

STUDY ABROAD



Ghana: Teaching & Learning

SUMMER
FACULTY-LED
PROGRAM

CAPE COAST, GHANA – This study abroad program takes you to the coastal town of Cape Coast, Ghana, which provides a unique culture and geography to explore. Situated along the equator in sub-Saharan Africa, Cape Coast is located on the edge of a tropical rainforest and boasts of beautiful beaches along the shores of the Gulf of Guinea. It is a fishing community with a rich culture and deep history. Students will spend approximately 10-20 hours in a Ghanaian village school field placement, tutoring students in culturally sustaining literacy practices, and leading students in a critical literacy project on one of four areas that examine depictions of African history and culture in children's literature: ecological, historical, economical, or cultural. Students will be based at the University of Cape Coast and will explore the culture and history of Ghana through experiences with traditional drumming and dancing, and excursions to various sites of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, the rain forest, art markets, major metropolitan cities, as well as an African safari.



Questions?

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Apply online at:

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Dates

June 12-July 13, 2024
(4 weeks)

Housing

Shared room on university campus

Eligibility

2.0 GPA required.

Apply

Apply online by

February 1, 2024

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Courses

Students will register for a total of 3-6 credits:

ENG 301: Teaching Reading and Writing in the Elementary Classroom

ENG 401: Languages, Literacies, and Cultures

AAA 333: Study Abroad

Fulfills General Education Global Perspectives requirement.

Fulfills entire General Education Issues requirement (Students must take 2 courses from 2 different disciplines).

Honors students: can be used to fulfill HNR 300, HNR 401, or HNR 499 requirements.

Excursions & Highlights

- Teaching Ghanaian children to read in a culturally sustaining manner
- Volunteering in Ghanaian village schools
- Gaining deep historical knowledge in the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade in order to teach this topic in the American elementary curriculum
- Learn basic Fante, take African drumming and dancing lessons, enjoy trips to the local markets, beaches, and a tropical rainforest
- Go on an African safari and see elephants, baboons, and warthogs

Cost

Estimated costs for this program in S/S 2024 are: \$5100. Actual program cost will not be higher than this amount.

Program Fee \$5100

- Round-trip airfare
- Accommodation
- Field trips
- Transportation
- Most meals

Other Expenses (estimated)..... \$660

- Vaccinations (\$300)
- Passport (\$200)
- Visa (\$160)

Tuition (6 credits) \$3,864

Total Estimated Cost (Paid to GVSU + Other Expenses): \$9624

How do I pay for study abroad?

GVSU students can use scholarships, grants, & financial aid for a study abroad program. Talk to a Study Abroad Adviser about how to fund your program.

Scholarships: www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships

Financial Aid: www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/finaid

Funding Workshops: www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/events

**All program information including courses, duration of program, dates and other logistics are subject to change. Fee subject to adjustment based on actual exchange rates and international airfare. Programs may be cancelled due to extenuating circumstances. Estimated costs for this program in S/S 2024 are: \$5,100. Actual program cost will not be higher than this amount.*