

GHANA

A GVSU FACULTY-LED PROGRAM



Ghana: Honors Open to: All majors

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

WINNEBA, GHANA - This program gives students the opportunity to learn about a new culture not only through a classroom but as well as being immersed into the local community during service-learning internships. Students will also have the opportunity to experience other historical aspects and other attractions of Ghana during weekend excursions.

During the first week of the trip, students will attend class where they will learn about the culture and history of Ghana that will jump start students' knowledge of the country. The class will push students' perception of Ghana as well as Africa. The rest of the stay, students will spend their days at their service-learning placements where they can work with governmental and non-governmental organizations. Students have a choice between ISHEW (International Sustainability of Health, Education and Water), Challenging Heights, and Ghana Health Service.

Highlights:

- Participate in service-learning through local nongovernmental and governmental organizations. Students will have the choice of which organization to work with which range from a variety of issues involving human rights, clean water accessibility, education, and health care.
- Fall in love with Ghanaian culture through interactions with local residents and professionals through internships, classroom learning, weekend excursions to historical and tourist sites, and everyday living immersion in the community of Winneba.

[Must Watch Video](#)

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[Ghana Honors Blog](#)

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Ghana Honors Program Overview Video

[Cultural Information](#)

WHEN CAN I GO?

June 23 to August 4 , 2018
(6 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 view [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

[Honors Guide to Study Abroad](#)

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

The approximate fee for this program is Program Fee: \$3,825.

Includes

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

Other Expenses

- GVSU Tuition (6 credits) (\$3,150)
- 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) = \$7,913

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 school's 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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