\$11,692	\$11,625	\$67
<b>W/ grant</b>	\$11,192	\$11,625	<b>(\$433)</b>

\*Red means less than GVSU