

GHANA

A GVSU FACULTY-LED PROGRAM



Ghana: Social Work

Open to: BSW and MSW students. Other majors are also encouraged to apply.

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

Accra, Ghana — This program aims to prepare students as competent social work practitioners in both domestic and international arenas of social welfare, by engaging Ghanaian counterparts in local villages, five days of volunteer experiences, and offering numerous cultural excursions. These components will enhance students' understanding of civic and global responsibility through a new cultural lens. Although students will spend the majority of this experience in Accra, the capital of Ghana, they will also spend time in Kumasi and Cape Coast for further education and cultural experiences.

Program Highlights:

- Volunteer in various venues (hospitals, orphanages, schools, multi-service organizations)
- Explore a local village, the historic slave castles, Kakum National Park, markets, churches, local businesses, and more
- Excursions to Krobo Odumasi, Kumasi and Cape Coast

[Ghana Social Work Flickr](#)
[Cultural Information](#)

WHEN CAN I GO?

April 29 - May 19, 2018 (3 weeks)

WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Students will stay in university housing in Accra and Cape Coast in double or triple occupancy rooms.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

This program is open to all BSW, MSW students as well as other majors. Selected participants must complete an interview with the program director before final acceptance. 2.0 GPA required (undergraduate) and 3.0 GPA (graduate)

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 3 credits:

UNDERGRADUATE:

SW 354: International Service (3 credits)

GRADUATE:

SW 630: Social Work Global Service Learning (3 credits)

Language of instruction: English

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

The approximate fee for this program is Program Fee: \$4,495.

Includes

- Round-trip airfare from Grand Rapids
- Accommodations
- Some meals
- All excursions and field trips
- All ground transportation

Other Expenses

- Tuition \$1,575-Undergraduate OR \$1,881-Graduate
- Immunization (\$400)
- Personal expenses (\$300)
- Additional meals (\$200)
- Passport/photos (\$140)
- ISIC card - optional (\$28)

Total Estimated Cost: Total Projected Cost: \$7,138 - (Undergraduate) OR \$7,444 - (Graduate)

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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