GHANA
A GVSU FACULTY-LED PROGRAM

Ghana: Honors
Open to: All majors

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM
*** PLEASE NOTE: The information on this page is for the 2017 program. Updated 2018 program information will be available soon. Program details may be similar, but are subject to change. ***
Winneba & Accra, Ghana  This program offers students the distinctive service-learning experience to learn about a fascinating culture through the holistic combination of the classroom, service-learning placements, and a wide spectrum of experiences in Ghana, Africa.
During the first week, students stay at the University of Ghana in Accra for the first segment of a social science course to learn about nongovernmental organizations (NGOs). Students then travel to the coastal village of Winneba to begin their five-week service-learning course component. For this service learning component, students can work with governmental and non-governmental organizations that focus on health, education, human trafficking, and issues concerning potable water.
Students pursuing a medical career have the option to volunteer with the Ghana Health Service System in Winneba, Ghana.
Must Watch Video
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Ghana Honors Program Overview Video
Cultural Information

WHEN CAN I GO?
June 29 to August 9, 2017 (7 weeks)

WHERE WILL I LIVE?
Students will stay in on-campus and guest housing.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?
This program is open to all majors. Non-Honors students are eligible to apply. Minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA required.
GVSU is happy to extend this opportunity to non-GVSU students.

HOW DO I APPLY?
To apply for this program, log on to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application.
APPLICATION DEADLINE (2018 Program): February 1, 2018
Non-GVSU Students are welcome to apply. Please see Non-GVSU Student Information.

WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?
Students will register for a total of 6 credits:
- HNR 281: Ghanaian Life & Culture (3 credits to social science) AND
- HNR 399: Independent Study: Service-Learning (3 credits to junior seminar) OR
- HNR 499: Senior Project (3 credits)

Non-Honors students can receive both World Perspectives general education and independent study credits.

Language of instruction: English

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HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?
The approximate fee for this program is Program Fee: $4,260.

Includes
- Round-trip transportation from Grand Rapids
- Accommodation
- All meals
- Excursions
- All ground transportation

Other Expenses
- GVSU Tuition (6 credits) ($3,036)
- Vaccinations ($300)
- Passport/Visa fees ($200)
- Personal expenses ($200)
- Anti-malaria medication ($200)
- ISIC card (Optional) ($28)
- Textbook fees ($10)

Total Estimated Cost: Total Projected Cost: (Program Fee + Other Expenses) = $8,234

FINANCIAL AID
To contact the Financial Aid office, email finaid@gvsu.edu with Study Abroad in the Subject line. Include your G Number and Total Projected Cost of the program in the e-mail.

Non-GVSU Students: Non-GVSU students admitted for study abroad are not eligible for Financial Aid from GVSU. Check with your home schools study abroad and financial aid offices for details on applying for financial aid from your home school toward study abroad program costs.

Financial Aid FAQs

GRANTS

FACULTY-LED PROGRAM GRANT (Up to $1,500): All degree-seeking students who apply to their faculty-led program by the priority deadline are automatically considered for a grant of up to $1,500 from the Padnos International Center. Students must have a current FAFSA on file to be eligible. No application required.

James F. and Virginia L. Goode Global Programs Scholarship: The purpose of the scholarship is to reduce the financial pressure on students and their families and make a Grand Valley education accessible to students from all backgrounds. This need-based scholarship will ensure that financial need does not become a barrier to intellectual and personal growth for students planning to study abroad. MyScholarships: https://gvsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/10186

Visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships for additional information on grants and scholarships.

WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?

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