

STUDY ABROAD



SUMMER
FACULTY-LED
PROGRAM

Ghana: Teaching & Learning

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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PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINE:

DECEMBER 1, 2024

*Final Deadline: **February 1***

Please note that programs may fill and close prior to the February deadline.

Apply online at:

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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

Additional course options: ENG 334 or ENG 400

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.

Housing

Shared room on university campus

Eligibility

2.0 GPA required.

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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

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: gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships

Financial Aid: gvsu.edu/studyabroad/financialaid

Funding Workshops: gvsu.edu/studyabroad/events

Visit the website for information on program cost & tuition.



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