



SHORT-TERM
SUMMER
FACULTY-LED

Program Overview

This Program offers students an opportunity to explore the connections between West Africa and its Diaspora. The core of this experience will be three weeks in Ghana, where students will be immersed in a West African culture, whose foundation is primarily non-western. Through this experience, students will expand on and deepen their understanding of Ghana's national, regional and global identities through its society, culture, and history. The courses will also introduce students to the concept of Diaspora, as they explore the ways West African culture has influenced particularly the development of the Atlantic World. They will also explore the relational nature of how identity (individual, ethnic or racial, cultural, national) is formed within the concept of a Diaspora, learning that cultural transmission does not occur only from one direction. Students will also develop cultural and global competency.

Academics

REQUIRED COURSE:

LA 478 (4): Cultivating Citizenship

This course examines the social, economic, political, and cultural roots of today's world while building global citizenship. It focuses on the major developments, events, and ideas that have shaped the world since the beginning of the twentieth century. Students master concepts and categories that allow them to grasp the development of the contemporary world, thus providing them with a framework to understand our times help cultivate among students the skills to see connections, dilemmas, and contradictions to help them engage as citizens in a rapidly changing global society.

EDUC 373 (3): Introduction to West African Education

This is a three-hour course designed to provide an introduction to the teaching profession as practiced in Ghana. This will include an examination of current issues faced by teachers, as well as influences on the profession, and influences on curriculum design and planning. Students will reflect on their observations and compare the US education system to the Ghanaian education system.

Program Facts

LocationsAccra, Winneba, Elmina, Kumasi, Koforidua

Program Dates June 17-July 8, 2019

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Application & Eligibility

Application Deadline

Summer February 12

- To apply visit: <https://bulldogsabroad.unca.edu>

Eligibility

- Are a degree-seeking student
- Have at least sophomore standing
- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Good judicial standing



Locations.....

Locations in Ghana that students will travel to include Accra, Elmina, Winneba, Korforidua, and Kumasi.

Program Activities & Features.....

Experiential learning expeditions include:

Atlantic Slave Trade/Triangular Slave Trade/Middle Passage:

Donkonsuo, 'Slave River'; Cape Coast Castle, a 'slave castle' built by European traders; Elmina Castle, European slave-trading post in sub-Saharan Africa

Science Perspectives in Ghana:

Kakum National Park: Cocoa Research Institute; Akosombo Dam

Indigenous Arts and Crafts:

Adanwomase Kente weaving; Adinkra Stamping Village; Carving Village, Bead Making

Pre-colonial African Empire/African kingdom of Ghana:

Asante Royal Kingdom, a 300+ year old kingdom that exists today

Ghana-U.S. Connections:

W.E.B. DuBois Center and Memorial Center Dr. Kwame Nkrumah Museum and Mausoleum



Estimated Program Fee: \$4,002

Program Fee Includes

- Accommodations
- Travel within Ghana
- Meals
- Tuition for required courses
- Study Abroad Medical Insurance

Additional Costs

(See program website for detailed estimates)

- Personal expenses
- Passport and Visa
- Round-trip airfare to Ghana
- Immunizations (Yellow Fever Vaccination Required)

Financial Aid

Students participating in UNC Asheville's faculty-led programs may use all types of financial aid for which the student qualifies, including federal, state, and UNC Asheville grants, scholarships, and/or loans. Even if you are normally ineligible for financial aid, you should submit a financial aid application; you may find that you are eligible for additional funding.

UNC Asheville students may also apply for our grants and awards for study abroad to help cover program costs. Visit our website for more information on how to qualify and apply for these awards.

More Information:

<https://studyabroad.unca.edu/faculty-led-programs>

